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LIFE IS BACK TO NORMAL AS HEAVY SNOW GIVES WAY

Normal Transportation Was Resumed Quickly on Main Highways Following Record Snows of First of Last Week; Schools Start Tuesday

Transportation and living in general is back to normal this week, following the terrific snows of a week ago, which temporarily halted highway travel, closed the schools and isolated for a while the entire mountain region.

Highway forces made splendid progress in restoring travel on the main highways, some of which were opened Wednesday through the day and night efforts of the highway forces of this area. Toward the end of the week travel in most sections was moving along good, in many instances through, through channels cut through towering banks of snow, and warmer temperatures began to melt the snow. Sunday a steady rainfall aided further and as this is written the snow in this immediate locality is rapidly disappearing.

The town administration employed every available man in moving snow from the sidewalks, and although the traffic was one-way in spots for a time through the huge drifts, work went on unceasingly until the walkways were cleared.

The schools of the county and town which remained closed last week opened again Tuesday, mail service has been almost completely restored and spring-time weather is prevailing on Wednesday.

LAUDS WORK OF HIGHWAY FORCES

Mayor Gragg Calls Attention to Splendid Work Accomplished in Clearing Highways

Mayor W. H. Gragg of Boone, is duly appreciative of the fine efforts of members of the State Highway and Public Works commission in removing last week's heavy snow and breaking the blockade which nature threw up around this city. Mr. Gragg issues the following prepared statement:

"I believe that it is fitting and proper at this time to take note of and duly acknowledge the highly efficient work of the State Highway and Public Works Commission during the recent snowfall, which was the heaviest in 25 years.

"It is no small job to clear the highways of snowdrifts from 3 to 25 feet deep, and do this three or four days ahead of estimated time, so that normal traffic can flow again. Buck Hayworth, district highway engineer, his able assistant, E. Ford King and Mr. King's assistant, Frank W. McCracken, should all have medals of appreciation from this section for their prompt, efficient and untiring efforts, both night and day to open the highways. I have never witnessed finer cooperation or a more sincere desire to open the highways than these men demonstrated. I therefore wish to thank Mr. Hayworth and his entire force and when I do this I believe I speak the sentiments of the overwhelming majority of the people of this section.

"We have no railroad, therefore we must depend on the highways for fuel, food and clothing. Our highway officials seem to grasp this situation, and they spare no time, nor efforts, day or night, to help us.

"Be believe in spreading flowers while you live and can enjoy them. We therefore wish to pin this rose on our highway department and to say that we hope so long as it snows Buck Hayworth, Ford King, Frank McCracken and all their efficient help will be with us.

"W. H. GRAGG
"Mayor of Boone."

Grady Farthing Is Made U. S. Warden

H. Grady Farthing, has received word from the U. S. department of the interior, of his appointment as U. S. deputy game warden, his new duties to be carried on in connection with his work as district state game protector.

Mr. Farthing as U. S. deputy will have authority in matters pertaining to migratory water fowl as well as song birds, protected under federal statute, and many other matters taken care of by him, which formerly had to wait on the arrival of a federal officer from eastern North Carolina.

Stuck to Ship



Ensign Herbert C. Weart of 10th naval district, San Juan, Puerto Rico, looks at the Distinguished Flying Cross awarded him for his action in saving a navy patrol plane when it ran into a hurricane. Although ordered to bail out when the plane's ailerons snapped, Weart maneuvered to a safe landing.

APPALACHIAN TO GIVE WORK ON MASTERS DEGREE

Local College and University Co-operate to Give Courses Next Summer Leading to Masters Degree; University Faculty Members to Aid

Plans participated in jointly by Appalachian College and the University of North Carolina have been worked out whereby credit on work leading to a master's degree will be given this summer at Appalachian, for the first time in the history of the local institution. Graduate work, it is said, consisting of courses in the field of education, will be given under the auspices of the University and will be taught by members of the University faculty.

Graduate credit will be given in the name of the University and will be applicable toward satisfying the professional requirements for the graduate certificates, provided for under the recent certification plans of the State Department of Public Instruction.

Under this arrangement for graduate work, teachers who already hold the Bachelor's degree from recognized institutions will be allowed to earn at Appalachian State Teachers College in the field of education a maximum of three full courses, or one-third of the requirements toward their master's degree at the University of North Carolina. The list of particular graduate courses offered for this summer will be furnished upon request to those interested. It will require two full six week terms to complete the maximum hours of credit allowed by the University to those taking this work at Appalachian. This work may be divided into two six-week terms.

WPA Co-Operating Board Is Formed

At a recent meeting of local citizens and W. P. A. officials held in the Daniel Boone Hotel, a board was organized consisting of the following members: Chairman, Mrs. F. E. Warman; vice-chairman, Prof. E. E. Garbee, Russell Hodges, Dr. Robert King, Prof. Sam Horton, Mrs. Elsie Hagaman.

The purpose of this board is to act as intermediary between the citizens of this county and W. P. A. officials. Its functions are to have general oversight of WPA community projects in Watauga county, to interpret the needs of the community for WPA projects and assistance to governmental agencies, to act as a WPA clearing house of information, and to act in an advisory capacity in receiving and adjusting complaints of individual workers to administrative officials.

The time and place of meeting for this board will be announced later. Anyone desiring to get in touch with the board may communicate with Mrs. Ruth Isaacs, who is serving as temporary secretary.

James Dotson, U. S. army, Camp Bourgard, La., is spending a few days' furlough with relatives in the Shulls Mills section.

EARL COOK NAMED CHAIRMAN OF G O P AT SATURDAY MEET

Dr. Kephart Endorsed for Congressional Nomination in Season's First Local Convention; W. H. Gragg for Chairman; Congressional Delegates

Earl Cook of Boone, was elected chairman of the Watauga county republican executive committee at a convention of the party held here last Saturday afternoon.

Miss Edna Bingham of Sugar Grove, was elected vice-chairman of the county committee, while Clyde R. Greene of Boone was named secretary.

R. D. Hodges was recommended as a member of the republican executive committee.

The meeting, which was the first outward indication locally that another campaign year has arrived, was not largely attended, due to the depth of the snow throughout the county, but nevertheless the session was an enthusiastic one.

Aside from the setting up of the county organization the principal business of the meeting was the endorsement of Dr. A. P. Kephart of Blowing Rock as the party's candidate for congress in the ninth district. W. H. Gragg, mayor of Boone was endorsed for the chairmanship of the state republican executive committee.

Delegates were elected to the ninth district Republican convention in Lenoir on March 18, as follows:

W. F. Norris, G. C. Robbins, J. C. Story, H. P. Holshouser, I. B. Wilson, G. C. Wilson, V. C. Cox, Tom Miller, McCoy Bingham, Alvin Cannon, L. E. Wilson, Wayne Miller, A. G. Miller, Rom Wilson, A. C. Miller, A. P. Kephart, W. H. Gragg and O. L. Coffey.

Alternates: Newton Blackburn, W. R. Johnson, G. J. Keller, G. C. Robbins, W. M. Thomas, William Cole, J. D. Hampton, M. C. Hollar, G. B. Miller, S. C. Eggers, Roy Trivett, Howard Gragg, T. O. Eggers, Lloyd Wilcox, Frank Main, Clyde Tester, Jess Hoffield, C. P. Moore.

Blowing Rock Citizens Get Air Raid Service

Blowing Rock, March 6.—Citizens of Blowing Rock have received through the mail their air raid warning signal instructions. The cards of display size are to be posted in every home.

The signal will consist of a short, loud blast, followed by a number of short rising and lowering blasts on the fire siren.

In case of local fires, three or more loud blasts will be given.

Reports on strange airplanes, or local fires are to be submitted at once to phone 2111.

The usual instructions for all air raids are given on the cards. The chairman of the local committee in charge of all defense activities is Jack Rainey. N. C. Greene is air raid warden.

Coleman Says Burley Prospects Are Bright

"It is my opinion that the prospects for the coming season on the burley markets is extremely good," says Roscoe Coleman, operator of the Mountain Burley Warehouses here.

Mr. Coleman, who has completed a successful season on Boone's three year old tobacco market, is urging all burley growers to be sure and plant their full allotments this year. He also says that in order for the farmer to be able to plant his full allotment, it will be necessary for him to pay particular attention to his seed bed, choosing the best seed, and being careful to select a warm, protected place for his bed.

U. S. IMPOSES PRICE CEILING ON USED TIRES

Washington, March 10.—The government imposed a price ceiling today on used tires and tubes, effective after March 16, in answer to widespread complaints of "price gouging."

The order uses prices existing between October 1 and October 15 as a guide in establishing the ceiling. It also sets up a complex schedule of prices based on the size and condition of the used tires. It affects tires for both passenger cars and trucks.

KNITTING SCHOOL WILL NOT BE HELD FOR TIME BEING

On account of the bad weather the knitting school which has been conducted by Mrs. R. H. Harmon, will be discontinued temporarily. Date when the classes will be resumed will be announced later.

RECRUITING 'FEMALE C' SPECIES'



A huge federal campaign to train women and girls to take the place of men in war industry has been started. The U. S. civil service commission here begins to recruit women to work in the Philadelphia navy yard, Frankford arsenal and signal corps department. In the group above are, left to right, H. W. Roughley, shop foreman, and Lieut. F. D. Rohmer, as they go over the final examination of the cylinder heads. The girl is Ida Ungered.

RED CROSS ROLL CALL DEFERRED

Information is That 1942 Membership Drive to Be Co-ordinated With Later Effort

In an effort to relieve in some measure the increasing burden on men and women in all communities who are engaged in money-raising efforts during war time, the American Red Cross has decided to postpone its regular 1942 fall membership Roll Call and hold it simultaneously with its next war fund campaign early in 1943, Chairman Norman H. Davis announced today. Authority for the chairman to plan this combination was voted by the central committee at its Meeting on March 2.

"In combining our efforts into one appeal a year we shall still emphasize the membership principle of the Red Cross which is so deeply rooted in the voluntary and democratic character of the organization. In view of this decision the Red Cross feels that it is justified in holding independent of any other fund raising efforts one campaign a year which includes its Roll Call membership appeal," said Mr. Davis.

Chairman Davis said that the current war fund campaign was nearing a successful conclusion. Having recently asked for a generous over-subscription of the original minimum goal of \$50,000,000, Chairman Davis revealed that 2547 Chapters now report a total of \$61,172,000. It is expected that a \$65,000,000 objective will be reached during the month of March.

Rites for Mrs. George Henson Held Saturday

Funeral services for Mrs. George Henson were conducted from the Henson's Chapel Methodist Church last Saturday, with the pastor, Rev. M. A. Osborne in charge. The Rev. Mr. Osborne was assisted by Rev. H. K. Middleton, pastor of the Cove Creek Baptist Church.

Mrs. Henson died at her home at Sugar Grove on Wednesday, February 4. She had been suffering from paralysis for some time.

Mrs. Henson is survived by her husband and five sons and daughters: Dock, Gerd, Buster, Kate and Mrs. Earl Sutherland, all of whom reside at Sugar Grove except Mrs. Sutherland who lives at Sutherland, N. C. Also surviving the deceased are two brothers, Charles and Robt. Thompson of Mabel, and Miss Rose Thompson of Sugar Grove.

Red Cross Official Is Visitor In This City

Mr. Krebs, field representative of the Junior Red Cross, will be in Boone on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. He will contact the county teachers and officials of the Red Cross.

Merchants Plan Annual Banquet

Directors of the Boone Merchants Association are making preliminary plans for the annual ladies night, employer-employee banquet which will be definitely announced when some of the program details have been worked out.

To Subscribers

Due to the weather conditions which have prevented many subscribers from reaching town during the past few days, the publisher of The Democrat has postponed complete revision of the mailing lists, and those who renew immediately can yet receive all future editions of the newspaper.

After the next issue the revision of the lists will move forward as rapidly as possible, and it is again asked that all those whose subscriptions have expired take advantage of the opportunity to renew, while no price advances are in effect.

The response to the subscription notices recently sent out continues at a brisk rate, and it is hoped that few names will be cut from the lists for non-renewal. However, it is re-emphasized NO subscriber may expect to continue to receive The Democrat unless his subscription is paid in advance.

Campaign to Get Books For Soldiers In Progress; 400 Volumes Are Sought

The Victory Book Campaign for the soldier boys is still in progress, and we hope to reach at least our 500 book goal in this county. This, we know would be a very small expression in comparison to the great sacrifice our boys are making when they leave home, friends, and go fight for us—endure privations and risk even their lives, while we remain comfortably at home.

We admit it is sometimes easy to put off doing even the things we want to do, so we feel confident that there are yet some who want to do their bit in contributing to the pleasure of our soldiers at camp. So won't you please look through your bookshelves, and select one or more of your best books—for surely the best is not too good for our boys—and bring them to the college library, which is the collection center for the county, at once. The Greensboro truck will soon be along to pick up our boxes of Victory Books to take to the main center at Greensboro for distribution to the various soldier camps.

Chamber Commerce Plans Ladies Night

The annual ladies night banquet of the Boone Chamber of Commerce is to be held Thursday evening March 26, according to Mr. Herman Wilcox, president of the organization. At this time officers are to be elected.

Mr. Wilcox says an entertaining program will be worked out for the banquet meeting, details concerning which will be announced later.

MR. W. L. HOLSHOUSE ILL

Sunday morning Mr. W. L. Holshouser, pioneer merchant, well-known and highly respected citizen of Blowing Rock, became suddenly ill. At this writing his condition is considered good, and his many friends over the county will be glad to know that he is thought to be on the way to a speedy recovery.

SAFE IN LONDON

Word has been received by relatives here of the safe arrival in London, England, of Jay Edmisten, a member of the Signal Corps, U. S. Army. Young Mr. Edmisten is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Edmisten of the Matney section.

COUNTY FAIR TO BE HELD AGAIN NEXT SEPTEMBER

Stockholders of Fair Association Decide to Hold Bigger and Better Agricultural Fair Despite War; Officers Named

Stockholders of the Blue Ridge Fair Association met Tuesday evening and decided that, notwithstanding the war, the Watauga County Agricultural Fair will be held again next September, on a bigger and better scale than last year, when the event was described as being very successful. The initial exhibition yielded the stockholders a small profit, it was said, whereas most county fairs lose money the first year of their existence.

A board of directors was elected consisting of the following: W. H. Gragg, Clyde R. Greene, Harry M. Hamilton, Dr. Orby Southard, Ernest Hillard, A. E. South and S. C. Eggers.

Officers named are: Harry Hamilton, president; Orby Southard, vice-president; Clyde R. Greene, treasurer, and Roy Ellison, secretary.

It was said at the stockholders' meeting that a fair this year would stimulate interest in the Victory Garden campaign, all farmers would be urged to make an especial effort to grow better field crops and livestock, that the war effort would be stimulated through intensive preparation for the fair. The superintendents of the various departments of the fair are to meet soon and make their plans for improving the fair, which is visualized as becoming the leading fair in Western North Carolina.

BAND FIGURES CONTINUE UPWARD

Merchants Association and Lions Club Endorse Boosters Campaign; Status of Fund

The campaign to raise funds for the further growth and development of the Boone High School band is making splendid progress, and a report made by Clyde R. Greene, the treasurer of the Band Boosters Club indicates that to date the sum of \$195.80 has been raised.

The directors of the Boone Merchants Association yesterday unanimously endorsed the effort being made in behalf of the band and named a committee to aid in canvassing the city. Clyde R. Greene, J. E. Clay and Rob Rivers are to represent the retailers in this connection.

Dr. F. E. Warman, president of the Band Boosters has received a letter of hearty approval from Dr. Robert R. King, president of the Boone Lions Club, in which the complete support of the Club to the band and its interests is pledged.

The standing of the band fund at present follows:

Previously reported	\$121.50
J. V. Caudill	5.00
Mrs. Frank Smith	2.50
Mrs. W. H. Keplar	5.00
Teachers Banquet	43.80
T. M. Greer	1.00
E. E. Garbee	1.00
Mrs. E. E. Garbee	1.00
W. R. Winkler	10.00
Horace Greer	5.00
Total	\$195.80

Tire Rationing Work For Week

Following is a list of those to whom certificates were issued by the local tire rationing board for the purchase of new tires and re-capped tires during the present week:

Obsolete: Robert C. Winebarger, Boone; Thomas Holloway, Shulls Mills; Hill Greene, Blowing Rock; W. B. Tester, Sugar Grove.

Passenger: Rev. C. G. McCarahar, Shulls Mills; Everett G. Pitts, Blowing Rock; Reins-Sturdivant, Inc., Boone.

Truck: N. S. Moore, Reece; Jack Edmisten, Valle Crucis; L. H. Hollar, Boone; J. M. Presnell, Rominger; Willard Ray, Laxon; Scott Swift, Sherwood; Thurman Gragg, Shulls Mills; Harrison Baker, Boone; Fred Teague, Blowing Rock; Shuford Edmisten, Boone; M. L. Cook, Blowing Rock; Clay Bros., Valle Crucis; Jonas Yarborough, Boone.