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CITY FATHERS TAKE OATHS OF OFFICE MONDAY

Council Cooke is City Clerk; Grady Moretz Mayor Protem; Program of Street Improvement, etc., to Be Pursued by New Administration

The newly-elected city officials took their oaths of office Monday evening, and discussed the affairs of the city, with a view to inaugurating a progressive program of civic improvement, street repairs, etc.

Mayor Gordon H. Winkler started on his third term, while the new board members, Guy Hunt, Council Cooke, and Grady Moretz were sworn in as aldermen for their first term. Neither of the retiring aldermen, Lee Stout, Dr. W. M. Matheson, nor Owen Wilson, were willing to accept renomination.

RIVER ROAD IS INSPECTED

Officials of Highway Department Make Trip Over "Watauga River Route"

Commissioner Raymond Smith, Z. V. Stewart, C. A. Hayworth and J. H. Council recently made an inspection trip of N.C. 60, the much-discussed "Watauga River Route," which branches off from 421 seven miles west of Boone, and follows the Watauga River to Elizabethton, Tenn., and the visit of the highway officials again started speculation as to what the fate of the important interstate thoroughfare will be.

Auction of Rams Slated for Boone

A sale of purebred Hampshire rams will be held at Boone July 26, starting at 10 a. m., it was announced by R. S. Curtis, marketing specialist with the State Department of Agriculture.

Curtis said 20 purebred rams will be sold at auction under auspices of the Watauga Purebred Hampshire Sheep Breeders Association. The auction will be conducted in a tobacco warehouse.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Alcoholics Anonymous is holding regular meetings at the city hall each Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, it is explained. The organization, which is designed to aid those who cannot control their appetites for whiskey, has done a lot of good. Those who would like to become identified with the group are assured that all matters are held in strict confidence.

Little Heroine



Four-year-old Linda Prager, who picked up a hotel phone in Pittsburgh and told the desk clerk: "My mummy's awful sick," saved her despondent mother's life. Police rushed her mother, Mrs. Jean Prager, 22, to a local hospital, where poison was pumped from her stomach after a suicide attempt.

DOUGHTON IS FOR TAX CUT

Veteran Solon Thinks Time is Ripe for Tax Relief; Makes Speech on Floor

Washington, July 9.—When the house Tuesday passed the new income tax reduction bill, effective next January 1, eight North Carolinians voted for it, but only after a motion to send the measure back to committee had failed.

Representative Doughton, the top-ranking Democrat on the tax-writing ways and means committee, said in a house speech before the vote:

"I believe the time has arrived when we can safely give the federal taxpayers of the country some relief from the heavy tax load made necessary by World War II, provided that January 1, 1948, is made the effective date of the law."

He recalled that when he was the ways and means chairman, congress passed the first postwar tax relief bill in late 1945, where by corporate taxes were slashed \$3,140,000,000; individual income taxes were cut \$2,645,000,000; and excise taxes were reduced by \$140,000,000.

"But," he added, "I am happy to say that our fiscal prospects seem to be much brighter now. The net receipts under existing law are estimated by the staff of the joint committee on internal revenue taxation for the fiscal year 1948 at approximately \$41½ billion. Even after enactment of the pending bill, the 1948 receipts are estimated at nearly \$40 billion, which will provide a surplus of \$5 billion for debt retirement, if the President's budget is reduced by only \$2 billion. Even if the budget is not cut at all, there will be an estimated surplus of nearly \$2½ billion for debt reduction."

"I have stated that I would not support another general tax revision bill which did not do something to correct the discrimination against married persons residing in non-community property states. However, because of difficulties, time did not permit such a provision to be inserted in this bill. I have, therefore, received the unanimous assurance of the committee on ways and means that an equitable solution of the community property problem will be reached in the general tax revision bill to be introduced early in the next session of congress."

CAUSE FOR COMPLAINT
Missoula, Mont.—A motorist returned to the filling station, which he had shortly before left, and complained about the gasoline sold him. The attendant, who investigated, found that hoses had been switched and a 400-gallon underground gasoline storage tank had been filled with water.

CONE ESTATE IS OFFERED TO PARK SERVICE

Moses H. Cone Estate at Blowing Rock is Offered to Federal Government for Use as National Park; Government Man to Look at Property

The 3,500-acre Moses H. Cone estate at Blowing Rock was offered to the government Monday as a national park, says a Washington dispatch to the Charlotte Observer.

Benjamin Cone of Greensboro, representing the board of trustees of the Cone Memorial foundation, conferred with Senators Hoey and Umstead and Representatives Doughton and Dufham and later talked with A. E. Dameron, director of the National Park Service.

The Park Service showed great interest in the proposal and will send a representative to Blowing Rock next week to look over the property, the congressmen said.

Senator Hoey said the estate is one of the most beautiful in North Carolina. Known as Flat Top Manor, it is almost within the city limits of Blowing Rock and on the main highway leading into the National Park section.

Several details will have to be worked out to comply with the will of the late Moses H. Cone and also of his widow, Senator Hoey said.

Senator Hoey said the trustees of the foundation are willing to transfer the property to the government if the provisions of the will can be maintained. One provision is that the estate must be known as the Moses H. Cone Memorial Park. The will provided a trust fund of \$10,000 annually for upkeep of the estate and also that it must be kept open for the public to enjoy.

Senator Hoey said the executors of the estate felt that the property would be of more service to the people generally if administered by the National Park Service.

BRIEF NEWS

Shawcross believes the Russians will back European aid plan.

German Socialist urges Anglo-U. S. aid to block communism.

Truman declares the turning point is here in equality fight.

Greatest flood in 103 years pounding levees in St. Louis area.

PCA advocates public ownership to mines, railroads, utilities.

Industrial survey predicts up-trend for the second half of 1947.

Individual employee's output has generally improved over 1946.

Country's first billion-bushel winter wheat crop is being cut.

Arabs bar United States press from U. S. school in Palestine.

Philippines shows revenue gains; ask to cancel part of loan.

Buying U. S. goods raises Canadian fears of "going broke."

Australians at Geneva to seek cut in United States wool duty.

Eisenhower says U. S. Army is "poor second" to Russia's.

Record income tax rebates go to 30,000,000 payers.

Quakers ask a more "conciliatory attitude" toward Russians.

Sharp decline in liquor usage reported in United States.

OLD MAN RIVER WON



Despite the grueling five-day fight put up by volunteers like these, the cresting Mississippi River (right) swept through the Chouteau Island, Illinois, levee, burying thousands of acres of corn and wheat under water. It was the worst flood since 1834.

WINEBARGER IS REELECTED

Boone Man Again Secretary of North Carolina Rural Carriers' Association

R. Clyde Winebarger of Boone was again named secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Rural Letter Carriers' Association last Saturday at the close of the 44th convention of the organization in Wilson.

Henry A. Capps of Rocky Mount was elected president of the Association, J. Yates Yoder of Hickory, vice-president, and Clifton Knowles of Wallace, Chaplain.

Mr. Winebarger is being commended from over the state and nation because of the record achievement in membership for the year beginning July 1st. The state was 100% plus in membership two weeks earlier than ever before, based on the 922 rural routes, and now has a 122% membership including retired, temporary, and substitute rural carriers, with enrollment of 1110.

He goes to Tampa, Fla., next month as one of the twelve delegates from North Carolina and one of the two National paid delegates.

Director of T.V.A. Will Speak in City

The assembly period has scheduled for Thursday, Senator James P. Pope, Director of Tennessee Valley Authority, who will speak to the students and interested friends of Appalachian in the college auditorium at 9:50 a. m. Mr. Pope is one of the speakers on the resource use education course being offered here the next two weeks of this term. The community is cordially invited to hear him.

HILL MOVING HOUSE

Rapid City, S. D.—When John Fitchell bought his house and lot, he had a 30-foot backyard. The hill behind them gradually moved in, pushing in a five-foot-deep pile of dirt that covers half of the kitchen windows. Fitchell and his family decided to move their two-story house before the hill moved it for them.

Veteran Farm Trainees Using Most Modern Farming Practices

Buster G. Eggers of the Bambo community enrolled in the Veteran Farmer Training class at the Appalachian high school February 7. Buster as well as many of the other 54 class members is doing a fine job in his training on his 27 acre farm which he bought on a credit plan and is making a payment each month on the farm. His present training program consists of 2 acres corn for grain, 1 acre corn for silage, 1 acre potatoes, 1 acre soybeans for silage, 1 acre soybeans in his potatoes for silage, 6 acres meadow, 12 acres pasture and 5 young jersey cows which he bought for less than \$440.00 during the past two years. Buster sold \$65.96 of milk in June from two cows milking 30 days and one cow milking only 9 days. This did not include 25 gallons used at home. Buster states that his cows paid well last winter. His February check was \$80.87. He now is selling 20 gallons per day from all five of the cows. This year Eggers plans to fill a temporary silo with corn and soybeans so that he can do an even better job of winter feeding. He is also sowing 3 acres of alfalfa in his corn this fall so he

Eggers to Preside At Meeting of Farm Loan Group in Wilkes

S. C. Eggers, president, will be the presiding officer at the annual stockholders' meeting of the National Farm Loan Association in North Wilkesboro Friday, July 18, at which time a report of the operation of the organization for the past year will be heard and a new board of directors elected.

J. B. Williams, president of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, will deliver the address of welcome, with the response being by Mr. Eggers, president of the Association.

Among other features of the program will be an address by S. C. Lattimore, vice-president of the Federal Land Bank and of the Production Credit Corporation. T. E. Haigler, associate regional manager of the Federal Land Bank will conduct a quiz period near the close of the program.

College Band Will Appear in Concert

The Appalachian Summer School Band will present a concert in the college auditorium Friday evening, July 11, at 8 o'clock. Midway in the concert, Miss Virginia Wary will lead a community sing with the summer school band accompanying.

The band will feature several popular numbers in addition to numbers by Beethoven, Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninoff. The band will be conducted by Gordon A. Nash, its organizer and leader.

SIGN "NO-SHAVE" PLEDGE

Vicksburg, Mich.—More than 100 local men have signed a "no-shaving" pledge—and they will have to go to "court" if they break it before July 26. The whiskers are being grown for a "Gay Nineties" parade at the Community's Hospital Guild late this month. A kangaroo court has been set up by the Vicksburg Chamber of Commerce to make sure the pledges live up to their bargains.

Only a small part of the total energy going into an electric lamp is transformed into visible light. Most of the energy is converted into heat.

TEACHERS OF ENGLISH MEET

English Teachers to Hold Three-Day Institute on Appalachian Campus

English teachers of this section of North Carolina will attend a three-day institute on the campus of Appalachian State Teachers College Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. Meetings will be held from 3:15 to 4:30 p. m. each day.

The institute, a division of the North Carolina Teachers of English Institute, will be devoted to the discussion of means of improving vocabulary growth, spelling and speech habits of children enrolled in the grade and high schools.

Dr. G. P. Eggers and Dr. Wilda Montgomery, of A.S.T.C. regular faculty, will conduct discussions of problems involved in the teaching of vocabulary and spelling. Mr. Cratis D. Williams, director of the institute, will discuss methods of improving speech habits of school children.

Schedule is Given For Sheep Dipping

The portable sheep dipping vat operated by the agriculture department of the Cove Creek High School will begin operation Monday, July 14, on the following schedule:

Monday July 14—Shipley farm 8:30 to 10; Jack Mast 11 to 1:30; W. H. Mast 1:20 to 4:30. No dipping Tuesday, 3:30-4:30. Wednesday 16—Lee Carender's place 9-11; Ed Yates 12:30 to 1:30; Howard Cornell's 3:30-4:30. Thursday July 17—James B. Mast 8:30-9; W. M. Thomas 10:00-11; R. A. Thomas 11-11:30; A. N. Thomas 1-2:30.

The schedule for the remainder of the county will be published next week. Any farmer or group of farmers with 50 or more sheep may get them dipped by contacting the county agent or R. G. Shipley.

Slides of Art Work To Be Exhibited

By special request, Dr. Fritz of Brooklyn, N. Y. and Miami, Fla. will show slides of his original water color and oil paintings in the college auditorium on the evening of Wednesday, July 15 at 7 o'clock. Dr. Fritz is a distinguished teacher of art, supervisor of this department in the city schools of Brooklyn for a number of years. He is a former resident of Boone over a period of years.

PARTIAL COMPENSATION

Springfield, Ill.—Joe Majczek, of Chicago, who served thirteen years in prison for a murder he did not commit, has been awarded \$24,000 by the State of Illinois in what the legislature termed "partial compensation."

Majczek's aged mother scrubbed floors in Chicago office building to accumulate \$5,000 to finance his fight for freedom, while investigations by the Chicago Times led to his pardon by Governor Dwight Green.

LOCK DELAYS JUSTICE

Couder D'Alene, Idaho—Sent for to be taken to court, Leroy Gardner's date with the judge had to be postponed when the jailer couldn't get his cell lock to work. After several hours a locksmith succeeded in opening the cell-door and Gardner was taken into court to receive a three-year prison sentence for stealing an automobile.

TEACHERS ARE NEEDED FOR CO. SCHOOLS

Fifteen Vacancies Exist as Plans Are Made for Opening of Fall Term of Schools in County; Schools to Open September 1

There are fifteen teacher vacancies in the schools of Watauga county, it is reported by Superintendent W. H. Walker, who states that while increased pay by the State has induced a number of teachers to re-enter the profession, others have retired for various reasons, leaving the situation practically unchanged from last year.

There are again prospects, he says, that teachers with inadequate certificates will be called upon to aid in the emergency.

There will be nine less teachers in the system this year than last, due to low attendance, the superintendent says. Teachers have been lost to the following schools: Howard's Creek, Riverview, Deep Gap, Penley, Cook, Cove Creek high school, Rominger, Keller-ville and Bethel elementary.

Teacher vacancies exist in the following schools: Appalachian high, five; Boone demonstration, two; Winebarger, one; Deep Gap, one; Blowing Rock, three, including the principal; Bethel, two high school and one in the elementary school.

The date for the opening of the county schools has been set for September 2.

The teachers and principals now employed are as follows:

District 1
Appalachian High: Herbert W. Wray, principal; Mrs. Margaret Gagg, Ben Simpson, Martha Grey, Hillard Tripp, Eloise Stogner, Harold C. Quincy, R. L. T. Flora Alexander, Winona Williams, Gordon Nash, Frances Teams, Margaret McIntyre, Miss Sparks, and Madge Maxwell.
Boone Elementary: John T. Howell, principal; Donald C. Thompson, Wilda Lea Montgomery, Mary Walker, Melvin Lashure, Christine H. Innings, Mary K. Coble, Clyde Mae Goodman, Mary Ellen Gibbs, Mrs. Bessie S. Crawford, Ennis R. Davis, Mrs. Grace Council, Betty Ruth Jennings, Louise Moore, Mrs. Hugh L. Reavis, O. M. Hartsell, Mary Ellen Snow, Kathleen Berry.
Rutherford: Mrs. China R. Lavender, Mrs. Chloe T. Greer.
Rich Mountain: Nellie M. Lewis.

Bamboo: Pearl J. Cowles, Mrs. Helen E. Trexler, Mrs. Lucy H. Storie.

District 2
Green Valley: Arlie E. Moretz, principal; Mrs. Imogene B. Barden, Mrs. Velma M. Cottrell, Maggie E. Moretz.
Winebarger: Mrs. Louisa L. Miller.

District 3
Deep Gap: Mrs. Edith E. Estes, principal; Walter Joyce, Mrs. Pauline W. Shoemaker, Mrs. Reka W. Shoemaker.
Stony Fork: Mrs. Grace E. Greene, Leona L. Moretz.
Mt. Paron: Mrs. E. H. Greene, Elva W. L. Trivette, Mrs. Ruby T. Sherrill, J. W. Norris.
Lower Elk: Cordie Triplett.

District 4
Blowing Rock High: Mrs. Frank P. Newton.
Blowing Rock Elementary: Mrs. Belle G. Greene, I. S. Miller, Mrs. Clara S. Brown, Mrs. Mabel H. Hollar, Mrs. D. J. Whitener, Mrs. Grace S. Beach, Mrs. Billie G. Cooke.

District 5
Valle Crucis: Mrs. Dessa T. Edmisten, principal; Ernie C. Triplett, Mrs. Mary B. Glenn, Mrs. Ola T. Thompson, Mrs. Grace B. Campbell, Mrs. Lucille M. Wallace, Mrs. Pansy K. Taylor, Mrs. Sarah B. Horton, Mrs. Maxie G. Edmisten.
Grandfather: Floy Cannon, Mrs. Ruby C. Cox.
Cool Springs: Ruby S. Michael.

District 6
S. F. Horton, principal; Phoebe E. Wakefield, Cynthia Stiles, Jennie Love, Mrs. Virginia P. Strother, Mrs. Winnie T. Stokes, Mrs. Grace B. Mast, Sam W. Osborne, Robert G. Shipley, Mrs. Marion H. Osborne, Mary E. Greer, Mrs. Mattie H. Wilson, Mrs. Maude Spainhocr, Anna Belle Bingham.
Cove Creek Elementary: Tom J. Moody, principal; Blanche Stokes, Mrs. Gladys M. Bingham, Sarah Wilma Harmon, Anna Mae Sherwood, Mrs. Dora S. Mast, Mrs. Susie E. Henson, Mrs. Mattie (Continued on page eight)

GO FISHING IN GUTTERS
Kansas City, Kan.—Grocer Harold Claybrooks recently pulled in two catfish and four perch from the gutters. They are believed to have come from water-clogged sewers which backed up during a heavy rain.

WATER-SPROUTING STOVES
Derby, Conn.—Several local housewives were recently startled when their gas stoves suddenly became water fountains. Investigation disclosed that heavy road building machinery had cracked water and gas mains.