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AT LEGION'S DISTRICT MEETING—A thirtieth district American Legion meeting was held May 5 at the Legion Hut in Boone, at which time Mrs. B. K. Osborne was presented a trophy for her outstanding work in the Woman's Auxiliary.

In connection with the meeting a supper was served by the Boone Auxiliary, and addresses heard by Department Commanders and the Auxiliary President.

Guests were: Mr. Richard Davis and Dan King of the North Carolina Veterans' Commission, Winston-Salem; Past Presidents of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Mrs. Broome and Mrs. Miller, candidate for president of the Auxiliary this year.

In the picture are, front row, left to right: Mrs. E. R. Rhyne, president of the Ladies' Auxiliary of North Carolina; Mrs. B. K. Osborn of Watauga Post 130 Auxiliary; Mrs. F. E. Warman, President of Watauga Post Auxiliary; back row: Ralph Fisher, Membership Chairman of the American Legion Department of North Carolina; Hugh Alexander, Commander of the American Legion Department of North Carolina; Howard S. Steelman, 30th District Commander of the American Legion Department of North Carolina; Nash McKee, Department Adjutant; and Fred Gragg, Commander of Watauga Post 130, American Legion. —(Photo Palmer's Photo Service.)

Playground Will Open In Boone On Next Monday

Plans for opening of the Pre-School Age Playground for the community on next Monday were announced Tuesday by J. T. Shackford, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Recreation Committee. The playground is located between the Methodist and Baptist churches. The area has been fenced in and four sandboxes have been placed on the lot. Light metal equipment consisting of swings, see-saws, and a glide-ride have been ordered and it is expected by the end of this week.

It is expected that the cleaning up of the area now being carried forward by the Air Scout Squadron 109 will have been completed and that the equipment will be in place and ready for use by June 4. Members of the community are urged to contribute funds and other materials for the benefit of the program. Tools for the sand-boxes and benches for the parents inside the playground area are an immediate need.

The playground will be open for use all daylight hours. Mr. R. W. Watkins has indicated to Mr. Shackford that he will undertake to furnish periods of supervised play for the children at the playground at stated times during the week from among his students, after the opening of Summer School.

Parents are requested to cooperate by keeping the children from climbing the fence and by limiting the use of the light equipment, not built to withstand the weight of the larger children, to the pre-school age children.

Mrs. Jim Taylor, a trained recreational leader, has accepted responsibility for the overall conduct of the playground, and any persons who will offer supervision of the playground at any "regular" time during the week are requested to contact Mrs. Taylor, whereupon such periods of regular supervision will be announced to the public.

Mr. Shackford expressed sincere appreciation for the very fine interest and cooperation which have been manifested by the civic clubs and residents of the community in this undertaking, including especially the permission of the Dougherty family for the use of the playground area.

Governor Says Paced Progress

Shown above inspecting the Watauga River road last Wednesday, are left to right, Mark C. Goforth, highway commissioner of Lenoir, Dr. Henry W. Jordan chairman N. C. Highway Commission, Governor W. Kerr Scott, and Herman Wilcox, president Boone Chamber of Commerce.—Photo courtesy of Winston-Salem Journal.

Winston-Salem Civic Leaders Urge Completion Highway 603

Auto Salesman Makes Record

WILLIAM T. PAYNE

William T. Payne, who has been employed as salesman for the Winkler Motor Company, local Ford dealers, for the past seven years, has distinguished himself by being acclaimed one of the five highest point winners in the 300 to 500 salesmen's club of the Ford Motor Company in the Charlotte district. The district includes both the states of North Carolina and South Carolina.

The general Ford office is to publish on a national basis the stories of the point winners in the Ford Crest News, which is read by all the Ford dealers in the United States. The magazine will carry, in addition to pictures of winners, details of their techniques in making such outstanding sales records.

Democrats To Name Ticket

Democratic voters of the town of Boone are asked to gather in convention at the courthouse on Monday night, June 4th, at 8 p. m. for the purpose of naming a slate of candidates to be voted on in the municipal election of June 19th.

The convention notice, published today, is issued by E. Ford King, the chairman of the Democratic committee for the town of Boone.

To Finish at Duke

Charles C. Boone, son of Mrs. J. A. Boone, of Boone, is a candidate for the A. B. degree at Duke University's 99th Commencement Monday, June 4, at 10:30 a. m., in Duke's Indoor Stadium.

The local student is one of approximately 1100 students who are candiates for degrees at Duke University this year.

Dr. Robert D. Calkins, director of the General Education Board, New York City, will be the principal commencement speaker. The Hon. Kerr Scott, Governor of North Carolina, will also address the graduating classes.

C. of C. and Kiwanis Club Send Message To State Heads.

Winston-Salem, May 26.—The Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club sent telegrams yesterday to the Governor of Tennessee asking him to co-operate with North Carolina highway authorities in providing for the completion of a link of road between the two states.

Their action followed a series of conferences last week in which Governor W. Kerr Scott and North Carolina highway officials investigated the road situation and heard opinions about the proposed new links.

Another message from the local Kiwanians went to Governor John S. Battle of Virginia, thanking him for his State's interest in constructing a highway connecting with the North Carolina highway near Mouth of Wilson, Va.

The club also sent a wire to Governor Scott asking that he push the completion of both the highway links.

A message from Harry J. Krusz, the chamber's general manager, endorsed the project proposing the building of a highway from Elizabethton, Tenn., to meet Highway 603 beyond Sugar Grove in North Carolina.

"Our highway committee has promoted the development of Highway 421 and its connecting links for years," the wire said. "Completion of this new link will greatly facilitate the east-west flow of traffic."

The message from the Kiwanis Club to Governor Scott said in part: "Our club is convinced that completion of this road would give Tennessee and North Carolina a new transcontinental tourist highway that would mean millions in additional tourist business for both of our states."

The Kiwanian messages were signed by the local president, Robert C. Carmichael.

License Renewals Are Being Sought

All persons whose surnames begin with U, V, W, X, Y, and Z have until June 30 to renew their driving license. Chauffeurs license may be renewed any time up to June 30. There has been a change in the expiration on Chauffeurs license. They will expire on the applicant's birthday, instead of June 30, as before and will be for one year only.

Any driver in doubt as to when their license expires may look on the lower right corner of his present license card. Most of these drivers, whose license expire in 1951, names begin with A or B. They may apply for license 60 days prior to their expiring date and up to 30 days after expiring date.

Office days are as follows:

Monday and Tuesday, Jefferson.

Wednesday, Sparta.

Thursday and Friday, Boone.

Mills Home To Honor Dr. Greer

DR. I. G. GREER

Thomasville—Trustees of the Baptist Orphange of North Carolina voted to build a recreation center at Mills Home here to be named in honor of Dr. I. G. Greer of Chapel Hill, general superintendent of the orphanage from 1932 until 1948 and now president of its board of trustees.

The action honoring the widely-known Tar Heel climaxed the board's 66th annual meeting.

Work will begin immediately on the center, with playground equipment being installed first. Future plans call for a gymnasium when sufficient funds become available. The 45-year-old building which has served as a

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Softball Play To Start On Monday

Ten teams have been entered in the Adult Softball League opening on next Monday. Scattered teams only have been entered in the children's league and scheduling of their games awaits clear indication from the sponsoring institutions of their purpose to enter teams. Each child's team must indicate an adult leader at the time of registration. Mrs. Charles Wilfong is in charge of organization of the Girl's Leagues, ages 8-12, 13-18. Individuals and teams desiring participation must contact her.

Leagues for the boys are to be organized as follows: 6-8, 9-11, 12-14. Schedules will be announced when the registrations are complete enough to form a league in each age group.

The Adult League, 15 years and up, is in charge of Mr. Bill Murray. The following teams have registered: First Baptist Church, 2 teams, College faculty, Junior Order, Lions club, Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians, Rotary Club, and Oak Grove Baptist Church.

Rules for the Adult League are:

1—Each team will play two

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Scott Attends Dinner Here; Speaks To Large Group.

By JOE MINOR

Governor W. Kerr Scott of North Carolina told a large gathering of citizens of this county that the progress of North Carolina has always gone along with the progress of the highway system of the state, particularly the primary road system. He spoke to members of the Boone Chamber of Commerce and others interested in better roads for this section, especially the completion of the Watauga River Road (N. C. 603), at a dinner meeting in Daniel Boone Hotel last Wednesday evening.

The Governor praised the people of the State, particularly those in Watauga County, for their part in voting for the $200,000,000 road bond and the school bond program, and told them that the state officials are "investing" this money instead of "spending" it, as some people imply. He said that investment in roads in rural sections is overdue. The secondary roads being built will complete the State's highway system and the mountain roads will be as good as any in the State.

The Governor was on a four-day tour through the mountain section, inspecting the road program as it has been carried out so far, and was supposed to have met with Governor Gordon Browning of Tennessee about plans of Tennessee to connect with Highway 603 if and when it is finished by North Carolina. Governor Browning, however, sent word to Governor Scott he would be unable to meet with him due to other business.

Shortly after opening his speech the speaker quipped that he was glad Watauga election of-

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Exemptions Given For Regulation No. 7

Charlotte.—Retail stores doing less than $100,000 total store volume a year may elect not to file a chart under Ceiling Price Regulation No. 7, it was announced from Washington Monday in a dispatch to Director Ben E. Douglas.

Further relief is given to stores doing a relatively small volume of business in housewares, notions, sporting goods, silverware, chinaware, glassware, jewelry, watches and clocks. Stores doing less than $60,000 annually in these categories of items may elect to price them under General Ceiling Price Regulation rather than under No. 7 irrespective of the total volume of business done by the stores.

These are the two main provisions in this amendment. A third provision retains a principle of the original regulation No. 7 which gives the option to any retailer whose total sales of the items covered by No. 7 is less than $20,000 annually to remain under the General Ceiling Price Regulation, the message to Director Douglas made it clear.

In announcing this week that the amendment was forthcoming, the Washington OPS warned that all other retailers selling items controlled by CPR 7 and its amendments must file their pricing charts by May 31 if they want to continue to sell legally after that date. There will be no extension of that deadline, it was emphasized.

To Go on Cruise

William Brantley York, Jr., now a member of the rising senior class in the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps at the University of North Carolina, will depart from Norfolk, Va., June 22, on a 23-day cruise to Caribbean ports. The cruise is part of the Navy's annual summer training program for reserve officer candidates.

Midshipman York is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William B. York, Sr., of Boone, and graduated from Appalachian High school in June of 1948.

While at the University of North Carolina, Midshipman York has been active in Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Fraternity.

KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS sponsor circus in town Saturday evening, and a good crowd assembled down near the ball park for the performance . . As the showfolks used to say, "we packed 'em in"—and, in company with our smallest dividend we thoroughly enjoyed the respite and fun which only comes under the sagging tent . . . The show, billed under the name of Pawnee Brothers Circus, pinch-hitting for another which had been advertised and failed to appear—was good. The ponies and the monkeys and the bear, the clowns, and the lion act — the popcorn and the prize candy boxes, the puns our daddy used to hear . . . our friends and their kiddies. A good time at the circus, the unchangeable institution which attracts each succeeding generation with little changes in the bill . . . as thoroughly American as hot dogs, baseball or politicians—we love 'em, and the performance Saturday night was right on the ball, plumb according to schedule, even to the rain coursing down our spine as a deluge struck the well-used canvas. . . . And it's a strange thing, several hundred folks can get literally soaked under a circus tent, and keep laughing . . . seldom a short temper shows up among the confirmed circus-goers. That's one reason they're such a fine thing—there's little room for the sour puss in the realms of the cotton candy, and the pink lemonade, the animals and the punsters, and the distinctive stench which constitute the big show!

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BADLY RUMPLED CHILD stretches forth his dingy hand for the thin dime we proffer, and a couple of fellows standing near, speak as one, wanting to know how come the interest in the urchin, and when we'd decided to run for public office . . . and we laughed with them in an unhappy sort of way. In an age of speed, and gold, and greed and sin, we wouldn't have been believed, maybe, if we'd told the truth . . . So we didn't tell 'em that we wanted to see the face of the youngster light up when his soiled little fingers closed on the coin . . . A dollar's worth of fun for only ten cents!

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WHETHER it's in Memphis or in Boone, something different is of interest, and quite often acts in behalf of changed customs and improved conditions. A friend passes us a clipping telling what Mrs. Daisy Hunter, a resident of Tennessee's riverside metropolis, did, to put a crimp in age-old social practice . . . It

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ICC Specialist Considers Local Trucking Problem

Meets With County Businessmen Last Week.

J. C. Alexander, Interstate Commerce Commission transportation specialist, working out of Charlotte, was in Boone last Wednesday and Thursday to discuss with local business men their transportation problems. He visited several business establishments in answer to their complaints that the motor carrier service for the county as a whole is inadequate and unsatisfactory.

Wednesday night he met with a gathering of men and talked with them and asked for suggestions on what might be done to obtain a satisfacory and reasonable delivery and pick-up service for the section.

Among those attending the conference were Messrs. Herman Wilcox, Russell D. Hodges, Sr., R. D. Hodges, Jr., R. B. Hardin of Blowing Rock, J. E. Joines, D. E. Huff, Dr. O. K. Richardson and Mayor Gordon Winkler.

To Do Scouting In New Mexico

DICK LAVENDAR

Dick Lavendar, Boone, member of Explorer Squadron 109, Boy Scouts of America, will leave Boone during the week of June 10 to join with other boys of Old Hickory Council who will attend a Scouting expedition at the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. He will arrive at Philmont June 19 and leave there July 2, according to an announcement released by Eugene J. Jones, Assistant Scout Executive of Winston-Salem.

Philmont Scout Ranch is composed of 127,000 acres of land located about five miles from Cimarron. Scouts participating may hike and camp over mountain peaks, 11,600 feet above sea level. They may enjoy horseback riding burro pack trips, swimming and all other outdoor activities offered by the camp.

Other Scouts going from the Old Hickory Council include John Alan Hayes, North Wilkesboro; Nicky Shore, Elkin; Wallace Turner, King; Edward Owens, Paul A. Jones, Jr., James Hart, Winston-Salem; James Lee Merritt, Mount Airy; and A. E. Ammons, Jr., Walnut Cove.

Finishes at St. Mary's

Miss Rebecca Moose, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. G. K. Moose, will graduate at St. Mary's Junior College at the 109th commencement June 4th. Dr. and Mrs. Moose will leave Friday for Raleigh to attend the commencement exercises which will include the baccalaureate sermon by the Rt. Rev. Richard Henry Baker, Bishop Coadjutor of North Carolina on Sunday and will conclude with the presentation of diplomas in the Chapel on Monday and the final blessing by Bishop Edwin Penick.

Goerch a Visitor

Carl Goerch, publisher of the State magazine, Raleigh, was in town Tuesday morning, stopping briefly with the Democrat while on a tour of the Carolina mountain region.

Fire at Lovill Home

Fire originating in a closet in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lovill, on Bristol road, was brought quickly under control Sunday by the Boone fire department. Damage done was of small consequence.

Go to Annapolis

Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Whitener left Boone Monday for Annapolis, Md., where they will attend June Week at the Naval Academy, and the graduation of their son, Midshipman C. C. (Jack) Whitener.

X-Ray Plans Made

Miss Lula Belle Highsmith, health educator with the Tuberculosis department of the State Board of Health, visited the district for planning further in the mass chest X-ray survey. She was in the Watauga office Wednesday, May 23.

Health Broadcast

The regular Health Department program on WATA for Monday, June 4, will feature activities of students from Winebarger School for the past year.

To Graduate At Naval Academy

CARR CHOATE WHITENER

Midshipman, first class, Carr Choate Whitener, USNA, son of Dr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Whitener of 715 Faculty st., Boone, is a member of this year's graduating class at the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

The class will be presented its diplomas at appropriate ceremonies June 3, 1951. Midshipman Whitener has chosen to receive a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force.

During his four years at the Academy, he attained his highest scholastic standing as Midshipman Ensign.

He also won athletic awards in gymnastics, cross country and tennis.

A former student at Appalachian High School, and the Appalachian State Teachers, College. Midshipman Whitener received a Congressional nomination to the Academy, and admitted to the institution June 14, 1947.

While at the Academy he was a member of chapel choir; staff of midshipman's publication the "Log."; Forensic activities; and the Drum and Bugle Corps.