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IMPROVED LOCAL MAIL SERVICE IS SEEN FOR BOONE

Second Assistant Postmaster General and Congressman Doughton Co-operating in Effort to Improve Boone's Mail Facilities; Investigation Promised

Postmaster Wiley G. Hartzog states that steps are being taken by Second Assistant Postmaster General Smith Purdom and Congressman Robert L. Doughton, looking to the improvement of the mail facilities in and out of this city, and that the former has promised an investigation of the conditions which now exist.

The Chamber of Commerce and individuals have insisted on a more complete schedule of mails for the city, pointing out that there are no outgoing mails in the afternoon hours, and that the arrival time of some of the mails is very irregular. Mr. Hartzog went to Lenoir last week and talked the matter over with Mr. Purdom, who was attending the centennial celebration there, and following is the text of a letter received by Mr. Hartzog the first of the week:

"Dear Mr. Hartzog: With reference to the conversation you had with me in Lenoir on Monday, September 15, relative to unsatisfactory receipt and dispatch of mail at your office, please be advised that upon my return, I gave the subject my immediate attention, and a prompt investigation has been ordered with a view towards taking some remedial action."

Mr. Hartzog is also in receipt of a letter from Congressman Doughton stating that he has been in touch with Mr. Purdom, and is doing everything possible to aid in securing for this city adequate and satisfactory mail service.

State Goes Back On Standard Time Sunday Morning

North Carolina will return to eastern standard time next Sunday morning at 2 o'clock.

Under an original announcement by Governor Broughton, which placed North Carolina on daylight saving time as of August 1, the return to standard time was set for midnight next Sunday.

The governor announced Monday, however, that the time for the shift had been advanced 22 hours, in order to avoid radio complications and to conform to actions in adjoining states.

Without commenting on whether he thought daylight saving time had accomplished its purpose—the saving of electricity—the chief executive said that if daylight saving time were to be used next year, he hoped it would be used on a nation-wide, instead of a sectional basis.

Governor Broughton has been receiving many inquiries regarding the state's time and also about the date of Thanksgiving this year—so in case you've forgotten, Thanksgiving will be observed November 20th.

Defense Training Classes Will Begin

The defense trade classes which were conducted at the Boone and Cove Creek high schools last year, will again be used this year, according to Dr. Orby Southard, head of the department of agriculture at Appalachian high.

Dr. Southard states that the demand for various kinds of mechanics is now unusually heavy and that an opportunity is offered for free instruction in auto mechanics, electricity, metal working and carpentry. Classes in metal working, including electric welding, are expected to start on October 6. Further announcements will be made later.

Men between the ages of 16 and 25, who are not students are sought to take advantage of these courses.

Date For College Homecoming Is Set

Homecoming at Appalachian State Teachers College this year is to be held the first week-end in October, the 3rd, 4th and 5th. Plans are now going forward to make this the best and most enjoyable homecoming that has ever been held on the college campus, and one to be long remembered by the visiting alumni. A complete program of the many and varied activities will be given in the next edition of The Democrat.

Chesler Carroll, Cletus Welch Get 10 to 12 Years; Geo. Moretz 12 to 15 Year Sentence As Court Disposes of Two Murder Cases

Carroll and Welch Found Guilty in Death of Dean Payne; Moretz Pleads Guilty to Second Degree Murder of Will Lowrance

For the first time in thirty-five years, Watauga superior court was the scene of two homicide cases last week, as Chesler Carroll and Cletus Welch were found guilty of murder in the second degree in the death of Dean Payne, while George Moretz pleaded guilty to the second degree murder of Will Lowrance.

Carroll and Welch were sentenced to serve from 10 to 12 years in the state prison, while Moretz was given 12 to 15 years in the penitentiary. Percy Watson, who was held in the case with Welch and Carroll as an accessory before the fact, was not convicted.

Dean Payne died as a result of injuries sustained at the Log Cabin roadhouse and Dad Buchanan, operator of the place, testified that Payne was struck with a bottle or similar instrument during an affray in which the men participated. Sheriff Edmisten testified that Payne accused Carroll of striking him. Dr. J. B. Hagaman told of a post-mortem examination, and said that in his opinion meningitis was the immediate cause of Payne's death, brought on by a blood clot inside the cranium.

George Moretz, Silverstone merchant, according to evidence submitted, shot Will Lowrance on the night of August 16, after he, Lowrance and Will Greer had returned from a trip into Tennessee. Greer, the principal state witness, testified that the three men talked awhile at the store on their return, and Moretz went home, returning with a gun and ordered them to leave, and as they complied, he began firing.

Defense testimony indicated that Moretz had insisted upon the two men leaving the vicinity of his home and that at the time the shots were fired, Lowrance was advancing on him with a rock. According to the evidence, Moretz did not know the shots struck Lowrance until officers arrived.

Court adjourned Friday morning.

MAYOR SAYS DOGS A MENACE IN CITY

Situation as to Roving Canines Again Draws Official Attention

Mayor W. H. Gragg tells The Democrat that citizens of the town are again making vigorous protests to the administration regarding the prevalence of stray dogs in the city, and some householders state that they are unable to sleep due to the howling of these meandering canines.

Mayor Gragg desires to state to dog owners that they must keep their dogs on their own premises, that they cannot allow them to wander about the streets as heretofore, and asks for their complete co-operation in order that the nuisance may be abated without the necessity of drastic action. Mr. Gragg states that it is not his desire to fine dog-owners, or to impound their pets, or to molest the animals in any other way, but that if the dogs continue to prowl about the town, he will be forced to take drastic action.

To Open Lenoir-Blowing Rock Road To Travel Sept. 29

Lenoir, Sept. 22.—The Lenoir-Blowing Rock road, state highway 321, which has been under construction for many months, is expected to be opened to traffic by September 29, it has been announced by the district state highway office here.

The section under construction begins three miles north of Lenoir and two miles north of Patterson and ends at Curtis store, a total distance of 5.7 miles.

Survey work for extending improvements on the highway beyond the present project is now under way.

TO BOOKMOBILE PATRONS

Miss Jewel Hagaman, county librarian, asks that all those who have books belonging to the Bookmobile, bring them to the library at once. Many volumes from the traveling library are still out, says Miss Hagaman, and she is anxious to recover them as quickly as possible.

Church School Teachers



Miss Elizabeth Oliver of Salisbury, N. C. and Mrs. E. H. Ould of Roanoke, Va., who will teach in the Watauga county school for Christian workers which will open at the Boone Methodist church on Sunday evening. A detailed announcement of the training school appears on page seven.

Churches To Operate On Daylight Time Sun.

All the churches of the city will hold services next Sunday by daylight saving time, it was announced this morning, following the governor's announcement that the old time would be in effect Sunday.

The churches had already arranged their schedules by daylight saving time, and a change would have resulted in confusion. All church activities after Sunday will be by eastern standard time, it was said.

NOT THE SAME

Attention is called to the fact that Ed Beard, who was tried in court last week was not the Ed Baird of Valle Crucis.

Also the Carl Hahn tried in superior court, was not Carl Hahn of Hickory, local soft drink distributor. These statements are gladly made to prevent misunderstandings.

Burley Tobacco Growers To Vote In Referendum October 2nd and 4th

A referendum will be held October 2 through October 4 for 27 burley tobacco markets in Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, Indiana and Missouri, to determine whether these markets shall be designated for free and mandatory inspection of all tobacco passing over the auction sales floor, the department of agriculture's marketing service announced today.

The referendum will cover all markets in Tennessee and Kentucky, Boone and Asheville in North Carolina; Indiana and Missouri.

Sixteen burley markets are already designated in Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia. Tobacco marketing officials point out that if two-thirds of the growers voting in this referendum approve tobacco inspection, tobacco sold on all burley markets in the United States will be graded at no cost to the grower. Official government grades were used as a basis for making government loans on the 1940 crop of burley, and will be used

TWO ROADHOUSES ARE RESTRAINED BY JUDGE CLEMENT

The Tavern and Log Cabin Padlocked by Sheriff by Virtue of Court Order; Hearings Are Set Before Judge Warlick October 4

Two Watauga county roadhouses were closed last Friday by Sheriff A. J. Edmisten on the authority of a restraining order signed by Judge J. H. Clement in superior court last week, and the operators of the establishments are cited to appear in Newton before Resident Judge Wilson Warlick on October 4th at 10 a. m., to show cause why the closing order should not become permanent.

The places affected, and which dispense wine and beer, are the Tavern at Vilas, and the Log Cabin on the Blowing Rock road just outside the city limits of Boone. The former is operated by Bryan Tucker, while "Dad" Buchanan is proprietor of the Cabin.

The complaints which preceded the judicial restraining order were made out by Solicitor L. S. Spurling on behalf of the State of North Carolina, after the solicitor had received a number of affidavits by citizens of the county, alleging that because of the sale of intoxicants, the places in question were in the nature of nuisances, and that because of their operation considerable disturbance was created in the localities affected.

The agitation which resulted in the closing of the roadhouses became effective during superior court, when two homicide cases, in which the defendants were alleged to have visited the roadhouses prior to the commissions of the crimes, were tried. A number of the ministers of the county were joined by other leading citizens in an appeal to Solicitor Spurling, with the resultant padlocking of the two establishments.

It is understood that counsel has been employed by both sides of the question and that the hearing will be well-attended, the tavern owners insisting on their right to continue in business, with the plaintiff quite as insistent that the establishments remain closed.

NAVY RECRUITING CAMPAIGN STARTS

Rob Rivers to Co-operate in Supplying Information to Applicants for Enlarged Navy

At the suggestion of Secretary of the Navy Knox, Rob Rivers, editor and publisher of the Watauga Democrat, has been made Navy Editor, to help the navy in giving ambitious local young men information about the opportunities the "two-ocean navy" offers them for technical training and advancement as they serve their country in its emergency.

According to an announcement made public in Washington, a limited number of additional men between the ages of 17 and 50 will be given a chance, by enlistment in the navy or naval reserve, to get to the top, with big pay, in jobs which by their aptitude and as a result of examination they show themselves fit

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Watauga 4-H Hereford Takes Off Grand Championship Honors At Hendersonville Fair; Wataugans Win Other Awards

Fair Prize Winners Should Claim Awards

Exhibitors in the recent Blue Ridge Fair, who won prizes for their agricultural or other exhibits, but who have not yet received their awards, are asked to see Mr. Clyde R. Greene at the Farmers Hardware & Supply Co. A number of the prizes have not yet been delivered and Mr. Greene states that the winners must see him on or before Monday September 29th, as the files will be closed at that time.

LAST RITES HELD FOR MRS. WILSON

Wife of Professor Chappel Wilson Succumbs Tuesday to Long Illness

Funeral services were conducted this (Wednesday) afternoon at 2 o'clock from the First Baptist church for Mrs. Chappel Wilson, 36, who died at Watauga Hospital early Tuesday morning from an illness of 15 months. Her condition had been considered critical for the past several weeks.

Rev. J. C. Canipe, the pastor, was in charge of the rites and the body was taken to the community cemetery at Booneville, where it will be interred at 4:30, following the committal service.

Active pallbearers were: John Howell, Harry Heflin, J. E. Rivers, Barnard Dougherty, Herbert Wey, J. H. Wolfe, Gordon H. Winkler and A. F. Hamrick. Honorary: Dr. B. B. Dougherty, J. A. Williams, Rob Rivers, R. T. Greer, Clyde Greene, T. M. Greer, W. G. Hartzog, Roy Hagaman, R. F. Greene, Chas. Rogers, Dr. J. B. Hagaman, Dr. H. B. Perry and W. C. Greene.

The large floral offering was in charge of the following ladies: Mesdames R. L. Clay, A. R. Smith, J. C. Canipe, Helen Yoder, A. F. Hamrick, D. J. Whitener, John Howell, Irma Holcomb, J. D. Rankin, Gordon Nash, J. E. Rivers, Clyde Goodman, Wiley Smith, H. R. Eggers, Harry Heflin, T. M. Greer, Hale Vance, J. V. Caudill, Orby Southard, J. B. Hagaman, Amos Abrams, Wade E. Brown, G. K. Moore, Misses Myrtle Brandon, Louise Atkinson and Natalie Burdum.

Survivors include the husband and two children, William Martin and Emma Jean Wilson. The mother, Mrs. Emma Reese of Booneville, and two brothers also survive: Roy W. Reese and James Henry Reese of Booneville.

Mrs. Wilson was a daughter of the late Henry W. Reese and Mrs. Emma Angel Reese, and was reared in Booneville. She came to Boone as a student in Appalachian College, and following her graduation from that institution, was a member of the faculty of the Demonstration school for two years. She was married to Prof. Chappel Wilson on August 21, 1926. Mrs. Wilson was a member of the Boone Baptist church and was prominently identified with the work of her church until the beginning of her last illness. During her long residence here she was an important factor in the educational and religious life of the community, and was held in the highest esteem by her wide acquaintanceship.

Red Cross To Hold Home Service Meeting

A Red Cross home service institute is to be held at the Daniel Boone Hotel Friday, September 26, with sessions at 9 a. m. and 1:30 p. m.

The chairman and all members of the local home service committee are expected to attend, and there will be representatives from Ashe, Avery, Wilkes, Alleghany, Caldwell and Watauga counties. A round table study will be led by Miss Gertrude Richmond, special home service representative of the American Red Cross.

The home service committee is faced with a greatly increased activity, due to the rapid expansion of the nation's armed forces. Those composing the local committee are: Rev. John Rhea, chairman; C. M. Watson, Lionel Ward and Rev. E. F. Troutman.

Mr. B. F. Bentley and family of North Wilkesboro spent Sunday in this city.

Hamilton's Club Boys Continue Successes: Mack Vannoy Had Grand Champion; Other Watauga Boys Win Third and Fourth Places in Fat Stock Show

Harry Hamilton's 4-H Club boys continued their winning stride this morning when Mack Vannoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Vannoy of the Bamboo section, exhibited his Hereford baby beef at the Hendersonville Fair and took away the grand championship honors. The calf, which is eight months old and weighs 796 pounds, was the grand champion in the baby beef show at the Blue Ridge Fair held here recently, and is likely on the way to State Fair laurels.

The reserve championship went to an Angus calf owned by a Cherokee county lad, while Kent Miller of Deep Gap, Watauga county, came in for third prize with his Hereford calf; Earl Edmisten of Sugar Grove, won fourth place award, while fifth prize honors went to Haywood county.

County Agent Hamilton, who is in Hendersonville with the club boys, telephoned the advance information to The Democrat just before noon today, and states that since cattle judging was still under way at the time, further information could not be secured.

TOWN TO WAGE WAR ON RODENTS

Anti-Rat Campaign is Being Arranged, as Mayor Asks Clean-up of Premises

To meet the ever-growing menace of wharf rats in the community, Mayor W. H. Gragg and H. S. Webster of the district health department, are co-operating in arranging for a rat eradication campaign for this area in the near future. A specialist from Raleigh, it is said, will be secured to direct the war against the rodents, and the only expense to the community will be the bait used with the poison.

Preliminary to the campaign, Mr. Gragg asks that householders and business men co-operate in cleaning up their premises, and removing trash and garbage in which rats thrive. By making food for the rodents scarce, at this time, he says, the hungry rats will be all the more eager for the bait, when the campaign starts.

Particular attention should be paid to this suggestion, as the rats in the community are causing no end of trouble. Vegetable gardens in the town, in many instances, have been practically destroyed by the pests this season, and it is believed that a city-wide campaign will greatly alleviate the condition.

Union County Farmers View Local Herefords

A group of Union county farmers were in the county last week, looking over the local farms, and inspecting the herds of Hereford cattle, which are being produced here.

Those making the trip were: E. G. Latham, L. D. Pressley, S. M. Benton, W. R. Benton, J. Fred Medlin, G. C. Baucom, John H. McCollum, S. B. Braswell, J. W. Braswell, C. W. Braswell and J. D. Long.

SURPLUS COMMODITIES

A. E. Langston, state director of commodity distribution for the state board of charities and public welfare, said this week that Watauga county received 26,955 pounds of surplus food supplies during the month of August worth a fair market value of \$1,320.29.

General recipients served with commodities numbered 1,928 persons in 393 cases.