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LOTS OF FOLKS, came from "down the country" to the hills for the Fourth, and found clear skies, and hotter weather than usual in the land of the lofty peaks. Fact is the natives spent the day, shifting from one shade tree to another, trying to get the full benefit of each soft zephyr. Since heat and cold and most everything else are judged comparatively, the mountain folk suffer just as intensely when mercury gets up in the eighties from a winter-time zero, as do the people of the low country when the thermometer shows ninety-nine.

THE GLORIOUS FOURTH is one of the year's big holidays, when most everybody takes the day off. . . mountain and beach resorts are crowded, when the cash is to be found, and the roads are perilously jammed. . . Flags no longer flutter from radiator caps. . . the caps have moved inside the stream lined chariots of the asphalt and concrete, and Junior has quit waking up the neighborhood with firecrackers at the break of dawn. . . and we are not too disappointed that the celebrations, which used to resolve themselves into speech-making endurance tests, have disappeared. . . the Fourth is a vacation, a good time, and a day on which we should be thankful we are still independent. . . we should make sure that we remain so.

ODDS AND ENDS: Spending a bit of time Sunday visiting with the sick around the town. . . early Monday visitor telling us he had a tough time finding a room here for the week-end—thought he got the last one. . . Arthur Casby, one of our old side-kicks from Morganton, in to say hello and to lay final plans for trip to Philadelphia the end of the week. . . We can't get away, even though the room etc., is arranged through the courtesy of the Umstead office. . . Arthur says he's for Eisenhower, and that Harry is likely to withdraw 'fore the convention gets down to business. . . Anyway says he'll vote for Ike regardless of what the rest of the Carolina delegation does. . . Hens continue to bring forth the super-duper family size eggs—Mrs. A. N. Greene of Laxon gives us one of the double-yellow jobs, and we thank her. . . traffic being detoured by way of Parkway while work is being done on new link of Blowing Rock road. . . farmer tells us highway department continues to tear up good main-line roads and build better, neglecting the country highways. . . Federal funds made available for these main arteries must be spent on them, and when tendered. . . Quite agree with him that the farm and the college are the twin supports of the community. . . asphalt oozes from street—unusual for Boone. . . the new doors at the postoffice. . . the neat lawns and well kept lawns in Daniel Boone Park. . . familiarly known as "Jew Hill" named after Joseph N. Davidson, the town's first Jew, and one of the first to build in the Daniel Boone development. . . the crowd at the Sunday baseball game, having a good time in the torrid sunshine. . . the vast improvement in the college campus since well-kept lawns have been in vogue. . . the crowds of visitors at Watauga Hospital on Sundays. . . and the constant trek of the younger generation to the secluded coolness of the old swimming hole on Winkler's Creek.

MONDAY WAS A SECOND Section of the July fourth holiday, and those of us who worked as usual, figured we wouldn't need to get into any of the stores for just one day. . . before lunch we had found that with the places along the street closed, we were pretty seriously handicapped in our efforts. . . don't realize how many trips we make to the stores and shops until the doors are locked. . . Good citizen of the town stops late in the afternoon to tell of the big business done during the day by a local blind fiver. Says whites and blacks patronized the establishment all along. . . Allegations are that at least one place in town offers bar service to those who don't have the cash for a pint or a fifth. . . a lot of people are frankly disturbed about the situation, but the community as a whole is rather on the side of complacency. . . in the area of

YOUTHFUL PREACHER IN TROUBLE



"Little David" Walker, the main figure in a custody case in Indianapolis, has given testimony accusing his father of forcing him to preach day after day by beating him. Shown here left to right are "Little David," Rev. Raymond Hockstra, evangelistic tour manager, and Louis Rosenberg, a lawyer.

Fourth Safe and Sane; No Arrests Are Made

LIKE OLD TIMES



Former President Herbert Hoover, shown speaking at the Republican National Convention, received one of the greatest spontaneous ovations of the convention.

Last Rites Are Held For Robert Gentry

Robert L. Gentry, 59 years old, and resident of the Laxon neighborhood died at the veterans' hospital, Mountain Home, Tenn. on June 27th, following a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted last Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home. Rev. Ernest Moretz, Rev. Ernest Stephens, and Rev. Ed Blackburn, conducted the rites, and Wade E. Brown, of the Watauga Post of the American Legion talked during the course of the rites. Full military honors were accorded at the graveside rites, by Watauga Post of American Legion. Interment was in the Morpheus cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Grace Norris and seven sons and daughters: Mrs. Evelyn Maupin of Frere Union, Va.; Mrs. Viola Miller, Laxon; Junior, Rayford, Toie, Fred and Roby of the home.

A large number of friends gathered for the rites and the floral offering was in charge of the following: Ora Brown, Emily Carroll, Mildred Tugman, Cleo Carroll, Hazel Carrol, Lois Carroll, Jayce Norris, Leo Lewis, Jane Norris, Betty Jean Tugman, Anna Faye Hardin, Joan Hardin, Helen Hardin, Barbara Tugman, Lois Norris, Annabel Ray, Mrs. Juanita Norris, Kathleen Miller, Emma Lewis, Carolyn Ray, Mrs. Virginia Watson, Lucy Phillips.

Mr. Gentry was a son of Solomon and Zeziah Grubb Gentry, and was born and reared in Watauga county. He served in the army during the first world war. He was baptised into the Fairview Methodist church in infancy, and lived an exemplary life.

LLOYD GRIFFIN TO SPEAK AT BROTHERHOOD MEET

Lloyd Griffin, Raleigh, executive vice-president of the North Carolina Citizens Association, Inc., will be the guest speaker at the Baptist Brotherhood meeting July 12th.

Mr. Griffin is an outstanding after dinner speaker, and all the young men of the church are asked to attend. The meeting is a ladies' night banquet and will be held at the Skyline Cafe at 7.

Gordon Nash has arranged a short musical program for the occasion.

No Major Accident is Reported Here as Folks Enjoy Extended Holiday.

The fourth of July was celebrated quietly in Boone, and Police Chief Verne Greene reported Tuesday morning that not one person was placed under arrest during the week-end holiday period. The local patrolmen did double duty during the period but it seemed that the folks kept everything pretty well under control.

Chief Greene states that there was no accident of consequence in the area so far as he knows, and that three accidents in Boone resulted only in mutilated fenders and battered radiator grills. No injuries were reported.

Business houses of the city remained closed Monday, and many local residents took advantage of the holiday period for week-end trips to various scenic points and picnic parties were indulged in by many groups.

Highways to the beaches and the mountains were clogged with traffic. Blowing Rock and other tourist towns in the area reported record crowds as did the beach resorts of the State. More than 75,000,000 gathered at Carolina, 50,000 at Wrightsville and more than 10,000 were in the Morehead City area.

High temperatures contributed to the large crowds which sought a breather from the heat wave at the beaches and in the mountains. Six persons died in motor accidents in the state and five met death by drowning, it is reported.

Short Courses Are Offered at College

Chapell Wilson, director of the Appalachian State Teachers college summer school, has just released announcement of the short courses to be offered at the college this summer.

The first short course will begin on July 6 and will end July 17. The courses offered during this time will include observation in the primary and grammar grades and in high school, the use of Library Resources, and Nature Study.

The second short term will be July 20 to August 17 and will include Observation in primary and grammar grades and high school, the use of Library Resources, Nature Study, Educational Psychology, and the Elementary Curriculum.

The third short course will be the Trained Librarian Workshop, which will begin August 3 and end August 14. This is only for those librarians who have had certain specified library courses previously.

A maximum of four quarter hours academic credit may be earned in each two weeks term.

Mr. Wilson's announcement states that there will be a number of rooms in the college dormitories available for these two weeks term, and that there are desirable rooming accommodations in the town for approximately one hundred students.

The courses listed above are in addition to the two regular six-weeks terms offered each summer. To date, 1050 students are enrolled, and the enrollment for the short courses is expected to bring the figure to well over 1100, the college authorities estimate.

TRUMAN WILL GET MOST OF TAR HEEL VOTE

Most of Carolina's Delegates to Philadelphia Will Favor The President; Seven Express Fondness for Ike or William Douglas.

President Truman will get most of this State's 32 votes at the National Democratic Convention in Philadelphia next week, although there was strong sentiment within the delegation for General Dwight Eisenhower, a poll of the delegation shows.

Most delegates felt sure, however, that Eisenhower would not be a candidate.

Of the 40 delegates, 13 indicated they intend to vote for Truman and another 14—most of whom also are counted in the Truman camp—claimed they have not yet decided how they will vote. Two expressed strong anti-Truman sentiment, although only one—former Governor Cam Morrison—said he never will vote for the President's nomination.

Seven openly expressed a preference for either Eisenhower or Supreme Court Justice William Douglas, while a number of others said, off the record, that they would prefer Eisenhower to Truman but did not believe he would be available. Some of those who said they plan to vote for Truman added, privately, that they would have voted for Eisenhower if he had indicated he would accept the nomination. The poll was taken last week before James Roosevelt sent out invitations to an Eisenhower-for-President caucus.

Only four of the delegates were not contacted in the poll. Tom McNeill of Robeson, delegate from the Seventh District, was out of the State; D. Hiden Ramsey of Buncombe, delegate at large, was out of town; J. C. B. Ehringhaus of Wake was vacationing at Avon and could not be reached by phone; and Mrs. Dudley Bagley of Currituck, alternate for Mrs. B. B. Everett of Halifax—the only delegate who said she could not attend the convention—also could not be reached by phone.

Mrs. Everett explained that an accumulation of household duties would prevent her from going to the convention.

NO POLIO EXISTS IN WATAUGA

The current polio epidemic in the State, has thus far failed to touch Watauga county, although reports have been current of the appearance of the malady.

The district health department said yesterday, no reports of infantile paralysis had been made, and they felt sure none of the disease now existed in the county, since State law requires that polio be reported to the health department, within twenty four hours of its discovery.

North Carolina's polio total mounted to 369 yesterday with reports of 16 new cases being received by the State board of health.

The outbreak, which State health officials claim has not reached epidemic stages, was said to have been the worst experienced at this season of the year in Carolina.

Two former epidemics broke out in the fall instead of the summer months. The most severe was in 1944, when there were 878 cases, and in 1935, when there were 675 cases.

Mrs. Jake Graham Dies at Todd Home

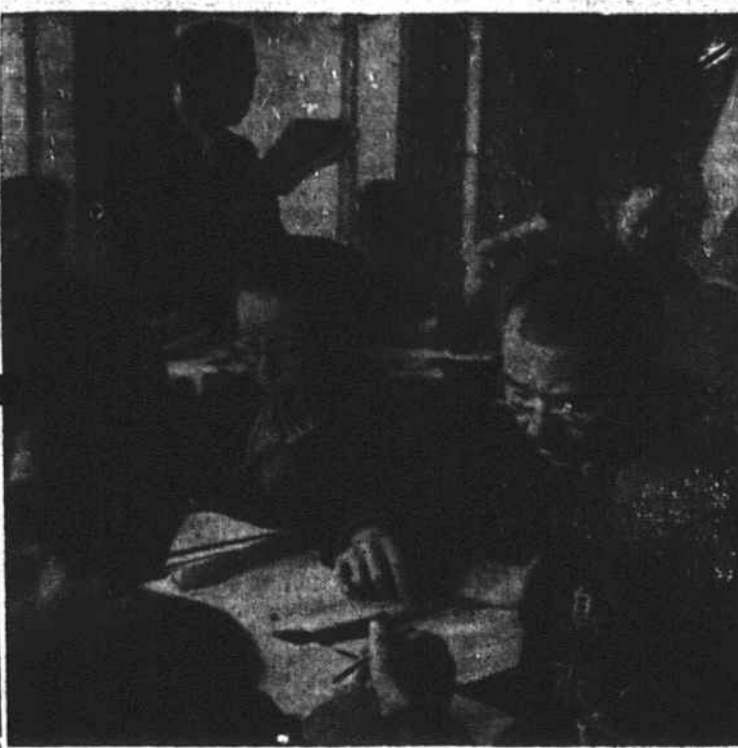
Mrs. Jake A. Graham, 46 years old, died at the home at Todd June 26 from a protracted illness.

Funeral services were conducted from Blackburn's Chapel Methodist church, by Rev. Ernest Stephens, Rev. Clem Wright and Rev. Ed Blackburn, and interment was in the Graham cemetery.

Mrs. Graham, the former Miss Beulah McGuire, is survived by the husband and three children, Helen, Lorene and Kenneth Graham of the home. The mother, Mrs. Julia McGuire of the Todd neighborhood, also survives.

Boston—After Albert Fleming, 12, caught a fish, the fish, a hornpout, "caught" Albert, seizing him by the finger. Unable to release the fish's grip the boy was rushed to a hospital where doctors pried the fish loose.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING



Japanese Red Cross women sat down for the first time with men at a conference table in Tokyo to plan for another president-shattering event—the organization of units of volunteers in the Japanese Red Cross. The new volunteers will develop disaster relief patterned after those of the American Red Cross.

Report of Plane Crash False: Tanks Dropped

MAINE WINNER



Representative Margaret Chase Smith has won the race for the Maine Republican United States Senate nomination. If elected, Mrs. Smith would be the Nation's second elected woman Senator.

Whitener Given Signal Honor By Lions Clubs

Dr. D. J. Whitener, head of the social study department of Appalachian State Teachers College, was honored recently by being named Governor of District 31-A Lion International, at the convention held in Greensboro.

Included in the district are the clubs from Charlotte, Statesville, Sparta, and western points—a total of 43 organizations with a total membership of 3,000.

Dr. Whitener will appoint all deputies and zone chairmen soon and has already announced the appointment of Richard E. Kelley of Boone as district cabinet secretary.

This is the second time in the last few years that the Lions of 31-A have chosen a governor from Boone. Dr. W. Amos Abrams, formerly of the Boone Club, held this position a few years ago.

Dr. Whitener is a charter member of the Boone Club, a past president, and a member of the board of directors. He has been an outstanding leader in Lions Club affairs and has served as zone chairman and deputy district governor, winning the trophy for two years for his outstanding work as chairman and district deputy.

Motor Inspection Lane to Return

The next dates for the motor inspection lane to be in Watauga county to inspect automobiles in line with the new State law, have just been given out by the department of motor vehicles.

The lane will be in Blowing Rock from August 27 to September 1 and in Boone from September 3 to 11.

All motorists who haven't received the blue sticker, will be required to have their cars inspected at one of the points named.

One Gas Tank Explodes As Hits Ground at Todd; Many Gather

City police officers, local State highway patrolmen and a large crowd of other folks rushed to the Todd neighborhood Monday afternoon when reports reached the city that a plane had crashed in that area.

An ambulance accompanied the local officers to the scene, where in company with officers from Jefferson, it was found that a DC-3 had for some cause, dropped three auxiliary tanks filled with gasoline, one of which exploded. Word was brought to Boone that one of the tanks was reported as having exploded when it struck the ground. There was definitely no plane crash, it was said, but highway troopers were kept busy for a while with the highway congestion in the vicinity, as news of a disaster had spread.

It is not known why the tanks were dropped, or the destination of the plane.

The tank exploded on a road near highway 61, but no one was in the vicinity of the blast.

Mrs. Florence Ward Succumbs at Age 71

Mrs. Florence E. Ward, 71, resident of Sugar Grove, died at the home on June 30.

Funeral services were held on July 1, at 2 o'clock p. m. at Antioch Baptist Church, with Rev. Ed Farthing in charge of the rites and interment was in the cemetery there.

Surviving are two sons and six daughters: Dewey Ward of Sugar Grove; Youth Ward of Sugar Grove; Mrs. Sigal Glenn, Mrs. Gertrude Love, Mrs. Doxey Cornett, Mrs. Nita Ward, Mrs. Effie Cooter, Sugar Grove; Mrs. Laura McGhee, Hampton, Tenn.

State Test Farm Visited By Scott

West Jefferson.—W. Kerr Scott, relaxing from the strenuous run-off campaign that made him the Democratic gubernatorial nominee, visited the State test farm at Laurel Springs.

Scott made his first public appearance since the campaign before the West Jefferson Rotary Club Thursday night, outlining some of the things he hopes to accomplish in the Governor's chair.

He reaffirmed his campaign promises to better the State farm to market roads and pledged the efforts of his administration to the improvement of the schools of the State.

Scott also promised municipalities relief from present tax burdens. In this connection, he noted that many communities are voting in liquor wholly because they need the additional revenue.

THE ARMY

Kenneth C. Royall, Secretary of the Army, has announced that a mobile striking force of eight-thousand infantry and armored divisions is planned for the Army by 1949. Six of the divisions would be National Guard units, fully manned and equipped.

GENERAL IKE IS REMOVED AS FOE OF DEWEY

Famous General and University President Reiterates He Will Not Enter Politics, As Democrats Map Plans for Defeating Truman.

New York, July 5.— Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower said tonight that he "could not accept nomination for any public office."

He said in a statement that he "will not, at this time, identify myself with any political party; and could not accept nomination for any public office, or participate in partisan political contests."

Eisenhower, president Columbia University, set forth his views in a memorandum to Robert Harron, director the university's division of public relations.

He said that his views "with respect to my proper course of duty still are identical with those presented in the letter I wrote on January 23, 1948."

At that time, he said in a letter to a New Hampshire Republican backing him for the party's 1948 Presidential nomination that "I am not available for and could not accept nomination to high political office."

Eisenhower himself was not present when tonight's statement was handed out.

In his statement, Eisenhower said that he would continue "subject to the pleasure of the university trustees" to perform his duties as president of the university.

The memorandum was distributed by Harron to dozens of reporters and photographers who crowded his fourth floor office in the university's journalism building.

Eisenhower's memorandum to Harron said:

"I know that your office has for some days been overburdened with innumerable queries concerning my intentions in regard to the current political situation. My decisions and earnest convictions concerning possible personal connection with this political contest were given to the public several months ago, but it now appears that there has arisen a question as to whether or not I have changed my position.

"Profoundly touched by the renewed suggestion that I could satisfactorily fill high public office, my views with respect to my proper course of duty still are identical with those presented in the letter I wrote on January 23, 1948.

Dairy Food Contest Winners Announced

The Watauga county dairy foods demonstration contest was held on June 30th at 2:00 p. m. at Appalachian High School with two teams competing. The winners were the team from Bethel 4-H club, Maude Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Wilson of Reese and Betty Reese, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Asa L. Reese, Sr., of Reese. Medals were presented to the members of the winning team by Miss Madge Rhyne, Appalachian State Teachers College, Home Economics Department. This team will go to Asheville July 15th to compete in the district contest. Other counties that they will compete against are Cherokee, Yancy, Swain, Macon, Alleghany, and Clay counties.

The other team competing in the county contest was the Boone senior team, Rita Lee Norris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde K. Norris of Route 1 Boone and Joyce Norris, daughter of Cloyd Norris of Route II Boone.

TRADE TREATY ACT

President Truman has signed the one-year extension of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, but reluctantly. The measure changes the procedure to give the Tariff Commission a bigger role in the negotiation of any new duty-reducing agreements which may be sought.

Loans for home construction through savings and loan associations increased forty-two per cent in the first quarter of 1948 over the same period of 1947. The figure reached \$234,000,000, as compared with \$107,000,000 in the 1946 first quarter.