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LOCKER PLANT MAY BE OPEN IN OCTOBER

Governor Broughton and Jas. E. Coad Speak at Mass Meeting at Court House; Details of Freezer Locker System Are Explained

Boone's newest, and one of its most important enterprises, the new frozen food locker plant, owned by Mr. W. H. Dameron, is expected to be ready for use around the middle of October it was learned Monday evening when former Governor J. M. Broughton, and James E. Coad, officials of the Southern Frozen Food Lockers, Inc., spoke of the new industry before a mass meeting of citizens at the court house. Governor Broughton had spoken earlier in the evening before a banquet of the Chamber of Commerce.

The former chief executive spoke of the tremendous strides of the region once known as the "Lost Provinces", cited the Appalachian College as an example of foresight and faith in the area by the Dougherty Brothers, and reminded his hearers that when he believe in our own section and work toward its development, others will come to share in this belief, with continued development of the region.

Governor Broughton spoke of the owner of Boone's new freezer plant, Mr. W. H. Dameron, who had selected Boone for his home, and recounted many of the advantages to accrue from the operation of this new industry.

Mr. Broughton spoke of a recent visit to the State of California, where every conceivable type of food is grown, and pointed out that only that state and Texas produce food crops to a greater cash value than North Carolina. However, he stated, that the Tar Heel state has lagged in the preservation and processing of her farm products, and pointed out that until freezer plants were established Eastern Carolina farmers had been regularly losing about one-third of their pork, through unexpected weather changes. Now, he explained, where quick freezing of meat can be accomplished, farmers slaughter their meat, summer or winter, at the most convenient time, and keep it in perfect condition indefinitely. Vegetables, fruits and the like are also preserved in all their mid-summer goodness, resulting in better health for the people of the State.

Mr. James E. Coad gave details of the construction of the food preservation plants, explained their uses, and freely answered questions. He pointed out that actual figures have indicated that the use of food lockers saves an average of \$100 per family, and pointed out that no more than five plants in the state of North Carolina are as good as the one being built in Boone. The price of the lockers is quoted at from \$14 to \$18 per year, depending upon their location, and it was stated that they will each hold about 300 pounds of meat or 250 pounds of miscellaneous food. Processing, aging and curing services will be available, and it was stated that the locker investment will pay for itself time and again.

It was pointed out at the meeting that 9,000 locker plants have been constructed in 16 years, and not one has gone out of business.

Contract blanks were distributed and a number of people signed, and paid for their space at the time. It was stressed that those interested should rent their space at once, since history has been that once the plant is operating, the demand generally far exceeds the supply.

Mr. Dameron, the owner of the plant was recognized and promised a tour of the county soon in the interest of his business. Mr. Dameron, who will make his home here is a native of Warrenton, was an army air force pilot, and until recently has pursued commercial aviation activities.

Chamber Commerce Meeting
Governor Broughton in a brief address at the Chamber of Commerce meeting, cited four factors, which North Carolina has in "adequate measure" to insure her continued industrial growth. These were listed as local capital.

REUNION IN BERLIN



Gen. Omar Bradley, head of the Veterans Administration, holds his 15-month-old grandson, Henry E. Beukema, Jr., on his lap during a visit to Berlin, where his son-in-law is stationed. Gen. Bradley was in Berlin during an inspection trip to Europe.

JUDGE ALLEY HOLDS COURT

Waynesville Jurist To Preside as Superior Court Opens Fall Term Monday

Judge Felix Alley, of Waynesville, will be the presiding judge at the regular fall term of Watauga Superior Court which will convene next Monday morning for the trial of both criminal and civil actions. The State will be represented by Solicitor James C. Farthing of Lenoir.

Clerk of Court, Fred Gragg, states that there are about 65 cases on the State docket, and a large number of civil actions. The term is called for two weeks, but in recent years it is unusual for court to last more than four or five days. As is usual, relatively few cases on the civil calendar are expected to be tried.

Local Band Plays At Bean Festival

Appalachian High School Band was chosen to play for the Johnson County Bean Festival on last Wednesday. The 57 piece band was under the direction of Mr. Gordon Nash. The band arrived in Mountain City and marched through the business section of the town to the high school grounds. The Appalachian High School Band headed the parade in which other bands took part. The bands represented played alternately during the choosing of the queen. After the choosing of the queen the P. T. A. served lunch to the members of the band. During the afternoon the Appalachian band played for members of the Tennessee State Legislature.

Local High School Registers Over 400

Appalachian High School opened September 3 with an enrollment of approximately 400 students, under the new principal, Mr. B. F. Simpson who is acting this year in the absence of Mr. Wey who is taking a year's leave of absence.

Mr. Wey who is still here for a few days introduced Mr. Simpson, who then officially opened school with a chapel program in which the Rev. S. B. Moss, pastor of the Methodist Church, Rev. E. F. Troutman, pastor of the Lutheran Church, and Rev. McKewn, pastor of the Episcopal Church, were speakers. The new teachers were introduced, then the student body divided into the separate home rooms where the routine duties were begun.

DROWNS WHERE GRAND-CHILD DROWNS

Colorado Springs, Colo.—Mrs. Ruth Sinclair, 56, prominent society woman, was found drowned in the same lake on her estate where her two-year-old granddaughter, Jamie, drowned recently. The drowning was thought to have been accidental.

To avoid sore necks or should-ers, each work animal should have an individual collar, kept exclusively for that animal.

Local Farmers to Spend Record Sum For New Housing

Farm families in Watauga county will spend more than \$1,264,000 for new housing in the next three to five years, according to a forecast released by the Tile Council of America.

"As a result of high incomes the last few years, farmers in every part of the nation are prepared to invest record amounts in new home construction and in general farm improvements," said F. B. Ortman, chairman of the council's residential construction committee.

Pointing out that the comforts and conveniences of urban living are now available to farm families, Ortman said that many new rural homes will incorporate such features as central heating, tiled bathrooms and modern kitchen facilities.

Rapid electrification of rural areas of North Carolina is making possible the incorporation in new homes of many labor-saving and comfort-providing devices undreamed of a generation ago, according to Ortman. Rural Electrification Administration estimates disclose that more than 45 per cent of all farms in the state now receive central station electric service. Refrigerators, electric washing machines and deep freezing plants, as well as plumbing systems, will go into many new homes as a consequence.

Sister C. A. Hayworth Passes in Knoxville

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hayworth were called to Jefferson City, Tenn., Sept. 1, on account of the death of Mr. Hayworth's sister, Mrs. A. G. Grant, which occurred in a Knoxville hospital. Mrs. Grant a resident of Marysville, Calif. had been ill for more than two years. She was 51 years old. Funeral services were conducted from the Methodist Church at Jefferson City last Thursday, and interment was in the cemetery there.

P. T. A. to Be Formed At Blowing Rock

A special meeting of the parents and teachers of the Blowing Rock High School will be held Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium for the purpose of organizing a parent-teachers association.

Dr. B. B. Dougherty is expected to be the guest speaker, and the principal will present the aims and objectives of the school for the coming year. A full attendance of the patrons of the school is desired.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture announced continuation, at a lower incentive rate, of its program to promote the use of low-grade, short-staple cotton in the manufacture of insulating materials used in homes and other structures.

FARM BUREAU SEEKS MANY NEW MEMBERS

Campaign Started With View to Raise Local Membership of Agrarian Organization to 600; Field Agent Gives Some Facts About the Bureau

The Watauga County Farm Bureau has announced through its president, Mr. Clyde R. Greene, that an intensive membership campaign will be launched on September 22, with a view to raising the local membership from 317 to no less than 600 farmers, and Mr. George G. Farthing, field representative with the State Bureau, is here to assist during the drive.

The local newspaper will carry, from week to week, during the campaign, explanatory material as to the accomplishments and purposes of the Farm Bureau in order to give the farmers a clear insight into the advantages of becoming affiliated with the organization.

Mr. Farthing makes the following general statement about the Farm Bureau:

"The Farm Bureau is a million and a quarter farm families, bound together for one common cause—to work for a fair share of the national income for all farmers—sharecroppers, tenants and landowners—all alike, operating in 45 states on the combined judgment of farm people from the county to the state and on to the national office in Washington, D. C., where one of its men meets with every committee that has anything to do with agricultural legislation.

"It was organized to form the missing link between the farmers and existing agencies working on agricultural problems. Farm Bureau has made it possible for farm people to be recognized as a dominant force in shaping policies affecting agriculture."

Watauga's Average Weekly Wage Thru Covered Jobs, \$16.13

Raleigh—Virtually all of North Carolina's 100 counties shared in the increase from 1945 to 1946 in number of employers covered by the Employment Security Law, numbers of workers protected by the law, average weekly wage and total wages paid which went above a billion dollars in 1946 for the first time in the State's history.

Watauga county, these records show, had 27 employers subject to the law in 1945, a figure which had increased to 35 in 1946, or 29.6 percent, as compared with the State increase from 11,584 in 1945 to 13,122 in 1946, or 13.3 percent.

This county, in 1945, had 373 workers protected by the law, a number which had increased in 1946 to 373 workers, or 28.8 percent, as compared with the State increase of 11.1 percent, from 526,357 in 1945 to 584,901 in 1946.

Total wages paid in this county to covered workers in 1945 amounts to \$312,916, as compared with \$459,869 in 1946, an increase of 47.0 percent as compared with the State increase of 23.8 and the State total of \$1,053,695,228 in 1946, highest in history.

The county's average weekly wage in 1945 was \$16.13 an amount which had moved to \$18.70 in 1946, an increase of 15.9 percent, as compared with the State's increase of 11.1 percent, or from \$31.10 in 1945 to \$34.64 in 1946.

Watauga county employers paid to the Employment Security Commission contributions on their payrolls at the rate of 1.98 percent, as compared with the State-wide rate of 1.45 percent, which is a reduction achieved under the experience rating provisions from the base rate of 2.7 percent of payrolls.

YULE TREE PRICE UP
Medford, Ore.—Forward looking persons will be interested in the report that, while it's sometime yet until Christmas, bids on tracts of shasta firs, to be cut for the Christmas tree trade, brought wholesale offers double any previous year's first-class bids.

The envious man shall never want woe. —William Camden
Europe faces cut in living standards to meet lower aid estimates.

Park Commission to Be Guests Of Boone and Blowing Rock

REPLY TO REDS



This battle-scarred wall in Budapest, covered with Communist election posters, reveals the attitude of Hungarian peasants to Soviet domination. In the elections, the Communists won parliamentary control of the country, but four Hungarian ministers quit as a result of the voting, which was termed a fraud.

Entire Membership of New State Commission to Lunch at Blowing Rock Sunday and Boone Monday; Chamber Commerce Host to Visitors; Entertainment Plans Being Worked Out by W. R. Winkler of Boone, Member of Group

The North Carolina Park, Parkway and Forest Development Commission, recently appointed by Governor Cherry to promote the further development of the national park territory and park roads in the State, will be guests of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce next Sunday and of the Boone Chamber of Commerce Monday, it is revealed by Mr. W. Ralph Winkler of Boone, one of the members of the commission, who is busily assisting the civic organization in rounding out a program of entertainment for the luncheon to be held at the Daniel Boone Hotel Monday noon.

Present plans call for the meeting of the members of the commission and their wives at Buck Creek Gap on the Scenic Highway Sunday at 10 o'clock. The group will proceed to Blowing Rock where they will be luncheon guests of the Chamber of Commerce and the city government, following which the officials will make a brief tour of the famed Moses H. Cone estate. The party will then proceed to a point near the Virginia line on the Parkway, return to Boone for the night and hold an executive session at the state highway offices Monday morning. Invited to attend this meeting are Raymond Smith of Mount Airy, highway commissioner; Sam Weems, superintendent of the Blue Ridge Parkway, Roanoke; and other state highway officials. Following the business meeting the party will be entertained by the Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon at the Daniel Boone Hotel.

Among the special luncheon guests will be Hon. Robert L. Doughton, ninth district congressman; Bruce Ethridge, head of the conservation and development board; Hon. Raymond Smith, Judge Felix Alley, Solicitor James Farthing, A. H. Graham, chairman of the State Highway Commission; Mayor Grover Robbins and others of Blowing Rock, and a number of Boone civic leaders.

The complete program of entertainment for the distinguished visitors has not been completed either at Boone or Blowing Rock, but everything possible will be done in both instances to accord them a hearty welcome.

At the Boone meeting, it is stated by Mr. Winkler, members of the commission and other visiting dignitaries, will be recognized, and officials of the Park Commission will likely give some of the details of the aims and purposes of the newly-formed State agency, which is designed to foster and promote the further development of the park areas, and the Scenic Highway. It is felt that incalculable benefit will ensue to Western North Carolina through the activities of the commission.

The members of the commission who are expected to be here, with their wives, are: Dr. Kelly E. Bennett, Bryson City, vice-chairman; Percy B. Ferber, Andrews; E. C. Guy, Newland; Francis J. Heazel, Asheville; Charles E. Ray, Jr., chairman, Waynesville; R. U. Sutton, Sylva; W. R. Winkler, Boone; C. M. Douglas, secretary, Brevard; William C. Medford, attorney for the commission, Waynesville. Ex-officio members are R. Bruce Ethridge and A. H. Graham.

THANKS

The Democrat thanks its good friend Wiley Vannoy for the gift of some bunches of very fine grapes, of a particular variety he propagated on his place.

Wholesale and packer stocks of canned vegetables carried over from 1946 are much above last year's low stocks. Green pea and tomato stocks appear unusually large.

BOARD FIXES JURY FEES

Commissioners Establish Per Diem Pay of Five Dollars for Superior Court Jurors

The Board of County Commissioners, in their regular session Monday, set the fees for Superior Court jurors at five dollars per day, as authorized by State Law. Under the law, states County Auditor Paul Coffey, it is provided that the commissioners set the fees of jurors at not less than \$2 and not more than \$5 per day.

Mr. Coffey says that there appeared to be some misunderstanding in connection with the law as to jury fees, and that the 1947 legislative summary prepared by the Institute of Government has clarified the situation.

Veterans Continue To Cash Bonds for Terminal Leave Pay

Veterans in large numbers are continuing to cash their terminal leave pay checks at the North-western Bank, and officials state that the sum of \$47,544.89 was paid out in the redemption of these bonds the first two days, and more than \$25,000 since that time.

The cashing of the bonds is continuing and one window is being used almost altogether to take care of the business. Large numbers of local veterans are yet to apply for payment.

Big Potatoes Are Much in Evidence

The potato crop in Watauga county this year is one of vast proportions, and the remarkable size of the tubers has been the topic of considerable comment on the part of growers and buyers. Mr. Charles C. Farthing of Boone has displayed at the Democrat office three immense potatoes of the Sequoia variety, while Mr. Custer Wallace of Boone, brings in a spud grown on the farm of his mother, Mrs. Minnie Wallace, which weights two pounds and fourteen ounces. All four of the potatoes are something akin to record-breakers.

WORKS 80 YEARS WITHOUT BREAK

St. Louis—B. C. Wright, 78-years-old employe of the Music Printing Company, has been on the job in the same plant since 1867 without a vacation. In all, he has been away from the plant only 18 working days in sixty years.

It is extremely important to get collars that fit the horse or mule, and then be sure that harnesses are the right size for the collar.

HOSPITAL IS INSPECTED

Representatives of the Medical Commission in Boone Monday

Representatives of the Medical Care Commission were in Boone Monday, looking over the Watauga Hospital plant, and proposed sites for a new hospital, with a view to spending some of the state-federal funds in providing expanded hospital facilities in this community.

Besides an inspection tour of the local hospital, the officials looked over the American Legion property, the county home farm, and other properties, in the event it is decided to construct a new hospital outright. The commission members will make their report to the executive committee of the organization, and local sponsors of the hospital project will be advised of their decision in the matter.

The members of the commission who were in Boone were Messrs. Hamilton, hospital administrator; Berryman, architect, and Newell, construction engineer, representing the federal hospital agency; Messrs. Conway, architect, and Newell, construction engineer, and a sanitary engineer, representing the State Board of Health.

Date Changed For Women's Club Meet

The meeting of the North Carolina Federation of Woman's Clubs will be held in North Wilkesboro on Thursday, September 18, rather than on Wednesday, September 17th, as previously stated, it is announced by Mrs. Council Cooke, president of the Worth-while Club here.

Those interested in attending the meeting are asked to get in touch with Mrs. A. E. South or Mrs. Cicero Greer. It is desired that there be a large attendance from the local club.

Dixon Waters Dies In Washington State

Dixon H. Waters, former resident of Watauga county, died on August 19th, at Northern State Hospital, Sedro-Wooley, Wash. It is learned in a letter from Mr. C. C. Critcher of Seattle, Wash., another Watauga county native.

Mr. Waters died from a cerebral hemorrhage, and information is that he was unable to talk after the stroke. He had been a patient at the hospital for about a month. Other information, including funeral details, is lacking.

While most American farmers have little use for acorns, many European farmers use them as feed for hogs.