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WATAUGA COUNTY

Leading agricultural and tourist area. Livestock, dairying and truck raising of paramount importance. Blue Ridge Parkway traverses county, and includes Blowing Rock, one of the principal summer resorts of Eastern America.

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KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

SIGHTSEEING MOTORIST glances through town at snail's pace, holding back line of traffic a half mile long. Deliberate one peels wrapper from candy bar, nibbles at the tid-bit, don't like it, and lips a cigarette by the time he arrives at the red traffic light. . . then quick as a flash he is off, looking neither to the right nor the left. . . Reminding us that the high speed driver is not after all, the greatest menace to life and limb. . . Building and Loan uses streetside bench for advertising purpose. . . Mule's pace, riding through town in a pickup, gives down with a resounding hee-haw. . . Vacation time finds few business houses in town without one or more persons being away from their usual duties. . . Summer residents return to Blowing Rock in large numbers as record resort business is predicted. . . Visitors to National Park area reported as being 13 per cent ahead of a year ago. . .

GRADY FARTHING muses on the disposition of folks to look backward to other days, with a feeling that everything was all right then. . . The years have erased the trials and tribulations of the past and only the happy incidents stand forth as pleasant memories. . . "The gay nineties," says Grady, "are hailed by story tellers, novelists and movie producers, as the happiest time in the history of the nation, when as a matter of fact, it was hard as heck for folks to live in those days. . . Course it was, and in some distant day, the people will look back to 1950, and will have forgotten the tensions and the turmoil, the fears and the frustrations of this high speed age, and will see only the events of outstanding personal happiness. . . It has always been so. . .

CITIES under one hundred thousand population are beginning to find satisfaction in falling below their estimates on the current census. . . After all, they won't rate an atom bomb. . . He said, until they grow some more. . . Teachers and students converge on Appalachian College campus for opening of first summer term. . . All dormitory space in the institution taken some months ago. . . college officials and civic leaders cooperate in placing as many additional students as possible in homes of the town. . . Mercury drops Sunday evening to below forty, and frost is reported by the early-risers in some sections of the county. . . When two or three of the huge freight vans are parked in close proximity, one has the feeling of looking at a railway freight yard, rather than a city street. . . However these behemoths of the highways are our sole dependence for freight service, and are the life lines of the community since the narrow gauge railway washed away nearly a decade ago. . .

MOTHER, examining injuries to foot of little child, reminisces about the days when the kiddies all laid aside their shoes about the first of May and were never shod again till after the leaves came tumbling down. . . The soles of the feet became tough as the pads on a dog's foot, and a barefoot lad would often be seen to crack a green chestnut bur with his naked heel. . . The modern mother pondered on the change. . . In those days there was no penicillin. . . sulfa drugs, etc. hadn't come around. . . Injuries consisted of feet lashed by sharp rocks, nails and the like, split open by discarded and broken whiskey bottles, toe nails torn loose by being stubbed against stones. . . The family medicine cabinet, which consisted of a bunch of soft, sterile cotton cloth, and a bottle of turpentine, really got a kicking out in those days because shoes became a year round commodity in the hill country. . . The youngsters thrived on the simple medications, and many of us are still around, if slightly weakened by the passing of the years. . . Only objection we have to these centennial events. . . They cause a general looking back over the shoulder when everyone, in a progressive community, should look ahead, along the paths of increasing progress and prosperity. . . in a day of widened optical and material well-being. . .

Truman condemns any thought of defection in "cold war."



RESCUE—Mrs. Jeanette Bugay and helicopter pilot Owen Niehaus are pulled ashore in a rowboat near Niagra Falls, N. Y., after a series of dramatic events in the rescue of Mrs. Bugay from the Niagra River. As she clung to a rock near the Canadian Falls, a helicopter attempted to reach her after firemen in a boat had failed, but the machine crashed. A second helicopter completed the rescue by dropping a rope to a rowboat that saved Mrs. Bugay and the pilots of the wrecked aircraft.

Watauga Is Given 128 Teachers

Open Air Service On Next Saturday

A service of prayer, singing and preaching will be held on the courthouse lawn Saturday June 10, in the interest of the revivals being held at this time by many of the Baptist churches of the county. Rev. Ed Burnett of Elizabethton, Tenn., will be the speaker and Rev. Ben Wood will conduct the singing. The public is invited to attend.

Many Seeking "Queen" Honors

A number of organizations have entered candidates in the contest being conducted in connection with the "Echoes of the Blue Ridge" for queen of the Blue Ridge Mountains, and the winner will be crowned by Choo Choo Justice at appropriate ceremonies. Those placed in nomination recently are: Peggy Greer, Boone, by the V. F. W. Rebecca Moore, Rotary Club. Rachel Ann Vance, BPW. Mrs. Billy Badgett Parker, Chamber of Commerce. Tony Buchanan, Elk Park, Newland Lions Club. Pearl Brown, Boone, Howard's Creek Home Demonstration Club. Marjorie Mast, Cove Creek Community Club. Those buying tickets for the pageant will be eligible to vote in the contest for queen, and ballot boxes will be established at the Boone postoffice and other convenient points about town, and results tabulated weekly.

Workshop Course For School Supervisors

Appalachian State Teachers college announces that it will conduct a two-weeks workshop course for county and city supervisors, beginning July 31 and ending August 12. The course will carry three quarter hours of graduate credit. The workshop will be directed by Dr. Mildred Swearingen, widely known in the educational field. Dr. Swearingen was, for a number of years, a county supervisor in Florida, following which she was supervisor of elementary education in the Florida State Department of Education. She is now professor of elementary education in Florida State University at Tallahassee. Dr. Swearingen took her doctoral degree at Ohio State University, using as her subject a special study of the best techniques and practices in county supervision. Her study covered the entire United States. The course is expected to achieve rapid popularity, in view of the state-wide system of county supervision inaugurated by North Carolina last year. Accredited by Chapel Hill, director of the Appalachian summer schools, the enrollment in the workshop will be limited for the first year. Le Motta and Graziano accept terms for title bout June 28.

"Echoes" Tickets Are Now Available

Individual tickets to "Echoes of the Blue Ridge," are now on sale in the community, and various organizations of the community will, conduct a thorough-going campaign during the next few days to sell the admission slips to the historical pageant being arranged as a follow up of last year's centennial celebration. Special teams representing the Rotary Club, Lions Club, Woman's Club, Business and Professional Woman's Club, and probably the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Junior Order may have tickets for sale. The tickets may be bought in book of four at a 25% saving it is said, and each book of tickets contains 900 votes for queen candidates. District 1: Appalachian High 12, Appalachian eighth grade 4, Boone Demonstration 18, Rich Mountain 1, Howard's Creek none, Rutherford 2, Bamboo 3, District 2: Green Valley 4, Winebarger 2, District 3: Deep Gap 7, Stony Fork 2, Mt. Paron 1, Lower Elk none, District 4: Blowing Rock High 3, Blowing Rock elementary 8, Penley none, Bradshaw 1, District 5: Valle Crucis 10, Cool Spring 1, District 6: Cove Creek High 8, Cove Creek eighth grade 4, Cove Creek elementary 11, Rominger 1, Windy Gap none, District 7: Bethel High 4, Bethel elementary 9, District 8: Mabel 10, Pottertown may be moved to Mabel, Watauga Consolidated: 2.

Albea To Direct Pageant Dances

The ballet and certain other dance episodes in Echoes of the Blue Ridge pageant being presented in Boone June 30 through July 4, will be directed this year by Johnny Albea of Winston-Salem, a former dance pupil of Mrs. Joy Kirchner of the Appalachian State Teachers college faculty. Albea, who receives his degree with the August 1950 class, was a member of the Appalachian modern dance and Varsouviana (folk dance) clubs for four years. He took part in a number of demonstrations and public performances under the direction of Mrs. Kirchner. During the summer of 1949 he was the recipient of a scholarship given by Miss Barbara Mettler of the Mettler school of Dance in Franklin, New Hampshire. Talented young men and women from New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, North Carolina, and Georgia, made up the dance. Albea was a member of the Barbara Mettler group who performed in recital at the University of Georgia last January. Pat Alderman, director of the Echoes of the Blue Ridge, expressed much satisfaction upon being able to secure Albea for directing the ballet and other dance routines in the pageant. It is expected that practice will begin within the near future for these episodes. Realized net income of farm operators has dropped in each of the last two years after reaching a peak of 17.8 billion dollars in 1947. Gross income, on the other hand, continued upward in 1948 and did not show the first post-war drop until 1949.

Mrs. Rominger Taken By Death

Mrs. Anna Shoemaker Rominger, 65, died at her home in the Matney neighborhood last Saturday. Funeral services were held Monday at Liberty Methodist Church, the pastor, Rev. J. O. Banks being in charge of the rites, and interment was in the church cemetery. The husband, M. C. Rominger, eight sons and two daughters survive: Charlie Rominger, Atlanta, Ga.; Clyde, Orlando, Fla.; Ernest, Rominger; Fred, Grady, Dixon, Howard, and Richard Rominger, Banner Elk; Mrs. Bill Wrenn, Burlington; Miss Edith Rominger, Banner Elk. There is one brother, Conley Shoemaker of Ferguson, N. C. Five sisters survive: Mrs. G. A. Broyhill, Mrs. George Church, Lenoir; Mrs. Dave Wooten, Mrs. Clyde Clawson, Blowing Rock; Mrs. Tom Beshears, Summit, N. C. Frazer reveals he quit company in rift with Kaiser.

James Cornett Dies On Monday

James E. Cornett, 67, died at the home of a son, Harley Cornett at Sugar Grove Monday, and funeral services were held Tuesday at Mountain Dale Baptist Church, burial being in Millsaps cemetery. Rev. Nathan Greene was in charge of the rites. Surviving are the widow, six sons and two daughters: Harley Cornett, Sugar Grove; Andrew, Lenoir; Luther, Trade, Tenn.; John, Augusta, Ga.; George and Linney Cornett, Reese; Mrs. Lee Adair, Sugar Grove; Mrs. Bina Harmon, Reese.

"DOUGHTON PARK" NAME OF BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY AREA

Roanoke, Va.—The area in the Blue Ridge Parkway known as "The Bluffs" has been given the name "Doughton Park" in honor of Congressman Robert L. Doughton of North Carolina, it was announced this week by Parkway Superintendent Sam P. Weems. This change in designation, Weems pointed out, was approved by the National Park Service in recognition of Congressman Doughton's services in the public interest as well as for the significance the area holds for him personally. Representing the ninth district of his state since his election first to the 62nd and each succeeding Congress, Congressman Doughton has long been associated with the area along the parkway that now bears his name. Most of the land on the mountain where the present lodge,

PAGEANT SAID TO BE VASTLY BETTER THAN EFFORT OF 49

"Echoes of Blue Ridge" Completely Redone for Presentation End of June; Script, Action, Stage Setting New; Many Added Features.

The pageant, Echoes of the Blue Ridge, which is being given at Boone this summer, June 30 through July 4, is an entirely different production from that given during the centennial celebration last year. The script, action and stage setting have been completely changed. Under the direction of Pat Alderman of Mountain City, Tennessee, the episode coverage is linked closely in this year's pageant with the Blue Ridge history, the pageant is stronger, more personal to the section, and better staging facilities go to make a different, greater, and more interesting presentation of the story of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Hundreds of trees for natural background setting, spotlights on towers with dimmers and color frames, many large flood lights with color slides and dimmers, will aid in giving the setting a professional finish. Realistic properties for each set are under preparation. One of the biggest and best costume companies in the country is furnishing costumes.

Seen in the pageant will be the pioneer, Daniel Boone, his wife Rebecca, their children, and other families on the trail for Kentucky; the building of the first homes by the settlers at Valle Crucis, Beaver Dam and Cove Creek; the Apron Hemming contest between the man at a party about 1850, and the award to the victor; the Coffey and Bryan stores of 1895, where horse-trading and the medicine show vied with each other for attention.

There will be a humorous, realistic, dramatic story of the founding of Appalachian State Teachers college, and its growth and development.

The grand finale with its funnel of progress will be extravagant in its color, symbolism, and action. Many other items are incorporated in the script, but it is better, it is bigger, and it is different. It is not the same show as last year. The production is expected to draw hundreds of visitors to the performances June 30 through July 4. Over an hour's program every night will be completely different; and there will be two entirely different performances of the pageant itself.

Ted Barnett To Assemble Chorus

Ted Barnett of Boone, a music student at Appalachian State Teachers college, will assemble a men's chorus to participate in the musical part of Echoes of the Blue Ridge, pageant being presented in Boone June 30 through July 4. Mr. Barnett has been a member of the college chorus, and soloist with both the chorus and the octet during the past year. The chorus ensemble will sing part of each episode of the story as it blends into the action on the stage. Some of the musical numbers to be included in the pageant are: "Great Spirit Fire," that the Indians sing as they greet the rising sun; "Sun Hymn," expressing thankfulness that the Great Spirit is still smiling on them; and "Medicine Man, Oh Make Us Some Magic."

Cove Creek Annuals Have Been Received

The Cove Creek High School Annual, "The Coveteer," has arrived and will be given out from the high school principal's office on Friday, June 9. The postage on each annual is fifteen cents, and every person will be expected to pay that amount before receiving his yearbook. Pupils are requested not to call for their annuals before Friday as they will remain in the postoffice until that date.

Sheriff Watson Is Ill in Statesville

Sheriff C. M. Watson, who has been ill for the past three months, was admitted to a Statesville hospital Monday, and it is said the condition of the popular official is but little improved. The Cove Creek High School Annual, "The Coveteer," has arrived and will be given out from the high school principal's office on Friday, June 9. The postage on each annual is fifteen cents, and every person will be expected to pay that amount before receiving his yearbook. Pupils are requested not to call for their annuals before Friday as they will remain in the postoffice until that date.



DR. J. C. CANIPE
Dr. Canipe To Direct Revival

Dr. J. C. Canipe, secretary of evangelism for the Baptist State Convention, who will preach at a mass meeting at the Boone Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, launching a crusade of evangelism in a number of churches of the county. Dr. Canipe is director of the simultaneous revival effort, beginning Sunday. The pastors of the Three Forks Association will have breakfast together each morning and have a period of prayer and fellowship in preparation for each day's work. These breakfasts to be held at Oak Grove Church. Rev. C. O. Vance is chairman of evangelism and has made preparations for a great spiritual revival, it is said. The public is invited to attend all of the meetings during the week of June 11-18.

Beaver Dam Grange To Have Open Meeting

The Beaver Dam Grange will hold an open meeting Thursday June 8th at 8 p. m. Everyone is urged to attend. The farm agents, Messrs Tuckwiler and Kirkman, will be at the meeting to help plan school grounds and other community improvements. Refreshments will be served and there will also be music by the Thomas and Farthing band.

Health Office Hours

Beginning Saturday June 10 the Boone office of the district health department will be open the following hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 a. m. to 12:00 and 12:45 p. m. to 4:45 p. m. Only one member of the staff will be in the office Saturday morning 8:00 a. m. to 12:00 to answer routine questions. No immunizations or examinations will be given on Saturday mornings. Clinic hours are as follows: General diagnostic clinic, Monday 9:00 a. m. to 11:00 a. m.; Immunization clinic, Friday 2:00 p. m. to 4:30 p. m.

Thieves Steal Buttons

Manila—Three armed gunmen held up a warehouse recently and their loot was 376,000 buttons. The buttons, valued at \$4,000, were for the Philippine Army.

DR. HUBBARD TO SPEAK HERE ON PROBLEMS RURAL HEALTH

North Wilkesboro Physician to Address County Health Council at Annual Meeting Thursday Evening; General Attendance Being Urged.

Dr. Fred C. Hubbard of North Wilkesboro will speak at the courthouse Thursday June 8th at 8 o'clock, as guest of the Watauga county health council, on the occasion of the council's first birthday, and not only the official health council representatives in each community, but the general public as well is invited to attend the meeting. Dr. Hubbard is a most appropriate speaker for this meeting in that he has served as State rural health chairman for the North Carolina Medical Society since it affiliated with the national movement for establishing health councils to promote better health. Dr. Hubbard has been very active in promoting this movement throughout the state and will bring the group up to date on the progress of health council development. He has announced his subject for this meeting as "Health Councils As The Democratic Approach To Our Rural Health Problems." In addition to having this rural health interest Dr. Hubbard is president elect for the North Carolina Medical Society having been elected to this post at the annual meeting of that group held in Southern Pines early in May. Watauga council members will at this meeting decide on rules of order for determining policies of the health council. The council in Watauga was the second to be organized in North Carolina as a result of the efforts of the State Medical Society, and the cooperation of the local physicians, the local public health forces and interested groups in the county. You will recall that the Watauga County Farm Bureau took the initiative in the organization campaign and community meetings, but there was unlimited cooperation between all the agencies and the people in some thirty-five communities of this county which resulted in the council organization. Such cooperation deserves much praise—and the continued activity of Watauga's health council is being watched, not only throughout the state, but in many other states. Proof of this interest is the large number of requests received by the council secretary from the National health council and from other state and county groups for reports of activities of this local council. The secretary needs the help of every community representative in reporting activities so that these many requests may be answered. Matters of county-wide health interest will be acted upon at this meeting. Each citizen should see that the elected community representatives are on hand to speak for the group from that section of the county and be at the meeting himself to learn from the address of Dr. Hubbard so that he as a citizen can aid his community in improving its health facilities.

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