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MAY 24 WILL BE POPPY DAY HERE

Legion Auxiliary Officials Explain Purpose of Poppy Day Saturday

Plans for the observance of Poppy Day are being completed by the Boone unit of the American Legion Auxiliary under the leadership of Mrs. Chas. Younce and Mrs. J. E. Jones. The memorial flowers, made by disabled war veterans, will be offered on the streets throughout the day by the Auxiliary women.

"This year, with the threatening shadow of a new World War falling across America, the memorial poppy has new significance," said Mrs. Younce. "It shows that America still remembers and honors those who fell in its defense 23 years ago; that Americans still believe that America's free way of life is worth any sacrifice, and that the spirit of patriotism still burns strongly in American hearts."

The poppies which the Auxiliary will distribute here have been made by disabled veterans at 81 different hospitals. All Poppy Day workers will serve as volunteers and all of the money contributed to them for the flowers will go into the welfare fund of the Auxiliary to carry forward the Auxiliary's work for the disabled, their families and the families of the dead during the year ahead.

Facts About Poppy Day
First wearing of the poppies in America took place in New York City two days before the signing of the armistice, says Mrs. Fred Winkler, president of the Boone unit of the Legion Auxiliary. The poppy was adopted as the memorial flower of the American Legion in 1920 and by the American Legion Auxiliary in 1921.

Poppy Day is generally observed throughout the nation on Saturday before Memorial Day. In the British Empire on Armistice Day, Nov. 11th, is Poppy Day.

The poppies are made by disabled war veterans in government hospitals and workrooms. Many veterans who draw no compensation and unable to do other work are given employment during the winter months. Their annual earnings in (Continued on page eight)

Aliens Rounded Up By U. S. Officials



A few of the aliens, mostly Italians, rounded up by federal immigration inspectors are shown being questioned by police officials. The men were taken from fashionable hotels in the east where they were employed as waiters. All are charged with overstaying their permits to remain in the United States.

Attorney T. Edgar Bingham Dies Wednesday From Sudden Illness

Dies Suddenly



T. E. Bingham, prominent Boone attorney, who succumbed last Wednesday from a sudden illness.

A Proclamation By the Mayor

Saturday May 24 was proclaimed as Poppy Day in Boone in proclamation issued today by Mayor W. H. Gragg. The Mayor called upon all citizens to observe the day by wearing the memorial poppy of the American Legion and Auxiliary.

The proclamation stated: "Whereas the wearing of the memorial poppy is a fitting and effective way of keeping bright the memory of those young men who gave their lives in America's service in the World War; and

"Whereas, the men of Watauga county served gallantly in that war, some being called upon to sacrifice their lives in that service; and

"Whereas, the present national emergency requires the same type of unselfish patriotism displayed by the men and symbolized by their memorial flower; and

"Whereas, the women of the American Legion Auxiliary will distribute veteran-made poppies in the city on Saturday May 24,

"Now, therefore I, W. H. Gragg, Mayor of the city of Boone, do proclaim Saturday May 24 to be Poppy Day in the city of Boone and urge all citizens to observe the day by wearing the memorial poppy of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary in honor of the men who died for America in the war of 1917 and 1918."

W. H. GRAGG,
Mayor of Boone.

Mrs. R. T. McGhee Dies This Morning

Press time information tells of the death this (Wednesday) morning of Mrs. Josephine McGhee, wife of R. T. McGhee, which occurred after an illness of one week. Funeral services will be conducted at the home Friday afternoon at three o'clock.

Further details concerning the life and funeral of the estimable lady will be published next week.

Under present conditions, the light plane industry can produce 12,000 planes annually.

Rites for Prominent Citizen Held at Henson's Chapel; Had Practiced Law in Boone Since 1912

Thomas Edgar Bingham, local attorney and member of one of Watauga county's most prominent families, died at the Haganman clinic last Wednesday, afternoon, from what was said to have been a heart attack.

Mr. Bingham had been in his office most of the day but in the afternoon stated that he was not feeling well and entered the clinic where he died within about an hour. He would have been 55 years old should he have lived until the following day.

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Henson's Chapel Methodist church by Rev. M. A. Osborne and burial was in the Hine cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Pearl Leonard of High Point; two sons and six daughters: Thomas and Edgar Bingham, Boone; Misses Mabel, Mary and Addie Bingham, Boone; Mrs. Fred McDaniel, Durham; Mrs. William Norris, Morganton; and Mrs. W. J. Haynes, Plainfield, Ohio.

Mr. Bingham was reared in Watauga county, and was the son of the late Thomas Bingham and Mrs. Bingham. He was a graduate of the Appalachian Training School and studied law at Wake Forest College. He passed his bar examination and received his license in 1912, since which time he has practiced his profession successfully in this city.

Mr. Bingham was a leader in the public and religious life of his community and county. He was a member of the Henson's Chapel Methodist church, where he taught in the Sunday school for a number of years. He took an active interest in political affairs and was chairman of the Watauga county Republican executive committee. He was also a member of the ninth district congressional committee.

Six To Go To Army On Next Wednesday

The following named men have been selected for induction into the army by the local draft board and will report at the offices of the board at 8:15 a. m. on May 28, to be sent to Fort Bragg, N. C.

William Stewart Scott, Boone; John Vernon Idol, Boone; Troy Dow Ward, Sugar Grove; Grady William Wall, Boone; Asa Jack Holman, Todd; Johnny Martin Harmon, Beech Creek.

A CORRECTION

The story which was carried in The Democrat last week regarding the fire in the Beech Mountain section, was in error in that it was stated that the conflagration started on the farm of Ed Chappel, near the Avery county line. Mr. Chappel states that the forest fire started a distance of a quarter of a mile from his farm. The information The Democrat gathered was published in good faith and the error is regretted.

In England, more babies are born in the month of March than in any other month.

LOCAL PIPE PLANT ADDS NIGHT SHIFT

D. & P. Pipe Works Unable to Fill Orders; Pipe Publicized By Leading Retailer

The D. & P. Pipe Works, Boone's only manufacturing enterprise, has again added a night shift in an effort to keep up with the large number of orders being received for their ivy and rhododendron pipe blocks. The output of the factory is still oversold, and the demand for the local product continues to increase.

The local industry was recently given a new boost when Wally Frank, Ltd., New York, the most widely known retailer of smoking pipes in the country, announced in a full page ad in their house organ, the world premiere of "the sweet Carolina Rhododendron briar root pipe," which is being sold under a positive money-back guarantee.

The advertisement stated: "After many months of diligent research, we take great pride in making the world premiere presentation of the Wally Frank sweet Carolina Rhododendron briar root pipe."

"It has taken much study, experiment and care to produce this masterpiece of pipedom. The giant ancient rhododendron burls from the Carolina hill country have yielded us a beautiful mellow, sweet-smoking pipe with a piquant flavor that is entirely different from anything else you have ever tasted. We would ramble on about this pipe for pages and pages telling you about the unusual chain-link swirl grainings, the beautiful sunbursts, about the patented curing process that guarantees mellow sweetness from the first time you tamp a load of your favorite blend in the bowl . . . and on and on about the careful selection (over 60% are actually discarded to find the exclusive mellow smoking quality we know you'll like) and further still about the remarkable enthusiasm of our veteran pipe-tasters. We are so enthusiastic about the Wally Frank Rhododendron that we are backing it with the most liberal guarantee we have ever offered on any pipe."

The local pipe blocks are being manufactured in eleven different shapes of pipes, each of which carries a positive money-back guarantee.

N. Y. A. Sets Up an Area Office at Lenoir

Establishment of an area office at Lenoir and the appointment of D. C. Hunter of Burlington as area director to co-ordinate the activities and program of the national youth administration in 13 counties in this section composing area seven was announced here last week by State Administrator John A. Lang.

The area office, which will serve Watauga, Caldwell, Burke, McDowell, Yancey, Mitchell, Avery, Ashe, Alleghany, Wilkes, Alexander, Iredell and Catawba counties, will be located in the Union National Bank building in Lenoir.

Mr. Hunter will organize and supervise the entire NYA program of established with four principal departments in the area, which will be partitions in the same manner as the state NYA office, including work projects, youth personnel, student work and finance departments.

Memorial Services To Be Held On Sunday

Watauga Post, American Legion, is sponsoring the annual memorial service for Watauga county veterans of the World War, Civil War and Spanish-American War, at Oak Grove Baptist church near Boone, Sunday morning, May 25, at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. G. A. Hamby will deliver the sermon.

A cross for each war beginning with 1812 will be erected in the churchyard as a part of the service, and each cross decorated. A firing squad will be present and taps sounded by the post bugler.

The veterans of all the wars and the general public is cordially invited to attend.

CHURCHES ANNOUNCE CHANGE IN HOUR OF MORNING SERVICES

Beginning with the first Sunday in June the churches of Boone will follow a uniform hour for the morning worship services. At a meeting of the local ministers held Monday morning at the First Baptist church, it was suggested that eleven o'clock be adopted. After discussion this hour was unanimously agreed upon.

Watauga County Fair Will Likely Be Held In Boone This Autumn; Civic Clubs To Consider Proposal Tuesday

To Speak Here



Hon. Virgil D. Guire of Lenoir, who will address the joint banquet session of the Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club and the Merchants Association here next Tuesday evening.

PARKWAY NEARS BLOWING ROCK

140-Mile Stretch Between Adney Gap, Va., and Deep Gap Open to Traffic

That portion of the Blue Ridge Parkway from Adney Gap near Roanoke, Va., to Deep Gap—a distance of 140 miles—now is completed and open to traffic, Director Newton B. Drury of the National Park service, announced in Washington last week.

The Parkway when completed will connect Shenandoah National Park in Virginia with Great Smoky National Park in North Carolina and Tennessee. It will extend 485 miles along the crest of the Blue Ridge mountains at an average altitude of 3,000 feet.

Along the completed section of the parkway, areas of scenic interest have been reserved so that travelers may take foot trails into the more remote beauty spots.

The park service will establish picnic areas, comfort stations and drinking water supplies near the parkway. Four such areas will be opened this year at Smart View and Rocky Knob in Virginia, and Cumberland Knob and The Bluffs in North Carolina. At The Bluffs and Rocky Knob there also are tent and trailer camping areas.

Construction on unfinished sections of the parkway continues at various stages. Work now is under way on a 54-mile unit between Rock Fish Gap, Va., and where the parkway crosses U. S. Route 60; a 34-mile section south of the James River in Virginia; the stretch between U. S. Route 421 and Thunder Hill Gap, near Blowing Rock; 13 miles near Mount Mitchell in North Carolina; a section southwest of Asheville, near Mount Pisgah, and a six-mile section near Soco Gap.

It is planned that these sections be completed between August, 1941, and November, 1942. As grading is finished, the units will be opened to traffic on a "drive at your own risk" basis.

Grading of the 13-mile section near Mount Mitchell will complete a 70-mile unit from Grandfather Mountain to Asheville. Paving of a portion of this unit now is under way.

Eggers Makes Large Real Estate Deal

S. C. Eggers, local realtor, has probably transacted the largest deal in real estate thus far to be handled by any local firm or individual, in having disposed of 2,500 acres of land belonging to the Yonahlossee Land Co. Mr. Eggers states that the land was sold to a corporation for cash, but did not disclose the consideration.

More Openings at C. C. C. Camps

Miss Marguerite Miller, county welfare officer, states that there are yet some openings in the C. C. C. camps, and that those desiring to go with the contingent on May 28, should report to her office at once.

Hon. Virgil D. Guire to Be Present at Banquet Session of Civic Clubs of the Town, at Which Time the Fair Will Be Further Discussed

The Watauga County Fair, which was organized in the Cove Creek community several years ago, is to be moved to Boone, according to tentative plans worked out by a group of local business men. The people of Cove Creek say the fair has outgrown their community, and asked that it be held here this year.

A fair association is to be organized here and Mr. Virgil D. Guire, member of the state highway commission is to come to Boone next Tuesday evening, May 27, to speak to the Merchants Association, the Chamber of Commerce and the Boone Lions Club. The meeting will be held at the Daniel Boone hotel at 7:30, at which time the plans for the fair will be discussed further.

The proposed organization will be known as the Blue Ridge Fair Association, and plans are underway to enlarge the territory previously served to include possibly three counties. The fair will not only provide a complete display of baby beehives and other livestock, but will have farm and garden displays together with the usual midway attractions.

If the plans materialize the tobacco warehouse buildings will be used for the livestock showings and the displays of agricultural products, and Queen street north of the warehouses will be temporarily roped off to take care of the midway attractions.

In commenting upon Mr. Guire's visit, Wade E. Brown, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, says: "We consider it a great honor to have Mr. Guire speak to us, as he is one of Caldwell county's most outstanding citizens, a member of the highway commission and chairman of the board of trustees of Appalachian College."

All those desiring to attend are asked to communicate with Mr. Brown or with Mr. H. W. Wilcox immediately to insure getting a seat at the banquet table.

Mr. Brown further states that a membership drive is in progress for the Chamber of Commerce, and all business and professional men are urged to join this week. They should see either Mr. J. O. Cook or Mr. C. B. Price.

Last Rites For Perry Moody Held Saturday

Last rites for Perry Moody, 30, of Sugar Grove, were held last Saturday afternoon from the Cove Creek Baptist church by the Rev. H. K. Middleton, pastor, who was assisted by the Rev. M. A. Osborne, pastor of Henson's Chapel Methodist church.

Mr. Moody died in Duke hospital on May 14. He had been taking treatment there for several years for a rare disease which could not be treated successfully.

Surviving are the father, L. E. Moody, Sugar Grove; two sisters, Mrs. J. D. Horton, Sugar Grove, and Mrs. W. D. Wilson, Cleveland, Ohio; and two brothers, C. D. Moody, Cleveland, and Hardy D. Moody, Camp Forest, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Deceased was a graduate of Cove Creek high school and a member of the Cove Creek Baptist church. Prior to his illness, he was employed as timekeeper in the construction of the Cove Creek high school building.

Active pallbearers were Clint Mast, Tom Lawrence, Cecil Glenn, Ronda Buchanan, Edward Mast, Gerd Henson, John Horton, Smith Mast, Paul Walsh, Orville Hagaman and Albert Wilson.

Honorary pallbearers were W. F. Sherwood, Odes Wilson, E. F. Sherwood, O. J. Harmon, W. H. Mast, S. F. Horton, Gordon Sherwood, Chas. Hartley, J. B. Horton, Andy Greer and Charles Mast.

Flower girls, who were in charge of Mrs. S. F. Horton, were Kate Henson, Lois Greene, Marjorie Baird, Jamie Harmon, Ruby Mast, Ruth Henson, Mrs. Dana Farthing, Mrs. Paul Walsh, Mrs. Carl Henson, Mrs. Clint Mast, Mrs. John Sherwood, Mrs. Albert Wilson and Mrs. Orville Hagaman.

WOOL HIGHER

Farmers now marketing their 1941 wool clips are receiving higher prices, generally, than at any time since the early months of 1929, reports the U. S. bureau of agricultural economics.