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Governor Plays Role



Gov. R. Gregg Cherry, shown in make-up when he played a brief role in the "Lost Colony," historical drama presented each summer on Roanoke island, N. C. The audience gave the governor such a hand that he had to take several stage bows.

SPECIAL VOTE DATE IS SET

City Council to Let Voters Decide Recreational Issue on October 14

The city council has set October 14th, as a special election day, when the voters of Boone will decide whether or not a ten-cent tax levy will be made for the purpose of instituting a recreational program in the city.

The matter has been under consideration for some time, and it had been announced sometime ago that the board would give the ballot when the conditions of the statutes covering such elections had been met.

There will be a new registration for the election and all those who desire to vote will have to register at the city hall either on Sept. 20, Sept. 27, or Oct. 4. Oct. 11 will be challenge day. None but registered voters may participate, and to carry the issue it will be necessary for the proponents of the proposal to cast a majority of the votes registered.

Mrs. R. W. Watkins has been named registrar; Mrs. James Councill and R. D. Hodges, Jr., judges.

DR. N. A. ELDER IS SUICIDE

Pennsylvania Psychiatrist Ends Life in Auto at Blowing Rock Clubhouse

Blowing Rock—Dr. N. A. Elder, about 50, psychiatrist of Pittsburgh, Pa., was found slumped in his car at the Blowing Rock Country Club about 4 p. m. Sunday by his wife, a bullet wound through his left temple.

Watauga County Coroner R. E. Kelley said Dr. Elder's death was a clear case of suicide. He said a .32 calibre pistol was found by his side in the car.

Mr. Kelley said he found no motive for the suicide. He said it was not known how long Dr. Elder had been in the car. His body was discovered by Mrs. Elder after she had completed a golf game.

Dr. and Mrs. Elder had been spending the summers at Asheville and Blowing Rock. They had a summer cottage here.

The body was taken to the Greer Funeral Home in Lenoir.

COAT SCHOOL

On Wednesday, September 24, Miss Willie Hunter, extension clothing specialist, will hold a meeting in the Grand Jury room of the county courthouse on the tailoring of coats. Miss Hunter will be remembered as the extension specialists who gave such interesting demonstration on remaking hats here last fall. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend.

"NO HURRY"

Fort Worth, Tex.—Telephoning from her home for an ambulance to "come out and get my husband," Mrs. Maible Albertson, about 50, added, "There's no big hurry." When ambulance attendants reached the house, they found both Mrs. Albertson and her husband, Leary Albertson, 54, shot to death. It was declared murder and suicide.

The main factors in the care of dairy cows are embodied in the words—comfort and kindness.

ROBT. HAYES IS BEING TRIED FOR HOMICIDE

Boone Man Charged With Slaying of Robert Ragan in Street Fight Sometime Ago; Other Cases on Docket Are Disposed of

Robert Hayes, Boone man, is expected to go on trial this morning in connection with the death of Robert Ragan, which occurred as an aftermath to a street fight in which the two men are alleged to have engaged some time ago. It is understood that defense attorneys will contend that if the deceased died at the hands of the accused, he acted in the defense of his own life.

Sam Ellison, tried twice for the slaying of Howard Hockaday and sentenced the last time to from four to seven years, and who had again filed notice of appeal, goes to the state prison as a result of the court having ordered the former judgment to be put in effect.

Court convened Monday morning with Judge Felix Alley of Wayneville, presiding, and all cases were disposed of during the first two days with the exception of the homicide case and a few other indictments in which the defendants failed to appear for trial. The following are the judgments of the court up until recess Tuesday afternoon:

Byrd Mast Lowrance, reckless driving, \$25 and costs; 60 days suspended sentence.

Edward Winkler, reckless driving, \$25, 60 days suspended sentence.

Howard Cole, driving drunk, fined \$50, 60 days suspended.

Robert Winkler, resisting arrest, \$25.

James F. Church, driving drunk, \$50 and 60 days suspended.

Carl Woody, driving drunk, \$50 and 60 days suspended.

Robert Winkler, Jr., driving drunk, \$100.

The following additional defendants were tried for driving drunk: Tracy Robert Triplett, \$50 and 60 days suspended; R. B. Jackson, \$100 and 60 days suspended; M. A. Nichols, \$25 and 60 days suspended; Sherman Miller, \$50 and 60 days suspended; Earl Graham, \$100 and 60 days suspended; Stanford Coffey, \$100; Dennis Townsend, \$50 and 60 days suspended; Stanley Ward, \$50 and 60 days suspended; J. W. Henson, \$100, six months suspended.

Glenn Pierce, for driving after license had been revoked, was assessed with the costs, and given 60 days suspended sentence.

L. A. Murphy, violating prohibition laws, \$50 and the costs.

R. L. Honeycutt, carrying concealed weapon, \$50 and costs.

C. M. Shorge, hit and run driving, \$25 and 4 months suspended.

William Medford, Callie Mast Odom and Boone Grimes, violating prohibition laws, \$50 and 6 months suspended.

Roy Adams, violating prohibition law, prayer for judgment continued.

R. D. Edmisten, Jr., non-support, 6 months suspended.

Edward Wilson, reckless driving, not guilty.

O. J. McLean, breaking terms of parole, four months sentence placed in effect.

The homicide case will likely be completed today, and perhaps the trial of civil cases will start tomorrow. Aside from some actions for divorce, it is thought unlikely that any large part of the civil calendar will be disposed of.

Zionville Property Brings High Price

The sale of the L. Greer property at Zionville, which occurred last week, drew a large crowd, and S. C. Eggers, local realtor who offered the property, states that the three acres brought \$4,890.00 which far exceeded the expectations of the owners, and represents his best sale in a rural area this season.

All of the property, Mr. Eggers states, was bought by local people.

2 SENTS FOR NUPTIAL KNOT

Nanking, China—The cheapest thing in inflation ridden China is the cost of getting married. Under a new law, the ceremony costs only 800 Chinese dollars (two cents in American money at the open exchange rate).

VISITING MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARK COMMISSION



Pictured above are members of the North Carolina Park, Parkway and Forest Development Commission, who have just completed a tour of the Boone-Blowing Rock area. Left to right, back row: W. R. Winkler, Boone; Percy Ferebee, Asheville; Raymond Sutton, Shelby; Francis J. Heazel, Asheville; E. C. Guy, Newland; Charles E. Ray, chairman, Waynesville; Dr. Kelly Bennett, Shelby; Charles M. Douglas, executive secretary, Brevard. (Photo Winston-Salem Journal.)

TRIBUTES TODAY FOR W.H. MAST

Prominent Farmer of Sugar Grove Neighborhood Succumbs to Sudden Illness

William Hardy Mast, member of one of the county's pioneer families, a prosperous farmer, and one of the leading citizens of the Sugar Grove neighborhood, died at the home Monday morning from a sudden illness, at the age of 72 years.

Mr. Mast, it is reported, had been to his barn early in the morning to take care of his morning chores, returned to the house, complained of being ill, and expired within a few minutes.

Funeral services are to be held this (Wednesday) afternoon from the Cove Creek Baptist Church by Rev. Mr. Middleton, the pastor, and interment will be in the Mast cemetery by Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home.

The active pallbearers are to be: Norman Wilson, Ned Glenn, Howard Edmisten, Jim Mast, Sam Austin, T. J. Moody, Bob Banner, Jake Mast, Richard Palmer.

Mr. Mast was a son of the late John A. Mast and Mrs. Mast and was reared in Watauga county, where he was a prosperous farmer. He was a leading churchman, had his membership in the Cove Creek Baptist Church, and took a deep interest in all religious and educational activities.

He is survived by the widow, three sons and two daughters: V. B. Mast; Ollus Mast, Sugar Grove; Arlis M. Mast, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Grady Mast, Johnson City, Tenn.; Mrs. Blanche Cooper, Sugar Grove. One sister, Mrs. D. F. Horton, survives.

BURLEY SALES TO START DEC. FIRST

Burley sales throughout the eight-state belt this season will begin December 1 despite recommendations for a November 1 opening, the burley sales committee decided late yesterday.

The decision was made in Louisville after a heated discussion in which it was disclosed that a shortage of both buyers and graders was threatened under the earlier opening, proposed by the Burley Auction Warehouse Association at its annual meeting last June.

No action was taken on the hours or rate of sales, with consideration of both deferred until November 17 when another meeting of the sales committee will be held in Lexington.

During the day-long Louisville session, numerous warehousemen and others spoke in favor and opposition to the early opening date.

BOY 7, SAVES AUTO

Boone, Iowa—Gary Lee Lincoln, 7, and his grandfather, were driving along a busy highway when the grandfather died of a heart attack. The boy grabbed the wheel and although the car swerved onto the shoulder of the highway, he held fast until the motor stopped on an up-grade.

Park Group To Request More Funds For Smokies

Ike For President



Robert M. Haar, Washington, D. C., who is president of the "Draft Eisenhower for President League." He says that a group of Republican and Democrats will organize the league throughout the nation.

DISTRICT JR. ORDER MEET

District Three to Gather in Boone Next Monday to Hear State Fraternal Leaders

A meeting of district three, Junior Order United American Mechanics, will be held at the hall of the fraternity in Boone next Monday evening, September 22nd, when leaders in the order from various sections of the district and state will be present.

District three comprises Yancey, Mitchell, Avery and Watauga counties, and this district has led the State of North Carolina in membership increase during the past year. In token of this accomplishment, I. S. Ayers, district counselor, will receive a certificate of award.

It is expected that State Councilor, Walter E. Crissman of High Point, and State Secretary Forest G. Sherrin of Scotland Neck, will be on hand for the Boone meeting.

YOUTH DAY PROGRAM AT GRACE LUTHERAN

Sunday evening at 7 o'clock, Grace Lutheran League will give a Youth Day program in the church auditorium, and immediately following will be shown the motion picture, "And Now I See." This is a Hollywood church production. It conveys in visual form and speech the importance of Christian stewardship. You are cordially invited to both programs.

A good dairy cow requires a large quantity of water, and the milking cow needs considerably more than the dry cow.

FARM BUREAU GATHERINGS

Number of Meetings are Stated in Connection With Farm Organization Plans

In line with the membership campaign being launched next Monday by the Watauga County Farm Bureau, a number of neighborhood meetings have been planned by President Clyde R. Greene, and George G. Farthing, field director for the organization in this section of the state.

The meetings which have been arranged are as follows, will be at 7:30 p. m., each day, and will be held in the schoolhouse except where otherwise noted:

Green Valley, September 22; Deep Gap, September 23; Mabel, September 24; Bethel, September 25; Bamboo, September 26; Shulls Mills, September 29 (Harbin Store); Matney, September 30, (M. E. Church); Windy Gap, October 1.

Mr. R. G. Arnold, organization director for the southern states is expected to be present for these neighborhood meetings, which will be featured by band music.

In commenting on the Farm Bureau Mr. Farthing states:

"The North Carolina Farm Bureau consists of sixty-two thousand members of which approximately four thousand are associate members, consisting of banks, warehouses, and other business firms in this state. The Farm Bureau program supplements rather than competes with private business. Therefore, we solicit the active participation of all the leaders of our State in formulating a sound agricultural program."

County Singing To Be Held Next Month

The annual Watauga county singing convention will be held at the Gospel tabernacle in Boone on the first Sunday in October, starting at 1 o'clock, it is announced by S. C. Eggers, chairman of the Association. A number of individual vocalists and choirs are expected from the different sections of the county, including Boone.

All churches are being asked to send singers, or choirs, and take part in this day of sacred song.

INJURED IN FALL

Miss Leona Miller, daughter of Mrs. George Miller of Boone R. F. D. 2, and a student at N. C. S. D., Morganton, received two breaks in her chin and left jawbone and a slightly injured hand from a fall on Sept. 11. Miss Miller was waiting in line for her breakfast when she fainting and fell into an excavation beside the dining hall basement. She is in the school hospital at Morganton, where she will remain for some time.

Farmers received an average of 28.1 cents per pound live weight for chickens in mid-July compared with 29.4 cents a year ago and the 10-year average of 18.7 cents.

OFFICIALS END TWO DAY TRIP TO MOUNTAINS

Park, Parkway Commission Are Entertained by Boone and Blowing Rock on First Official Trip to This Region: Luncheon Here Climaxes Visit

Climaxing a two-day tour of Northwestern North Carolina, the State National Park, Parkway, and Forest Development Commission was entertained at luncheon Monday by the Boone Chamber of Commerce, following a like reception by Mayor Grover Robbins and other civic leaders at Blowing Rock Sunday.

At both luncheons the members of the commission spoke briefly of the purposes of their organization, and their long-range plans for the further development of the Smoky Mountain Park area, the roads, and making the western part of North Carolina a national playground.

Mayor Robbins presided at the Blowing Rock luncheon which has held at the Country Club, and welcomed the guests, including a number of Boone people. A feature of the Blowing Rock entertainment was a tour of sections of the Blue Ridge Parkway, a visit to the estate of the late Moses H. Cone, and a visit to the estate of J. Luther Snyder.

Following the business session held in Boone Monday morning, the Chamber of Commerce entertained officials, highway officials, Boone and Blowing Rock leaders at a luncheon at the Daniel Boone Hotel, when W. H. Gragg acted as master of ceremonies, and paid high tribute to W. R. Winkler, Boone park commissioner, out of deference to whom the Chamber of Commerce tendered the entertainment.

The diners, more than 50 in all, were introduced by Mr. Gragg, after which Chairman Charles E. Ray of Waynesville, spoke of the purposes of the commission, which in effect, he says, is a long-range planning board designed to further the promotion of the park area of North Carolina, and make of the area a great playground for the eighty million people who live within two days' driving time of the area.

Francis Heazel of Asheville, told of the possibilities of the Smoky Mountains Park and stated that despite the fact that the Park Service has yet done little to develop the area, the park has been having more visitors than any of the other national parks.

Hon. Robert L. Doughton, veteran ninth district congressman, spoke of his efforts in behalf of the park, and of the Parkway, and referred to the fact that he talked the matter of the Scenic Highway over with President Roosevelt, who was much concerned over the project, and told briefly of his battles for the highway, his bi-partisan support and the final fruition of his dreams. He pledged his continued support to this region and its development so long as he may live.

Mr. W. R. Winkler introduced all the members of his commission, some of whom spoke briefly, and Hon. Raymond Smith, district highway commissioner, presented some of his fellow workers. Mayor Grover Robbins of Blowing Rock, introduced the group from his town.

Members of the commission were highly pleased with the warm reception accorded them in Boone and Blowing Rock, and promised to hold other sessions in this area in the future.

This was the third monthly meeting the commission has held since its establishment in early spring as a co-ordinating agency. The next meeting will be held Sept. 25 at Gatlinburg.

Charles E. Ray of Waynesville, is chairman of the group. Dr. Kelly Bennett of Shelby, is vice-chairman, and Charles M. Douglas of Brevard, is secretary-treasurer. Other members are Francis Heazel of Asheville, E. C. Guy of Newland, Raymond Sutton of Shelby, W. R. Winkler of Boone, Senator Medford of Waynesville, and Percy Ferebee of Asheville.

Grooming workstock with a rubber curry comb and bristle brush to take out surface dirt and stimulate skin circulation is desirable.