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TV PROMOTION

TV viewers in this area are delighted that both Boone and Blowing Rock are now being promoted in the "station-breaks" on WBTB. The Boone post-office is shown on one film, while the Blowing Rock—the rock itself—a beautiful view, makes a commanding scene for the other. The Democrat, having started the effort to get some local recognition on the TV a year ago, is delighted that the thing has been followed up. Another piece of valuable publicity for the Boone-Blowing Rock country.

THE UNCERTAINTY OF THE THING

Most of the youngsters in the community are considerably helped up over commencement down at the high school. . . . Some of them are getting all in readiness for the trip to the college or university this fall, and there is an air of high excitement as school days whoop into the home stretch with several hundred children looking for a passing report card, and a long, well-earned vacation period. . . . The little girl from the fourth grade, however, who talked to us the other day, wasn't too heated up over the situation. . . . "Yes, I'm in the fourth grade," and nonchalantly, "if I don't pass I'll be in the fourth again next year. . . . Can't tell about my teacher. . . . Don't know what's going to happen. . . . She gives every sort of mark from zero to sixty-nine!" . . . And we admitted there was a lot of room for only tolerable grades in such a wide numerical span. . . . And another youngster who had moved to Tennessee, and dropped by to see us of a Saturday. . . . The eight year old didn't have a fish hook in his pants, and the blue gills and the bass and stuff were biting. . . . We obliged the lad, invited him back, was all pepped up over his friendship. . . . "Come back to see us," we beamed on the slightly tattered lad. . . . "Sure will. . . . that is, whenever I need something!"

THE ROOT OF THE TROUBLE

A man had imbibed a little too freely, had driven his auto while he was slightly mellowed by John Brandywine. . . . Somebody was peeping, and he fell into the toils of the law. . . . The court dealt rather harshly with the fellow, and his driving license together with his privilege of shoe-leathering around, were gathered up by the man who passes the judgments. . . . We fell to expressing our sorrow that the fellow had fallen into trouble, and mentioned the fact to a relative. . . . "Oh, it's all right I guess. . . . suppose his folks will get along some way or another. . . . wish there wasn't any liquor. . . . but locking up the guy who drinks the stuff is a mite like cutting off the top of a jimson weed and leaving the roots strongly embedded in rich, black, dank soil. . . . There being relatively fewer bottleggers than drinkers, looks like the flow of alcohol might be more handily checked than to try to round up the thousands who imbibe. . . . Just wonder. . . . And of course, folks always wonder about such things, and wish, that since we have prohibition laws all over the place, they would prohibit a little more at the source, to the protection of the human by-products of the traffic. . . . the fellows who mouth on the street, whip their wives maybe, or perhaps just can't quite focus a Lizzie on the wide pavement.

AN OLD BUT POTENT POTION

A good many folks around the city have had trouble with the measles of late. . . . The kids have them right and left, and some of the adults have fallen prey to the uncomfortable and smelly ailment. . . . A man was remarking the other day about the failure of one of his cases to break out, when a bystander, who had been around these parts for many years, and who'd seen a lot, no doubt, in-
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WILLIAM DUDLEY FARTHING

Last Rites Held for W. Dudley Farthing

Funeral services were held at the Boone Baptist church Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, for William Dudley Farthing, 76, retired Boone banker, former postmaster, legislator and court clerk, who died at his home early Sunday morning, following a long illness.

Rev. J. C. Canipe, former pastor of the church, conducted the rites, and burial was in Mount-lawn Memorial Park.

Active pallbearers were: Alfred P. Adams, Russell D. Hodges, James P. Marsh, Guy Hunt, John Howell, Clyde R. Greene.

Mr. Farthing was born in Watauga county, a son of the late Whitfield and Mrs. Farthing. In his early days he taught school for a time and lived in Oklahoma for several years, where he engaged in postal work.

Returning to Watauga County

W. M. U. Opposes Sunday Showing "Horn In West"

The Women's Missionary Society of the Three Forks Baptist Association, in session at Laurel Springs Church May 3, voiced unanimous opposition to the showing of the historical drama, "Horn in the West," on Sundays, as is presently planned.

In a letter to Dr. I. G. Greer, President of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, the WMU said that the Sunday showings "would be a desecration of the Lord's Day and contrary to the teachings of Jesus as to how that day should be spent. It is our prayer that enough opposition be brought to bear on the officials until there will be no showing on Sundays."

The letter is signed by Mrs. C. J. Farthing, WMU president, and Mrs. Blanche Perry, secretary.

Chas. Wilfong Goes To Army

Mr. Charles E. Wilfong, who has been program director for radio station WATA in Boone, since its establishment in 1950, has resigned his position and has received a commission in the army air force.

He will leave Boone May 20, and on the 29th will report to Donaldson Air Force Base, Greenville, S. C., for temporary assignment. From there he will go to Houston, Texas, where he will engage in some flying and communications work.

Mr. Wilfong, a veteran of two years Naval service in the last war, has been a leader in local civic affairs, and has made many friends during his residence here.

Mr. Shackford At UN Seminar

Rev. J. T. Shackford, pastor of the Boone Methodist Church, is spending the week in New York City, where he is attending a United Nations Peace Seminar, arranged for the three North Carolina conferences and the Detroit conference.

Rev. Mr. Shackford was chosen a delegate by the Western Carolina Conference, to attend the Seminar, which is sponsored by the peace Commission of the Methodist Church.

Miles Jones Is Given Promotion

State Highway Patrolman Miles Jones, who formerly resided in Boone, but who now lives in Statesville, has been promoted to the rank of Corporal, and will move to Lenoir, where he will be in charge of District 1, including Watauga county, under Sgt. Frank Kennedy of Morganton.

Mr. Jones served in Boone for eight years.

Mrs. Bradley Taken By Death

Mr. Grady Bradley of Vilas, has been notified that his step-mother, Mrs. A. T. Bradley of Tempe, Arizona succumbed on the 10th at her home.

Mrs. Bradley, who was 82 years old, visited relatives in Watauga last summer.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Joe Ramey, Tempe, Ariz.; Mrs. Robert Hicks, Minkelman, Ariz.; and Grady Bradley, Vilas.

Historian says Franklin was not first in lightning test.

Civic Leaders Sponsor Building Atomic Plant

Dr. Phillips To Speak at College Commencement Here Friday

Dean Guy B. Phillips, of the School of education at the University of North Carolina, will be the speaker at commencement exercises to be held at Appalachian College Friday, May 16, at 10:30 a. m. One hundred and seventy-six will receive BS degrees at that time, while 26 will be given MA degrees.

The Graduates

Students receiving Bachelor of Arts degrees are William D. Akin, Eugenia Alley, Martha J. Austin, Mary J. Austin, Agnes Baldwin, C. E. Barrett, Laura Beck, Betty Bell, Harold R. Berthold, Pansy Biddix, Dean H. Billingsley, William Paul Blackburn, Peggy L. Blanton, Mona Lee Boljack, James R. Bowles, Marvin Kenneth Bradshaw, Charles L. Brady, Joseph Paul Bray, Maynard H. Bridges, Clara Mae Broome, Dorothy Jean Brown, Virginia Buff, John Bunch.

Robert V. Caldwell, Estelle

Carpenter, Jean Carpenter, Albert W. Catlet, Effie Lou Cheek, Mrs. Betty Christenbury, James E. Christenbury, Jr., Carl L. Clarke, Agnes Cloer, Bobby Coe, Suzanne Coffey, Helen Fay Cole, Glenn T. Collins, Max G. Cotten, Jesse Leon Coulter, William R. Craig, James Crawford, Mrs. Ruth A. Cuddy, Blanche Daniel, Joseph C. Davidson, Betty Davis, Joel Derby, Elizabeth Ann Devlin, Jack B. Duncan, Marjorie Dwiggin, Carolyn Eaton, Mary Edwards, Leroy English.

John Farthing, Horace Felton, Jimmy Ferrell, N. Carolyn Fespeman, Michael N. Finger, Dorothy M. Floyd, Thomas A. Foreman, Jr., C. S. Foster, Jr., J. Clyde Fox, Hoyt Freeze, R. Steve Gabriel, Jessie Giles, Robert Gillis, Mrs. Martha Roe Goss, Bobby John Gragg, Melvin S. Griffith, Doris Lucille Grill, James F. Hall, Walter H. Hanks, Dan A. Harrington, Mrs. Kathryn B.

Harris, Joseph Hartley, James Hartman, Charles Hathaway, Annie Kate Hauser, George E. Hemrick, Betty Jo Henderson, Earl H. Hendricks, John R. Hester, Paula Mae Higgins.

Charles Herbert Hodges, Mrs. Blanche Marie Hodges, Alvin Hooks, Thurman Horner, Grace A. Huffman, Shirley M. Hughes, Hershall Ray Hunt, Joe H. Hunt, Betty Jo Hutchens, Kenneth Jack Idol, Sylvia Jaynes, Marcia R. Jenkins, Emogene Johnson, Hal Ray Johnson, Nathaniel S. Jones, Lorine Kanoy, Mrs. Betty B. Kendrick, Alma Joyce Kirkland, Robert Glenn Kiser, Guy B. Lail, Jessie Lambert, Sybil Lambeth, Mrs. Marian Jo Lassiter, Robert Eli Link, Bradie Lowder.

Lewis Mack, Sue Ann Marion, James B. Mast, Jr., Mary Lou Masters, Edward Lass McCurry, William H. McEntire, Mrs. Betty

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Wilcox, Hodges Attend Meeting In Bristol, Tenn.

Herman W. Wilcox, president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce and Russell D. Hodges, recently attended a meeting in Bristol, in the interest of the establishment of an Atomic energy plant in the Shady Valley between Mountain City and Bristol. The proposed site has been tentatively approved, it is understood.

A government announcement recently stated that an atomic plant would be constructed in the Ohio River Valley, due to the bountiful water supply, and availability of coal for steam-electric plants. This section of Tennessee, 35 miles from Boone, is considered in the Ohio River Valley.

Mr. Wilcox says the proposed plant would require 37,000 employees for construction, and 5,000 to operate the enterprise. The plant would occupy a space two and a half square miles, and would use 1,800,000 kilowatts of electricity, or enough for a city of 2,500,000 inhabitants. It was stated that the plant would be no more dangerous than any other large industry.

Representatives from Elizabethton, Mountain City and Shady Valley also attended the meeting which was sponsored by the Bristol Chamber of Commerce. The Shady Valley delegation opposed the industry on the grounds that all their land would be required. In the event the plant is constructed, it is stated that several large steam power plants would have to be built.

Kelley Honored By Funeral Ass'n



Richard E. Kelley, Boone funeral director, was installed last Friday as tenth district director of the North Carolina Funeral Directors and Burial Association.

The honor was conferred upon Mr. Kelley at the annual State meeting of the organization held in Charlotte.

Three New Men Are Added to Business Staff 'Horn' Drama

Robbers Enter Bus Terminal

The bus depot in Boone, was entered and robbed some time Thursday night, May 8. The unknown thief or thieves apparently removed the screen from the rest room window to gain entry, according to Mr. H. W. Wilcox, bus station manager. Between \$50 and \$60 in cash and an undetermined quantity of merchandise was missing, he said. The cash had been left in the drawer to start the next day's business. The building also houses the office of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

Parkway Book Is Off Press

The third edition of a 16-page booklet, bearing maps and lists of accommodations, services, recreation and other activities of the Blue Ridge Parkway route, was published in Asheville Friday.

The Blue Ridge Parkway Associated Chambers of Commerce will be in charge of distributing the several thousand booklets.

Roy A. Ruffy Named Chairman For Dairy Month

Raleigh. — State Dairy Month headquarters has announced the appointment of Roy A. Ruffy of Hillsdale Dairy, Boone, as local chairman of the 16th annual observance of June Dairy Month.

In making the announcement, R. B. Davenport of Durham, State chairman, stated that Dairy Month has played an important role through the years in improving our local and national health by causing more Americans to possess the important facts of sound nutrition.

"Milk does more for the human body than any other known food and does it more cheaply," Davenport said. He further stated that research has shown that older persons need to consume the same amounts of dairy foods as do growing children since the nutrients in dairy foods so needed for growing bodies are just as necessary to fight the body deterioration of later years.

"With this in mind," Davenport said, "the dairy industry chose 'Good Eating for All Ages' as the 1952 June Dairy Month Campaign theme."

Judge Olive In Boone Today

Hon. Hubert Olive of Lenoir, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, will be at the Daniel Boone Hotel this (Wednesday) afternoon from 1 to 1:30, for the purpose of meeting with his friends and supporters. Sponsors of Mr. Olive's candidacy are hopeful that many citizens will come out to meet the well known Carolinian.

Capt. Gragg To Go To England

Capt. Horton Gragg, recently of Langley Field, Va., spent the week end with his family here, and will leave next Tuesday for England, where he will serve with the Air Force for the next three years.

Capt. Gragg's family will reside here until arrangements are made for their residence in England.

Lions Officers To Be Installed

The newly-elected Lions Club officers will be installed at a meeting of the organization to be held in June.

Those elected at last week's meeting were:

Dr. R. H. Harmon, president.
Leo Pritchett, Joe Crawford, Herbert Wey, vice-presidents.
Russell D. Hodges, secretary.
O. K. Richardson, treasurer.
J. B. Winkler, J. E. Joines, tail twisters.
I. S. Ayers, lion tamer.
J. E. Holshouser and Frank M. Payne new members of the board of directors.

CAP Official Speaks To Civic Gathering

Major J. Toms Dover, Jr., organization inspector on the staff of the North Carolina Wing of the Civil Air Patrol at Charlotte, outlined the organization, purpose and aims of the C. A. P. at the regular meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce Tuesday, May 13.

He told the gathering of approximately fifty persons that the Civil Air Patrol was born of war and is the only organization of its kind ready to function in case of enemy attack or other emergency. It has the peacetime mission of aiding in such disasters

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as floods, fires and explosions, and finding lost persons, he said.

In advocating a landing strip for the local C. A. P. unit, he declared that Boone is surrounded by so-called "hot spots," or vital defense industries, pointing out that directed missiles with a range of 1200 miles are now in use. If the Boone unit had a landing strip, he said, a plane would be rotated among several such units. He added that the Civil Air Patrol could, if the need should arise, place a mobile station every five miles of the 400 miles from Manteo to Murphy.

Fishing Rodeo At Stallings Farm

B. W. Stallings, local jeweler, who also engages in widespread farming activities, is sponsoring a Fishing Rodeo at his private lake at Diamond S. Ranch, in the Poplar Grove neighborhood, open to boys and girls under 10 years.

The fishing contest will take place Wednesday, May 21, at 3 o'clock, and the youthful anglers must be accompanied by parents. The lake is well stocked with bluegills and bass, and the kiddies should have unusually fine sport. Those expecting to participate in the fishing contest are asked to register at once at Stallings Jewellers.

The following prizes are to be awarded: First prize, fishing reel, for the biggest fish; second, tackle box, sportsmanship; third, casting line, first bag limit.

Some 300,00 strawberry plants have been set out in North Carolina this spring as a part of home gardens and as 4-H Club projects, according to horticultural specialists at N. C. State College.

Parkway Is Most Popular Scenic Attraction

The Blue Ridge Parkway, an enchanting dream-highway over which nearly three million motorists traveled last year to gaze at North Carolina and Virginia's hazy, immutable peaks and misty flower-strewn coves and valleys, has become eastern America's most popular scenic attraction.

Designed especially for the leisurely tourist—commercial vehicles and road signs are banned, the Parkway represents a new conception in roads. It is not an express parkway of the American

scene—a road intended for gypsy-like travel on the ride-awhile, stop-awhile basis.

Blue Ridge Parkway traverses a section of the Southern Highlands, the region of the Appalachian Mountains, south of the Great Smokies. These great eastern mountains, reaching from Maine to Georgia, are a broad ribbon of many parallel ranges connected by cross ranges and tumbled mountains and hills. From Shenandoah National Park for 355 miles the Parkway fol-

lows the Blue Ridge Mountains, the eastern rampart, which form the water divide between the Atlantic and the Gulf; then it winds cross country through the Blacks, the Craggies, the Pisgahs, and the Balsams to the Great Smokies.

It is a region of ancient, rugged mountains and deep, narrow coves and valleys. Superb scenery and an agreeable climate lure the vacation-minded.

The Parkway motorist will travel the Southern Highlands, a

land of forested mountains, exquisite during the flower of spring, cool in the green summer, colorful in the red autumn. The stretches of woodland, the clustered mountains, and the views out to the lowlands are enlivened by the fields and pastures of highland farms, where split-rail fences, weathered cabins, and gray barns compose the "hill culture."

Not all is completed of this scenic parkway, the first of its kind to be developed by the Na-

tion; but long portions are already paved and are enjoyed by millions of visitors each year.

Last year's 2,448,745 visitors set a Parkway record; in fact this was the largest travel in any unit of the National Park System. Since 1939, the year of the first visitor census, 12,215,881 persons have traveled over this new road through Mid-South skies.

Major Attractions

Between Asheville, Capital City of the "Land of the Sky", and Buck Creek Gap, the moun-

Hospital Open House On Sunday

As previously announced in last week's Democrat Open House will be observed on Sunday, May 18 between the hours of 2 and 4 p. m. at Watauga Hospital.

The Medical and Hospital Auxiliaries plan to act as hostesses for the occasion and conduct visitors on a tour of all the departments of the hospital. Many rooms not available daily will be shown and the equipment and its use explained. Mrs. Grady Moritz, president of the hospital auxiliary has announced that delicious refreshments will be served in the hospital dining room after the tour.

Everyone is encouraged to visit the hospital and get an inside view of just what goes on in various departments.