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BLUE RIDGE FAIR ENDS FIRST YEAR; WAS BIG SUCCESS

Thousands of People Gather to View Agricultural Displays and Attend Carnival; Livestock Exhibits a Principal Attraction

The Blue Ridge Fair came to a close Saturday evening, with around twelve thousand people having been admitted to the grounds during the five days. Although a heavy rain Wednesday night caused a decrease in gate receipts, the loss was made up, toward the end of the week, and the officials of the fair state that it was successful, even beyond their expectations.

Of most interest to farmers throughout the territory were the beef shows. An eight months old 4-H Club Hereford calf, weighing 796 pounds, owned by Max Vannoy of Bamboo, was named grand champion in the baby beef class.

A three-year-old Hereford bull, weighing 1,750 pounds, owned by W. E. Shipley, was selected as the grand champion bull. A cattleman from another state was heard to remark that he had no idea such cattle could be found in Watauga county.

Wilson Norris won first place with his two-year-old Hampshire ram.

Fair officials were unable to compile a complete list of the awards in time for this edition, but this information will appear next week.

The displays were complete in all departments and reflected the remarkable progress made on the farms of the county in recent years.

The Crescent Amusement Company furnished the midway attractions which provided clean, wholesome fun for young and old, and the fairgrounds were crowded until a late hour each evening.

MUCH MILK BEING SOLD IN COUNTY

300 Farmers Now Supplying 1,000 Gallons of Milk Daily For Commercial Use

The milk receiving station recently established at Sugar Grove by Coble Dairy Products, is now receiving more than 1,000 gallons of milk daily from over 300 farmers.

These farmers are receiving approximately \$5,550 per month or an average of \$2.15 per hundred pounds of milk.

The milk is weighed, sampled for butterfat, cooled and stored at the Sugar Grove plant. From there it is transported daily in insulated stainless steel milk tank trucks to the company's main plant at Lexington, N. C., where it is processed into more than 25 different dairy products.

At present milk routes are operating in practically every community in this area. Officials of the company suggest that farmers not now selling milk but interested in doing so in the future get in touch with the plant at Sugar Grove. The company is in a position to handle an unlimited volume of milk. The receiving station will be operated permanently on a year-round basis.

842 Are Registered At Appalachian

Yesterday the enrollment for the fall term at Appalachian College reached 842. This compares very favorably with the enrollment for last fall, which was 914.

Another new teacher has been added to the college faculty, Miss Catherine Glenn, graduate of Georgia State College for Women, who will join the home economics department.

COUNTY SINGING TO BE HELD IN OCTOBER

The semi-annual county singing convention will be held at the courthouse in Boone on the first Sunday in October, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m.

L. M. Hodges is chairman of the singing association and Z. T. Greene is secretary. All classes invited.

DR. HENDERSON VISITS A.S.T.C.

Dr. John P. Henderson, former president of Carson-Newman College, was Dr. B. B. Dougherty's visitor on the college campus Monday. Dr. Henderson taught psychology to Dr. Dougherty when the latter was a student at Carson-Newman. During the summer months Dr. Henderson has been a visitor at Blowing Rock but was on his way to his home in Knoxville, Tenn., Monday.

Testifies



J. J. Pelley, president of railroad association, who testified before a senate committee investigating the petroleum situation that there are 20,000 surplus or idle tank cars that could move six to eight million barrels of oil a month from Texas to the Atlantic seaboard.

LIVESTOCK MART HAS BEST SALE

Special Calf Sale Draws 439 Head Livestock; Boone is Highest Market

The special calf sale conducted at the Watauga Livestock Market on September 10th, is described by Lester Carroll, secretary of the market, as the best sale ever held here. Four hundred and thirty-nine head of cattle, hogs and sheep were offered and prices were said to have been around \$1.00 per hundred higher than on any other market that week. Following are some of the prices:

Choice calves \$60.00; good calves, \$40 to \$50; medium calves, \$30 to \$40; common calves, \$20 to \$30.

Choice heifers, \$10.05; good heifers, \$8.50 to \$9.50; medium heifers, \$7 to \$8.50.

Choice steers, \$10.20; good steers, \$8.50 to \$9.50; medium steers, \$7 to \$8.50.

Lambs, pen 1, \$11.50.

County Teachers Hold First Meeting of Year

Mrs. Dessa T. Edmisten, principal of the Valle Crucis elementary school, was elected president of the Watauga county division of the North Carolina Education Association at a meeting here Monday.

Donald C. Thompson, principal of the Deep Gap school, was named vice-president, and Mrs. Gordon Nash, Appalachian high school English teacher, as secretary-treasurer.

This was the first meeting of the Watauga county instructors for the current season, and the day's activities were discussions of the 12th grade. General opinion of the group was that the extra grade should be placed in the grammar departments, a policy which would better prepare the student for high school and aid in preventing students from graduating from high school at the immature age often the case in the present system.

Discussions of the 12th grade are already in operation in North Carolina on the High Point system; Mrs. Martha M. Rivers, the Hoke county system; Frank Hamrick, the Durham county policy, and Mrs. Nash on the Winslow county 12th grade system.

United Dry Forces To Observe Field Day Here

Rev. M. A. Adams of Statesville, announces that a Watauga county field day for the United Dry Forces will be held in Watauga county on October 26th, with a splendid array of speakers. A detailed announcement will be made in due time.

Rev. Mr. Adams further states that four of the eastern wet counties are preparing to vote on the abolition of their liquor stores during September and October, and that the dry forces have good hopes of being victorious in these elections.

Last Call Is Made For Tonsil Clinic

Anyone wishing to register for a final tonsil clinic will please get in touch with the health department within the next few days. Notice will be sent to interested individuals as to the exact date or dates as soon as list is completed.

CROWDS ATTEND MERCHANTS FETE

Appreciation Day Award is Won By Orville Hodges; Other Winners Not Present

The first Appreciation Day staged by the Boone Merchants Association last Wednesday afternoon, was widely attended, patrons of the participating merchants gathering from far and wide to take part in the fun, and to witness the distribution of cash awards to those showing the most skill in performing the service required by the association.

The principal prize winners, Mrs. Bessie Triplett and Vaughton Watson, who would have been given \$13.60 and \$6.80 respectively, were not present on the occasion, and cannot claim their gifts. Orville Hodges was given \$3.40.

Again this Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 at the city hall, the entertaining program will be rendered, featuring customer skill, fun and excitement and more than one hundred dollars will be paid by the merchants for definite services rendered by some patron.

All the customers of the participating merchants, whose names appear in an ad today, are particularly urged to be present.

GOVERNOR NAMES BOARD TRUSTEES

Nine Persons Are Chosen for Appalachian College Board of Trustees

Governor Broughton on last Friday appointed nine persons to the board of trustees of Appalachian State Teachers College. The appointments, all of which are for terms expiring May 1, 1945, are as follows:

G. P. Hagaman, Boone; Eugene Transou, Sparta; Wade E. Brown, Boone; T. C. Bowie, West Jefferson; H. A. Cranor, Wilkesboro; William J. Conrad, Jr., Winston-Salem; Mrs. E. F. Reid, Lenoir; V. D. Guire, Lenoir, and W. M. Moore, Statesville.

District Governor Speaks to Lions Club

Deputy District Governor Howard Hawkins of Valdese, was a special guest and principal speaker at the local Lions Club meeting Tuesday evening. Mr. Hawkins spoke to the group concerning Lions Club activities throughout this section, emphasizing the importance of regular attendance and work among the blind.

Plans for an eye clinic for the school children of Watauga county were discussed by Dr. R. R. King, club president. Two new members, Messrs. Vance Howell and Ralph Beshears, were welcomed into the club. Mr. Lee Reynolds, who has been doing graduate study at Indiana University during the past year, was also present.

Pooled Lambs To Be Taken Up Saturday

Due to a Jewish holiday in New York on Monday and Tuesday, September 22-23, the lambs for the county pool will not be taken up on Thursday, as scheduled by a letter from County Agent Harry Hamilton, but instead will be taken up on Saturday, September 20.

In announcing the change, Mr. Hamilton expresses regrets that the mistake occurred, and says every effort will be made to notify the farmers to have their lambs at the scales on Saturday rather than on Thursday.

Financial Statement of Watauga County Chapter American Red Cross

March 1, 1941, to September 15th, 1941	
Balance on hand March 1, 1941	\$339.54
Special war production contributions	30.20
Total	\$369.74
CASH PAID OUT	
War production—materials and freight	\$ 94.28
Home service—transportation	3.40
Home service—investigations	4.45
First aid—school supplies	14.90
Junior Red Cross	1.12
Red Cross institute, Charlotte, N. C.	10.30
Red Cross convention—two delegates	50.00
Postage for chapter	1.25
Total	\$179.70
Balance on hand	\$190.04

Panzers On Wheat Plains of Ukraine?



The German caption does not say so, but the terrain over which tanks are maneuvering could hardly be anywhere else but the great plains of the Russian Ukraine, which are ideal for tank warfare in summer, when the land is baked and firm. Apparently the wheat had been removed from this sector before the arrival of the invader.

Burley Tobacco Markets Expected To Open About Second of December

Late War Bulletins

German southern armies claimed Tuesday night to be sweeping eastward from the lower Dnieper river over broad and hard-won bridgeheads toward the Nogaisk steppe and by these accounts it appeared that a grand offensive to isolate the Crimean Peninsula from the Russian mainland was well under way. Berlin laid claim to general successes all the way from Leningrad—where it was said that Soviet bunkers and blockhouses were being slowly and bloodily reduced—clear down to the Black Sea.

Russians claimed punishing defeat of German mechanized columns before Leningrad, defeat of a German tank division further to the north; also claimed Soviet and aerial forces smashed a total of 19 German vessels, seven of them laden with troops.

Axis warplanes were declared by the British to have bombed Cairo, which like Mecca to the Moslem world has the aspect of holiness that Rome has for Catholics, killing 39 persons and wounding 93. The British, in a statement from the prime minister's residence in London on last April 18, had warned that if either Athens or Cairo was bombed, Rome would be bombed in reprisal.

British and Russians, impatient with what they called the stalling tactics of Reza Shah Pahlavi in not meeting their demands for putting an end to Axis intrigues and influence in his country sent troops to occupy the Iranian capital of Teheran. The Shah abdicated in the face of this imminent seizure of his capital and his 21-year-old son, the Shahpur Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, ascended the throne.

In occupied Paris, the long and deadly undercover struggle between conquerors and conquered went on. A German non-commissioned officer was gravely wounded and another German soldier was unsuccessfully fired upon.

Red Cross Nursing Course to Be Taught

Mrs. J. W. A. Davis is chairman of a committee which will have in charge the establishment of a Red Cross home nursing course in Watauga county. Home nursing will be taught in the different sections of the county by graduate nurses, and a detailed statement concerning this activity will be made soon.

GEORGE MORETZ IS ARRAIGNED TODAY ON MURDER COUNT

Venire Being Summoned In Case Growing Out of Death of William Lowrance; Cletus Welch, Chester Carroll Also Held in Death of Dean Payne

George Moretz, Silverstone merchant, was arraigned in superior court Wednesday forenoon on murder charges, developing from the death of William Lowrance, who was killed near the Moretz store, allegedly by bullets fired from a pistol held by the accused. It was ordered that a venire of 50 men be summoned to appear before the court tomorrow morning, from which group a jury will be chosen to try the case.

Cletus Welch and Chester Carroll have not yet been arraigned for the death of Dean Payne, which occurred as a result of injuries sustained in an affray at a roadhouse near Boone. It was thought likely as The Democrat went to press that the Moretz case would be tried first.

The court made rapid progress Monday and Tuesday in the disposition of a large number of cases involving the commission of misdemeanors, and following are the judgments which have been passed by Judge J. H. Clement:

G. W. Greer, manufacturing liquor, 6 months on roads.

F. B. Dean, driving drunk, \$50 and costs.

H. E. Daniels, driving drunk, \$50 and the cost.

John Hollars, driving drunk, \$50 and cost.

Frank Teague, driving drunk, 4 months on roads.

Homer Critcher, driving drunk, \$50 and cost.

George Cornett, larceny and assault with deadly weapon, 18 months on roads.

William A. Hodges, violation prohibition laws, \$25 and costs.

W. R. Harris, driving drunk, \$50 and costs.

Samuel Lowry, driving drunk, 10 days in jail.

R. H. Todd, driving drunk, \$50 and costs.

Willie Robbins, driving drunk, \$50 and costs.

Stanley Trivett, driving drunk, \$50 and costs.

William Greene, driving drunk, \$50 and costs.

Milton Coffey, driving drunk, \$50 and costs.

John Ford, driving drunk, \$50 and costs.

Monroe Wineberger, driving car after license revoked, 60 days on roads.

Cecil Bumgarner, violation prohibition laws, 12 months on roads.

Paul Coffey (Rich Mountain) disorderly conduct, \$50 and costs.

Chas. Barnett, driving drunk, \$20 and costs.

Vester Warren, driving drunk, \$50 and costs.

Roy Robinson, driving drunk, 2 months on roads.

Jas. Bryan and Ed Baird, violation prohibition laws, placed on probation for two years.

Mary Sumter, violation prohibition laws, 6 months in jail.

Leonard Rominger, driving drunk, \$50 and costs.

Ray H. Byrd, driving drunk, \$50 costs.

Johnnie Tester, abandonment, 12 months suspended on payment of \$15 per month to support of family.

Walter Bumgarner, driving drunk, 4 months on roads.

Evans Miller, driving drunk, \$50 and costs.

George Cornett, larceny, 18 months on roads.

Norman Miller and Junior Simmons, larceny, 6 months on roads.

Chas. Walsler, forcible trespass, 6 months on roads.

Carl Hahn, driving drunk, \$50 costs.

Gurney Triplett, driving drunk, \$50 and costs.

Dennis Canter, larceny, 5 months on roads.

Willie Icenhour, larceny, 5 months on roads.

Dennis Icenhour, simple assault, one month on roads.

Roby Oliver, larceny, 8 months on roads.

In all cases involving the operation of motor cars while under the influence of intoxicants, a four-months suspended sentence was passed, and the driver's license revoked for a period of 12 months.

Tom Bumgarner, reckless driving, 4 months on roads.

Cora Cornett, keeping disorderly house, 4 months in jail.

Robert Swift, driving drunk, 4 months on roads; embezzlement, 4 months on roads.

Erney Watson, fornication and adultery, 12 months on roads; Ennis Greer, two months in jail.

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