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CLUB WOMEN HOLD MEETING IN CITY TODAY

Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs Will Hold District Meeting; Mrs. Ward Ray Presides Over Gathering From Seven Counties

Members of the Home Demonstration Clubs of seven counties will gather at the Boone Baptist Church today for the annual district federation meeting, and the women of the local clubs have prepared a program of entertainment for the event.

The session gets under way at 10:30, when Dr. W. G. Bond will conduct the devotional, while the group will be jointly welcomed by Mrs. Homer Lane, president of the Watauga Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, and Mayor Gordon H. Winkler. Mrs. T. S. Moxley of Alleghany county, will respond to the welcome, while greetings will be brought by Mrs. R. H. Harmon, president of the Boone Woman's Club, and Mrs. J. S. Gary, vice-president of the State Federation of Clubs. The morning session will end with roll call and reports.

Following lunch which will be served by the Watauga women in the church basement, Miss Verna Stanton, assistant state home agent, will deliver an address, and reports of committees will be heard prior to the election of officers. The program will be interspersed by musical numbers.

The counties represented and the names of the county club presidents in each case, are as follows: Alexander, Mrs. Carl Mottsinger; Alleghany, Mrs. Champ Duncan; Ashe, Mrs. Ward Ray; Avery, Mrs. W. W. Braswell; Caldwell, Mrs. Fred G. Bowman; Watauga, Mrs. Homer Lane; Wilkes, Mrs. C. F. Bretholl.

AAA CANCELS FARM ORDERS

Appropriation Cuts Result in Suspension of Farm Plans and Cancellation Outstanding Orders

Watauga county farmers, participating in the AAA agricultural program, were notified last week by the local triple-A office that signing of all farm plans for this year has been suspended in the face of impending drastic cuts by Congress in Federal appropriations. The notification also cancels all orders for phosphate, grass seed and other materials in the hands of farmers and vendors. It is further stated that no notice of minimum assistance for farm allowance will be issued for the time being at least, pending the final action of the Congress.

The House appropriations committee proposes to cut the budget for AAA from \$301,720,000 to \$165,614,290, or about 45 per cent. Considerable apprehension as to the fate of the farm program has been voiced in the county, where the AAA has been credited with being one of the most beneficial agencies of the Roosevelt era. Farmers report greatly increased yields of grass and food crops from lands which have been treated with TVA phosphate, and green fields have supplanted most of the broom sedge areas in the leading crop regions of the county.

Last Rites Held For Mrs. Blackburn

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon from the Poplar Grove Baptist Church for Mrs. Margaret Rosella Blackburn, 31, of Shulls Mills, who died in Watauga Hospital Friday. Rev. Robert Shore and Rev. R. C. Eggers were in charge of the rites and interment was in the cemetery in the home neighborhood. Reins-Sturdivant was in charge of the arrangements. Surviving are the husband, John Blackburn, and five children: Dellno, Juanita, Nadine, Kenneth and Gorey Blackburn, Shulls Mills.

Navy Recruiter To Be in Boone June 9

Chief Petty Officer Gordon E. Baker of the navy recruiting service, will be in Boone on Monday, June 9. Chief Baker will be at the postoffice building from 9:30 a. m. to 3 p. m. Men interested in enlisting in the navy, or veterans desiring information on the naval reserve or other matters, are urged to contact Chief Baker at that time.

Wendell Berge urges real competition to cure business ills.

Gets M.D. Degree



J. B. HAGAMAN TO GET DEGREE

Son of Boone Physician to Become M.D. Monday; Internship at Winston-Salem

John B. Hagaman, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Hagaman of Boone, will graduate from the University of Tennessee with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, at exercises to be held in Memphis next Monday, and information is that he will serve a one-year internship at City Hospital, Winston-Salem, before entering the practice of his profession.

Dr. Hagaman graduated from Boone high school in 1941, attended the University of North Carolina, 1941-44, and has been at the University of Tennessee since that time, where he was president of Alpha Kappa Kappa fraternity.

Local Men to Aid in Enlisting Men For Naval Reserve

Senator Wade E. Brown and Richard E. Kelley as local navy reserve recruiting officers, so that veterans and non-veterans 17 to 40 years of age, may enter the new naval reserve, without traveling to a distant point. Senator Brown served as a Lieutenant in the Navy during the recent war while Mr. Kelley had the rank of Ensign.

HOW THE MONEY GOES
Lincoln, Neb.—It's hard, these days, to hang on to money. Jean WKolf, student veteran at the University of Nebraska, told police a \$503 government subsistence check blew out of his pocket while he was on his way to bank it.

NO SALE
South Bend, Ind.—Mrs. Bernice Gregory rang up "no sale" on an \$80 coat. She hung the coat on a display rack of raincoats. Someone walked off without paying for it. The coat was her own.

LEGION BALL TEAM GOES TO BAT ON MONDAY

Efforts of Watauga Legion Post Bear Fruit as Junior Baseball Team Takes the Field at Rutherfordton Next Sunday; The Schedule

The first American Legion junior baseball team ever to represent Watauga county takes the field next Monday at Rutherfordton in the initial elimination series that ends on July 4. The first home game will be held on Tuesday, June 10th on the college diamond with the Watauga team playing against the Newland entry. Plans are now underway to inaugurate this home season with a parade and other gala festivities at the ball ground. All Watauga county people are urged to come out and look over the Boone entry. Naturally the team will be inexperienced, but Coach Raleigh Cottrell is pushing hard to have the local line ready. Practice games at Boone, Cove Creek and Mabel have uncovered some good potential material. It appears that the twenty man squad will consist of nine boys from Boone school, nine from Cove Creek and two from Mabel.

Two other games are on tap next week with the team traveling to Valdese on Thursday of next week, and the reportedly strong Hendersonville team invading the local diamond on Saturday afternoon June 14th. The Boone team is in area 4 along with seven other teams. At the end of a fourteen game schedule the two top teams will engage other North Carolina teams which have similarly advanced to determine the state champion. The local team is being sponsored by the Boone Merchants Association, and are being greatly aided by the Ford Motor Company and the local distributor, Winkler Motor Co. The complete schedule:

Schedule of Games
June 9, Boone at Rutherfordton
June 10, Newland at Boone
June 12, Boone at Valdese
June 14, Hendersonville at Boone
June 16, Boone at Morgantown
June 18, Asheville at Boone
June 20, Canton at Boone
June 21, Rutherfordton at Boone
June 24, Boone at Newland
June 26, Valdese at Boone
June 28, Boone at Hendersonville
June 30, Morgantown at Boone
July 2, Boone at Asheville
July 4, Boone at Canton

LAW IS LAW
Hammond, Ind.—Two coin counterfeiters were sentenced by a federal court to six months imprisonment still protesting "we didn't do anything against the law." They were found guilty of counterfeiting "dime" and "quarter" slugs for the city's illegal slot machines.

A GLANCE AT THE BOONE OF LONG AGO



This picture, made something near forty years ago, gives a rather clear insight as to how Boone looked in the days before good roads, automobiles and other modern ways of life. The street or road on the right is Depot street, the bank corner seems to be planted in corn, while the old "yellow house" adjacent, the Blair Hotel, the W. L. Bryan house, the original Democrat office, the R. C. Rivers home, Methodist Church, Blackburn house, and courthouse, may be seen in the King street area. In the foreground is the Greer home, now occupied by the Granville Norris, while the Baptist Church, whose belfry supported a huge wooden fish, is seen at center left. The Critcher barn, the Bryan barn, the Rivers barn, and the old jail are shown. It will be noted that there are no houses in the area where Watt Gragg lives or in any of the northside district.

FAMILY GROUP



Mrs. Martha Truman, 94, whose valiant fight for life has amazed her doctors, is shown with her famous son and his family during a visit to her home in Grandview, Mo. Left to right are Mrs. Harry S. Truman, Mother Truman, Miss Margaret Truman, and President Truman.

F.H.A. FUNDS CUT TO BONE

Federal Farm Agency May Be Rendered Impotent if Congress Enacts Drastic Cuts

Action of the House of Representatives in severely cutting funds of the Farm Home Administration, familiarly known as the "Seed Loan Office", threatens to virtually destroy the usefulness of the program, it is learned from officials of the agency here. The cuts, sponsored by the economy-minded Republican Congress, will take place if the bill passed by the house meets the approval of the senate, it is said.

Under the measure administrative funds are being reduced from a recommended \$30,000,000 to \$18,000,000; the operating loan fund is cut from \$90,000,000 to \$60,000,000; the loan fund for farm ownership, which recommendations placed at \$25,000,000, has been eliminated altogether. The agency has been of great benefit to the farmers of this area in years past, through loaning money at low interest rates for seed, fertilizer, etc., as well as for farm ownership, and considerable anxiety is being felt over the ultimate outcome of the measure before Congress. Mr. W. A. Smith, local FHA supervisor, expects only a clerk to be left in the local office, when the skeleton organization is set up in line with the new legislation, and information is that the program cannot operate to any appreciable benefit under the new financial set-up.

Grand Lodge K. of P. To Be Held at Blowing Rock June 17 and 18

The annual convention of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Domain of North Carolina, will be held at Mayview Manor, Blowing Rock, on June 17th and 18th.

The Grand Lodge meeting this year will be sponsored by the Caldwell Lodge No. 78 of Lenoir and the North Wilkesboro Lodge No. 67. Besides the usual routine of business conducted by the Grand Lodge, an elaborate entertainment program has been arranged by the sponsoring lodges which includes sight seeing trips, golf tournament, special entertainment for the ladies and a banquet on Tuesday night, June 17th, at which former Governor Broughton will be the principal speaker. Following the banquet, a dance will be held in the Ball Room of the Mayview Manor.

In addition to the Grand Lodge delegates and their wives, it is expected that the convention will be attended by a large number of Knights and their wives from various sections of the State, with the prospects that this convention will be the largest attended by any convention of the Grand Lodge has ever held. The chairman on arrangements and reservations is Lloyd M. Rash, Lenoir.

A SURPRISED LEANER

Oklahoma City—Waiting for a bus, Paul Carter Burns, 13, leaned against a light post. A short-circuit in the wiring melted the anchor bolts and the metal post crashed into the street. The boy fainted and was carried to a nearby hospital.

LIONS GIVE BIOGRAPHIES

Reports Presented Meeting on State Lions Convention Held in Asheville

Members of the Boone Lions Club were entertained Tuesday evening with biographies by Lions McKewen, Greene, Payne and Newton.

Lions Whitener, Huffman, Smith and Kelly gave reports on the state Lions convention recently held in Asheville. Lion Whitener was honored at the convention by being presented with a silver cup and a plaque for being the best zone chairman last year and deputy district governor the year before. Lion President Milt Greer was absent, being confined to the Davis Hospital, Statesville. Each member of the club wrote the president a card.

Guests for the evening were James G. Wilson, Coach Fred Dickerson of Lees-McRae College; Lion O. H. Hahn, Asheville; Roy Johnson of University of Illinois; and Lion F. L. Rickard of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., who is a summer guest of the club each year.

Rev. F. M. Speagle Assumes Pastorate Of Lutheran Parish

Rev. F. M. Speagle assumed his new duties as pastor of the Watauga Lutheran Parish, Sunday June 1. He and Mrs. Speagle plan to move to the parsonage sometime next week. He has served as pastor of a parish near Gastonia, N. C. for the past fifteen years.

Rev. A. Kenneth Hewitt, of Konnarock, Va. has been serving as supply pastor here since the resignation of Rev. Hoke Ritchie in July 1946.

Carl Hodges Dies Tuesday at Age 29

Carl Carter Hodges, 49 years old, died at Banner Elk Hospital Tuesday, where he had been a patient for two weeks.

Funeral services are to be conducted Thursday at 2 o'clock at the Oak Grove Baptist Church by Rev. Ed Hodges and Rev. Robert Shore, and interment will be in the Hine cemetery by Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home.

The widow, Mrs. Allie Colvard Hodges survives, together with five sons and daughters: Mrs. Charles Dotson, Boone; Richard, Loraine, Mary Doris Hodges, Shulls Mills; Mrs. Buford Roten, North Wilkesboro.

Tonsil Clinics To Be Arranged

The health department states that tonsil clinics are to be held in the future, in line with the need for these operations. Accordingly, all those desiring to enter one of these clinics are asked to register with the department, so that the necessary clinics may be provided on the basis of need.

NEW OIL SOURCE FOUND
New Albany, Ind.—Department of Interior officials disclosed that the second largest deposit of oil-bearing shale in this country has been discovered near here. The report indicates that the rock formation underlying central and southern Indiana is rich in oil and that its content runs more than 30 gallons to the ton.

BOTH PARTIES NAME TICKETS CITY ELECTION

Mayor Winkler Renominated; Watt Gragg Candidate of Republicans for Top Position in City Government; Saturday is Last Day to Register

Mayor Gordon H. Winkler, Democrat, will be opposed in the city election June 17 by Watt H. Gragg, it was learned Tuesday, following the Republican convention Monday evening, which nominated a full slate of candidates to run against those slated by the Democrats in their convention last Friday.

The Democrats unanimously chose Mayor Winkler as a candidate to succeed himself, while Council C. Cooke, Guy Hunt and D. Grady Moretz were named as candidates for the board of aldermen. The meeting, which was largely attended, and presided over by A. E. South, made all the nominations by acclamation. Mrs. W. G. Hartzog, E. Ford King, Raleigh Cottrell, Bob Agle and John Greer were named as an executive committee for the city. Mr. T. B. Moore, who has been chairman of the Democratic city organization for many years resigned, and was given a rising vote of thanks for his long and faithful service.

The Republicans met Monday evening, and named Mr. Gragg as a candidate for Mayor; C. C. Wilcox, Buck Maddux, and Alvin Cannon as candidates for the board of aldermen.

Considerable interest is developing in the municipal contest, and a heavy vote is in prospect when election day rolls around. It is pointed out that the registration books will be open next Saturday for registration of new voters, while the following Saturday will be observed as challenge day. Those wishing to vote on June 17, and who are otherwise qualified, will have to register Saturday at city hall to gain the privilege of the franchise.

CARNIVAL TO AID BUS FUND

Junior Order and Athletic Department Promote Carnival to Secure Needed Bus

Recently the Appalachian high school proposed plans for the purchase of a bus for the transportation of the school band, its athletic teams and various organizations that travel to a great extent.

Realizing the danger that the school was exposing itself to, in transporting its students by means of private cars, it was decided that the only safe solution to the problem was the purchase of a bus for this specific purpose.

The cost of a bus to fill this need will be in the neighborhood of \$5,000. Several of the local civic organizations have already made contributions to this cause.

The Junior Order United American Mechanics, being an organization whose chief aim is to support the public school system, has pledged its full support for this cause. In order that the goal may be reached in time, so that delivery of the bus will be made for use during the next school year, the Daniel Boone Council No. 129, J.R.O.U.A.M., in co-operation with the athletic department of the high school, are to sponsor a carnival.

The carnival will be held beginning June 9 and running through June 14th. Gate City Shows, who are bringing this carnival to Boone, promise a good clean show with plenty of rides for the young and old, a midway packed with entertainment and fun for everybody.

Winkler Named On Park, Forest Group

W. Ralph Winkler, local automobile dealer has been named a member of the North Carolina National Park, Parkway and Forest Development Commission, as authorized by an act of the recent State Assembly.

Mr. Winkler was appointed to the commission by Governor Gregg Cherry, for a term ending July 1, 1949.

WHISTLE ELSEWHERE, PLEASE
Wabash, Ind.—This is no whistling stop. An ordinance prohibiting railway trains from sounding off inside the city limits was passed by the city council. Residents complained of the "prolonged whistling."

Gen. Mark Clark returns, optimistic on U. S.-Soviet relations.