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## WINKLER AIDS INFORMATION OF PARK PLAN

Boone Man Member of National Park Commission, Designed to Make Smoky Mountain Park "a Park in Fact"; Obligated Also to Parkway

W. Ralph Winkler, Boone business man, serving under gubernatorial appointment as a member of the North Carolina national park, parkway, and forest development commission, attended the inaugural meeting of the organization in Waynesville, which whipped through formalities and plunged wholeheartedly into the job of making the Great Smoky Mountains National Park a "park in fact."

In a luncheon and afternoon session with Tennessee proponents of the park, the commission laid the groundwork for a cooperative effort between the two states to develop the park to the fullest extent.

Earlier in the day the seven-man commission elected Charles E. Ray, Jr., of Waynesville chairman. Kelly Bennett of Bryson City, was named vice-chairman and Charles M. Douglas of Brevard was chosen secretary.

Cooperation in support of a definite and active park development program was the keynote of the joint meet with a six-man Tennessee delegation headed by Paul Mathes of Chattanooga, personal representative of Gov. Jim McCord, member of the Tennessee conservation commission and former state commissioner of conservation.

In this first joint meeting men from both sides of the park agreed that the states must consolidate their aims and evolve a positive program of development before formally asking the National Park service and congress for funds to carry out the plans.

Francis J. Heazel of Asheville, a member of the North Carolina commission, reviewed the history of the park, cited the lethargy of proponents over the years and called for team-work for fullest utilization of the area.

"Our first step," he said, "is to convince the National Park service of the need of an immediate attack on the problem of development."

Mathes endorsed Heazel's call to "buckle down and work to make the park in fact, not in name," and said that "Tennessee will support you in any endeavor... any development will be of mutual benefit to us."

He asked for periodic meetings between Tennessee and North Carolina groups to "swap ideas" and "plan a coordinated program of park development."

As a means of developing the program—which calls for a long-term view with an immediate start—the groups voted to meet at Gatlinburg on Tuesday, Aug. 12, one day after the North Carolina commission's August meeting.

The North Carolina commission in its organization meeting selected Waynesville as its headquarters, designated the First National Bank of Waynesville as official depository for commission funds and adopted a resolution of appreciation for the work of the former North Carolina park commission.

Sen. Medford pointed out at the luncheon that although the commission is emphasizing the development of the Smokies at present it will not forget its obligations to Pisgah and Nantahala National forests or the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Other members of the commission included Percy Ferebee of Andrews, Raymond U. Sutton of Sylva, Ralph Winkler of Boone and E. C. Guy of Newland.

Accompanying Mathes as the official Tennessee delegation were John R. Anderson of Knoxville, Maloney, L. R. Taylor of Johnson City, Herbert F. Holt, city manager of Gatlinburg, and H. G. Bonner of Knoxville.

Others who took an active part in the afternoon's discussion included W. P. Duncan, assistant supervisor of Pisgah National forest; W. L. Nothstein, forester of Nantahala National forest, and State Sen. Wade Brown of Boone.

Berryman Heads Trade Body at Blowing Rock  
Clarence Berryman, Blowing Rock druggist, was elected president of the Blowing Rock chamber of commerce at a business meeting last Thursday.

H. F. Custer was named vice-president and Ellen Coffey, secretary-treasurer. These officers along with G. C. Robbins, retiring president, Robert Hardin, H. P. Holshouser and W. B. Castle make up the board of directors to serve for this year.

## Guest Speaker



## LAYMEN WILL HEAR GREER

Baptist Leader Will Address Group at Baptist Club Dinner Thursday Evening

Dr. I. G. Greer, of Thomasville, will be the guest speaker at the dinner meeting of the Baptist Brotherhood, Laymen's Club, to be held at the Baptist Church Thursday evening at 7:30, it is learned.

Dr. Greer, who is superintendent of Mills Home, Baptist church orphanage, is a speaker of unusual ability and charm, and is the president of the North Carolina Good Health Association. A native of Watauga county, Dr. Greer was professor of history at Appalachian State Teachers College, before assuming his duties with the orphanage.

Dr. and Mrs. Greer will also render a short program of folk music and ballads.

The occasion will be informal, and will be a ladies' night event, and all are requested to attend. The banquet tickets will be one dollar and reservations may be made with Wade E. Brown, attendance chairman. Those who can't attend the dinner may attend the program which is to start at 8:15.

Dr. Redwine of Mount Airy will be present.

Thursday being the birthday of the Baptist World Alliance, something of this work will be revealed during the course of the evening.

Dr. Greer, while here, is expected to confer with other groups in his capacity as chairman of the Good Health Association, looking to expanded hospital facilities for the community, through the use of funds made available by the State and Federal governments.

Gordon Taylor, for many years Watauga county auditor, has been named to the position of city bookkeeper and tax collector by the recently-elected city council and assumed the duties of the new office last Thursday.

Mr. Taylor following his long term as county accountant, had been connected with the local PFA office, until curtailment of funds by the present congress halted the activities of the agency in this county.

New Data Links Polio To Filth Fly As Carrier  
New York—New evidence pointing a finger at the filth fly as a carrier of infantile paralysis was presented Monday at the opening of the fifth international congress of pediatrics.

Dr. Robert Ward, expert in pediatrics research at New York university disclosed that incriminating evidence against the fly had come from at least nine communities in the United States linking it with polio.

The communities were: Cleveland, O., Norwich, Conn., Madison, Conn., Atlanta, Ga., Cordova, Ala., San Antonio, Tex., Catawba county, N. C., and Rockford, Ill.

Identity of the agent or means by which infantile paralysis spreads into epidemic form has long baffled scientists and solution of this mystery would go far in controlling the disease.

Flies for some time have been high on the suspect list, but the evidence has been somewhat thin. The new reports, however, indicate that the filth fly—the large sized variety found around piles of filth or near stables—carry the poliomyelitis virus.

## TESTER IS KEY MAN IN STATE SAFETY DRIVE

Former Watauga School Principal to Be Director Driver Training in New Highway Safety Program, Set Up in North Carolina

G. E. Tester of Lenoir, former Watauga, will be director of driver training in the highway safety program set up in North Carolina under the supervision of the State Committee for Traffic Safety, Inc. according to an announcement from Coleman W. Roberts, committee chairman. Mr. Tester, who recently returned from Cleveland, Ohio, where he studied methods of driver instruction there, will use a dual control car consisting of a basic double clutch and double brake in the proposed training courses. This car was procured for the state committee for traffic safety through the Carolina Motor Club and has been inspected and approved for use by Governor R. Gregg Cherry, ex-officio chairman of the state committee for traffic safety, highway officials and directors of the five year traffic safety crusade in North Carolina.

According to Mr. Roberts, the new supervisor of driver training contacted leaders in the driver training program in Cleveland and worked closely with them, studying and analyzing various methods of driver instruction. Mr. Tester observed the actual teaching process in the adult driver training program and interviewed some of the driving instructors in the Cleveland public schools.

The Cleveland Automobile Club sponsors the adult driver training program there while the schools have courses for student driving instruction. A similar set-up is proposed in North Carolina for students and it is hoped that the adult driver courses will be self-sustaining under the supervision of the State Committee for Traffic Safety, Inc. Planning for the installation of these courses in North Carolina is now underway and it is hoped that driver training courses will soon be available for adults and students. Mr. Tester carried literature to Cleveland which explained the five year traffic safety crusade in North Carolina and brought back copies of driving forms now being used in the schools there.

In May Mr. Tester attended the driver training seminar at George Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn. and feels that the course there was very beneficial. The program was conducted by Key and Carlton, educational consultants with the American Automobile Association. The course included use of a dual control car and road tests. A complete demonstration of how to teach with a dual control car and 30 hours of actual road instruction was also a part of the course. Each participant was required to present a unit of instruction to demonstrate ability to teach. Mr. Tester spoke on "The Automobile and Related Parts." He explained the working parts of a car in his lecture and used films as a demonstrative aid.

For the past 10 months, Mr. Tester has served as supervisor of school bus transportation in Caldwell county schools and prior to that he was a high school principal in Watauga for a number of years. He has obtained a leave of absence to assist the state committee for Traffic Safety, Inc. launch a program of driver training in North Carolina.

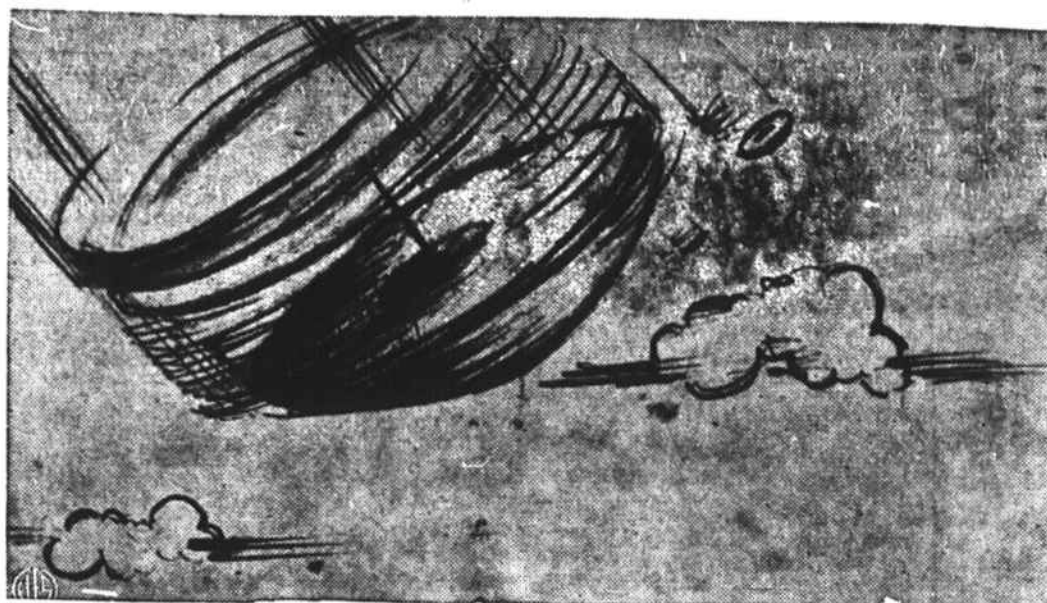
## Community Cannery To Open Next Friday

The Cove Creek community cannery will be open at 8 o'clock Friday July 18, it is announced by Robert Shipley of Cove Creek school. Mr. Shipley states that the cannery will also be open on July 25 and 29, and each Tuesday and Friday during August. Patrons are asked to do their work at the cannery during the morning hours if possible.

NEWS BOUNCES QUICKLY  
Vallejo, Calif.—Under a cooperative warning system of the local Credit Cranters Club, the bounce of a bad check is heard quickly by 52 local merchants. Police headquarters rushes the first tip—and check passer's description—to the club. The club calls four local stores, each of which calls three others, each of which calls three others.

TRAVELING KITTEN  
Peoria, Ill.—A kitten, apparently wanting to go places, sneaked on a bus at Pekin, but was put off at Creve Coeur. Disappointed but undismayed, it bounded aboard the next bus, curled up cozily under a seat, and continued the trip to Peoria.

## ARTIST SEES "SAUCER"



Artist Jack LaBous, while riding in a Washington, D. C. bus, spotted a "saucer" spinning through the skies and sketched the apparition (above) for the Washington Daily News. Reports from other sections of the country vary in the description of the disks.

## AID TO BLIND IS REVIEWED

Lions Club Given Some Facts About Work They Are Doing for the Sightless

At the regular meeting last night, members of the Boone Lions Club were given some facts about blindness and the work being done for the sightless by Dr. Robert King, chairman of the committee for sight conservation.

Dr. King presented a drawing of the eye and gave a brief explanation of its anatomy as an aid in acquainting the Lions with the work they are sponsoring.

Aid to the blind from the Lions Club was begun 12 years ago by the clubs in the 31st Carolina district. Aid is now given by the state commission for the blind to any person with 20-70 vision or worse, especially if condition is progressive. In the district which includes Watauga county there are 185 blind cases which are receiving aid. In the state there are 7,400 blind, of whom 1,000 have received aid in rehabilitation and training for occupations, and 1,500 who are at present receiving such aid. This aid is given by local clinics, the State School for the Blind, and the State pre-conditioning center. At present there are 19 cases in this county receiving such aid.

In explaining the causes of blindness or impaired vision, Dr. King stated that 25 per cent are from accidents, 25 per cent from conditions arising within the eye, 40 per cent from systemic disease, and 10 per cent hereditary or congenital.

## BRIEF NEWS

Japan adopts a price rise policy to combat inflation.  
Indians are critical toward provisions of independence bill.  
A world-wide chain of "repositories" libraries aim of the U. N.

Treasury to study tax loopholes for \$5,000,000,000 income.  
Record spending on buildings in 1947, but housing lags.  
Army task force testing weapons in the dust of torrid desert.

Increase of 16 to 20 per cent in cotton plantings is forecast for year.  
Anderson expects German farmers to increase output of food.  
Scandinavian countries to get \$40,000,000 for shipping losses.

Health Service finds vast lag in sanitary water systems.  
Chicago University survey finds few contended school systems.  
Soviet offers to sell American-owned trade-marks to high bidder.

Railroads foresee need to ask later for additional freight rises.  
Retail circles see leveling off of trade for second half of '47.  
Japan announces standard wage schedule for industry.

Romulo sees Philippine duty to aid oppressed nations in Asia.  
Record total of 59,300,000 employed expected in the fall.  
Livestock prices rose 50 per cent in 1947 over 1946 period.

Justice Jackson calls forecasts of war "vicious, regrettable."  
P. S. moving to accelerate German trade rise, economic unity.  
"Frustrated" women as teachers declared a peril to children.

Nation's 699 railroads ask ICC for rate raises averaging 16 per cent.  
Britain expects new 20 per cent cut in newsprint to conserve dollars.  
Hoover criticizes the handling of sex crimes in many areas.

Budget surplus of \$753,787,660 for 1947 is reported by Snyder.  
Allies will oversee all trade agreements with the Japanese.  
Federal Reserve to end fixed interest rate on Treasury bills.

## Music Boss



Testifying before the house labor sub-committee, James C. Pertillo (above), head of the American Federation of Musicians, serves notice that he plans to ban radio and juke box recordings and all coast-to-coast radio musical broadcasts when current contracts expire.

## FOOD SOUGHT FOR ORPHANS

Orphanage Director of Three Forks Association Makes Annual Plea for Orphans

Russell D. Hodges, orphanage director for the Three Forks Baptist Association is making his annual appeal to the people of this section for produce and canned foods for the children at the Baptist Orphanage. As in former years, fruit jars are being supplied for the purpose and it is hoped that the response of the people this year will be even better than the fine records of former years. In making his appeal for the worthy cause, Mr. Hodges says:

"This is the year for each Baptist Church to do all they can for our orphanage by putting up canned goods, and sending produce. You can get plenty of jars at Farmers Hardware. Don't delay, the orphanage will more than appreciate all your efforts and with the high cost of living they will really be needing your cooperation."

## Valle Crucis Church Contributes Clothing

Exactly 116½ pounds of relief clothing, shoes and bedding, collected in Valle Crucis for the relief of suffering war stricken lands overseas were received recently at the Church World Service Center, New Windsor, Maryland. Collected at the Holy Cross Church, the goods are now in the workrooms of the center and within a few weeks will be overseas ready for distribution. The contribution from Valle Crucis, like all Church World Service supplies will be given out to the neediest without charge.

North Carolina now leads all the states in the nation in the amount of relief supplies given in 1937 and in the per capita giving of her citizens. To July 5, exactly 514,122 pounds of materials had been contributed by North Carolina people through Church World Service, inter-denominational relief agency of the Protestant Churches.

## Crippled Children May See Dr. Gaul

Dr. John S. Gaul of Charlotte will be at the offices of the Health Department in West Jefferson Friday July 18, for the purpose of seeing the crippled children of the district, who need further attention.

## FARM BUREAU TO HOLD THIRD ANNUAL MEET

Election of Officers to Be Principal Business of Farm Organization; George Farthing to Outline Program for Coming Year

The third annual meeting of the Watauga County Farm Bureau will be held at the courthouse in Boone, Friday evening, July 25, 1947, and Clyde R. Greene, president, is insisting that all members attend and bring other farmers with them.

The principal business of the meeting will be the election of officers for the coming year. A nominating committee has been appointed, which consists of Don Shull, G. D. Barnett and H. E. Greene. It is asked that those having suggestions to make as to a new slate of officers, contact members of this committee.

Mr. George Farthing, formerly of Watauga county, who is now employed by the N. C. Farm Bureau Federation, will be present for this meeting, and will outline his program for the balance of the year for the western section of the State. Mr. Farthing will also arrange for some music for the occasion.

Mr. Flake Shaw, executive vice-president of the State Bureau, is being invited to attend.

## FORMER LOCAL OFFICIAL DIES

John Ward, Former County Treasurer Succumbs at Sugar Grove Home

John Ward, 83 years old, former treasurer of Watauga county, and for years postmaster at Watauga Falls, died at his home at Sugar Grove, Monday, following a long illness.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Antioch Baptist Church, with Rev. Mr. Cook officiating and burial was in the family cemetery.

Surviving are two sons, Luther W. Ward of Sugar Grove, and Donald O. Ward, of Knoxville, Tenn.; three daughters, Mrs. M. L. Shepherd and the Misses Emma and Yvonne Ward of Sugar Grove. There are five brothers, one sister, six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

## Farm Loan Program To Be Broadcast From N. Wilkesboro

The North Wilkesboro National Farm Loan Association program of the annual stockholders meeting and the celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of the Association to be held in the town hall, North Wilkesboro, on Friday, July 18th, beginning at 10:30 a. m., will be on the air over station WKBC, 810 on your dial, so if impossible to attend the meeting in person, tune in and hear the address of Mr. S. C. Lattimore, vice-president of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, and listen to your friends and neighbors as they answer questions on our quiz program.

All members of the association and their families, progressive farmers and members of the 4-H Clubs are cordially invited to be with us on this occasion.

## 583 Lambs Sold In Second Pool

Lambs were weighed at North Wilkesboro on Monday for the second 1947 lamb pool. Sixty-seven farmers brought a total of 583 lambs to the scales, and sold them for a total of \$11,895.47. This is an average of \$20.40 per head for all lambs sold.  
Choice lambs brought \$26.00, good \$22.50, medium \$17.00, with bucks discounted \$1.00. Choice ewes brought \$6.50.

## COMIC BOOKS CAUSE DIVORCE

Des Moines, Ia.—After testifying of her husband's passion for comic books and his eternal "tinkering with his old car," Mrs. Phyllis Peason, 19-year-old English born bride, was granted a divorce.

COSTLY EXTERMINATION  
Cleveland, O.—Deciding to do something drastic to get rid of insects which were bothering him, Andrew Mumma got a gasoline blowtorch and started blazing away under his bed. The mattress caught fire and flames spread through two bedrooms. Total cost of getting rid of the insects amounted to about \$900 damage to house and furniture.

Marshall program likened to "shot in the arm."

## BITES ARE HELD FOR D. S. SHORE

Aged Resident of Middle Fork Section, Succumbs at Home Last Saturday

David Sanders Shore, 86 years old, pioneer resident of the Middle Fork section, near Boone, died at the home last Saturday, after a long period of impaired health.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday from the Middle Fork Baptist Church by Rev. W. D. Ashley, with Rev. W. C. Payne assisting, and interment was in the church cemetery by Reins-Sturdivant.

The survivors include the widow, seven sons and two daughters: Rev. Robert H. Shore, E. F. Shore, Blowing Rock; W. W. Shore, Mountain City, Tenn.; Dave H. Shore, Lenoir; C. M. Shore, R. M. Shore, Shulls Mills; T. M. Shore, Boone; Mrs. Mattie Brown, Lenoir, and Mrs. Edna Ashley, Boone. One brother and two sisters survive: Clifton Shore, Bluff City, Tenn.; Mrs. Alice Younce, Hickory, and Mrs. Ella Woodring, who lives in the state of Washington.

Mr. Shore was born in Yadkin county, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Christian Shore, and had lived in Watauga county throughout his adult life. He engaged in lumbering activities until ill health forced his retirement.

## Local Educator At NEA Convention

Dr. John G. Barden, of the faculty of Appalachian State College, has returned to his duties after attending the National Conference for the Improvement of Teaching held at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, and the National Delegate Convention of the National Education Association held at Cincinnati, Ohio.

The National Conference for the Improvement of Teachers was sponsored by the National Commission on Teacher Education and Professional Standards of the N.E.A. There were in attendance 339 educators and representatives of key organizations selected from the 48 states, Alaska and Hawaii. Dr. Barden was one of five representing North Carolina.

The conference was in session July 3, 4 and 5. Those present were divided into twenty groups which seriously considered questions which are important in the field of education and made recommendations for improving teaching in all branches of our educational system.

The National Delegate Convention of the NEA was held in Cincinnati, July 7 through 11. There were 2,156 delegates from the 48 states, Alaska and Hawaii. Forty-four delegates represented North Carolina. A number of weighty problems including federal aid for education and teachers salaries were discussed and plans for action formulated. Other matters of business affecting the teaching profession in the United States were dealt with.

## BABY FALLS 45 FEET UNHURT

New York—Marie Lucas, 2, toppled thirty feet from an attic window to a porch roof, then rolled off and dropped another fifteen feet into shrubbery around her home and suffered only a few bruises.

## GET NEW ROOF FREE

Spokane, Wash.—Sent to roof a house, a roofing crew found the right house number but were on the wrong street. They were one-fourth through their job when their mistake was discovered. They finished the \$200 job free.