

Proposed Dam Would Cost About 13 Million

"When the Watauga River dam is completed, and the additional power and recreational facilities are available to the people of Watauga, they will wonder how they ever got along without it and why they were so long about making up their minds about supporting this worthwhile project," said H. W. Wilcox, president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, in reporting excellent progress on the plans for the development of additional waterpower on the Watauga in this county.

Mr. Wilcox incidentally, has some figures on the proposed construction programs; and says: "There are two projects being considered by TVA: one would bring the water of the dam to an

elevation of 2650 feet, the other would bring it to an elevation of 2600 feet. This latter, or 2600 ft. level, looks to be the more feasible and the one most likely to be approved by the TVA engineers. This 2600 ft. level would back the water up the Watauga River about 3,000 feet to about midway between Antioch Church and the Cove Creek entrance with the Watauga River. Very little valuable land would be covered and this project would produce 57 million kilowatt hours of energy annually, firm or 41.5 million kilowatt hours of secondary energy. At this head the plant would have an installed capacity of 17,000 kilowatts.

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Highway Postoffice Makes Initial Trip

Winkler To Get Award State Auto Association



(Photo Palmer's Photo Service) W. R. WINKLER

W. R. Winkler of Winkler Motor Company, Inc. will receive the "1952 Highway Safety Award" to be presented by the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association in Raleigh on Wednesday, December 3, it was announced by Association President Fred H. Deaton, of Statesville.

The presentation will take place at a special luncheon given by the Association in honor of Winkler and the other Tar Heel dealers who have loaned new cars free of charge to high schools for use in the driver education program.

Governor-elect William B. Umstead will pay tribute to the dealers receiving the award. Dr. Charles F. Carroll, Superintendent of Public Instruction, will make the presentation on behalf of NCADA, the National Automobile Dealers Association, and the Inter-Industry Highway (Continued on page seven.)

Mrs. Nelia Perry Funeral Is Held

Funeral services for Mrs. Nelia Perry, age 79, of the Silverstone community were held Sunday, November 23 at the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. Burial was in the Cove Creek cemetery. Mrs. Perry died following an illness of five years. She had been critically ill for two weeks.

She is survived by her husband, Robert J. Perry and seven children, Roscoe and Blanch Perry of Zionville, Lloyd and Dorrell Perry of Granite Falls, Mrs. Myrtle Hollar, Mr. Jaye Calloway, and Mrs. Nell Mullen of Boone. Also surviving are two brothers and one sister, J. Frank Wilson of Vilas, Charles S. Wilson of Sioux City, Iowa, and Mrs. Sallie Miller of Bristol, Va.

Gravestone served as pall bearers and granddaughters were flower girls. Last rites were in charge of her pastor, Rev. Rex West, assisted by Rev. E. O. Gore, of Vilas. She was a charter member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, and was an active member until her illness. She and Mr. Perry celebrated their sixty-second wedding anniversary last March fifth.

Hospital Week Being Observed In City, County

This week has officially been designated as Hospital Week by the Town of Boone and Watauga county, it was announced by Stanley A. Harris, chairman of the building committee. Sunday is to be Hospital Sunday, and all churches in the county have been asked to have a special collection for the nurses' home fund on that day.

At a meeting held Tuesday the solicitation committee made further plans to solicit Boone and Watauga county in an effort to wind up the successful campaign for Watauga Hospital nurses' home. Mr. Harris states that more than \$15,000 has been subscribed. Special mention is made of these places whose employees have contributed 100% to the fund: Belk's, Hunt's, Boone Drug Co., Stallings Jewelry Co., Chamber of Commerce, Watauga Hospital. Mr. Harris particularly complimented the hospital for its subscription of \$800. It was also stated that while two-thirds of the goal had been reached, it would still be necessary for everyone to participate.

This week concludes the campaign, it is said, and it is predicted that with continued cooperation of the people, the goal of \$21,000 will be fully subscribed.

NCEA Group Asks Dr. Shaffer To Aid In Problems



DR. JOHN R. SHAFFER

The Department of Audio-Visual instruction of the National Education Association has invited Dr. John R. Shaffer of Appalachian State Teachers College to serve as a member on the National Committee on College and University programs. The purpose of this committee is to assist college and university faculties with their instructional problems.

On November 7 the department of audio-visual instruction of the N. E. A. also asked Shaffer to assist in their task of working out evaluative criteria which will be used for the evaluation of teacher education programs throughout the nation.

Mr. Shaffer assisted with the Iredell County audio-visual workshop recently by taking a team of six from Appalachian State Teachers College to assist Mr. Litaaker at Troutman. Mr. W. Merrill Snyder handled visual aids in mathematics; Mr. Robert W. Lancaster led the section for science teachers; and Shaffer worked with third and fourth grade teachers on non-commercial visual aids. Three students from the science methods class also accompanied the audio-visual team from Appalachian that assisted with the Iredell County workshop.

Twelve Colleges To Take Part In Appalachian Speech Tourney

The 12th annual Appalachian Mountain Forensic Tournament will be held December 5th and 6th in the Fine Arts building at Appalachian State Teachers College, according to an announcement by Professor Leo K. Pritchett of the college. The tournament is sponsored by the North Carolina Epsilon Pi Kappa Delta of A. S. T. C.

Registrations will begin Friday, December 5, at 10 a. m., and the first debate is scheduled for 11 a. m. Sessions will continue throughout the day and evening Friday, and the tournament will close Saturday, December 6, at noon. Mr. Pritchett said.

The following events are on the program: Debating, extemporaneous speaking, impromptu speaking, oratory, after dinner speaking, poetry reading, and radio announcing. The latter will be held at radio station WATA.

Paul Coffey Chairman Of Board Co. Commissioners



NEW COMMISSIONERS—Members of the new board of county commissioners are shown. Reading from left to right, they are: Paul A. Coffey, Chairman; Clarence Watson and Leonard Wilson. (Photos by Palmer's Photo Service.)

New Slate Officers Sworn In

Paul A. Coffey, prominent Boone business man, was named chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, as he, Clarence Watson and Leonard Wilson, were sworn into office Monday morning. The new commissioners, all Republicans, succeed Clyde R. Greene, R. M. Ward, and William Proffitt, also Republicans, who had served one two-year term.

The new board named a new tax collector, tax supervisor, and transacted routine business, meeting again Tuesday.

Also sworn into office by Clerk of the Court Fred M. Gragg was Joe Miller, Republican, county surveyor, and Miss Helen Underdown, Democrat incumbent for twenty-four years, who was also on the Republican ticket this year.

W. L. Winkler, Representative-elect on the Republican ticket, will be sworn into office when the General Assembly convenes the first of the year.

The New Officials
Chairman Coffey, owner and manager of the Parkway Co., local hardware store, has been in the hardware business for 13 years. He was formerly county accountant, is treasurer of the County Library and the Red Cross, and a leader in local civic affairs.

Clarence Watson is a coal dealer, farmer and stockman of Cove Creek. He is a son of the late Sheriff C. M. Watson.

Mr. Wilson, a resident of Meat Camp township, is a farmer and dealer in Watkins household products.

Mr. Miller is a well-known farmer of New River township.

Tax Officials
Mr. Leslie Norris, farmer, of Todd, was named tax collector, succeeding G. B. Miller, who had served for two years. Mr. Denver E. Church, prominent merchant and farmer of the Mabel neighborhood, was named tax supervisor, succeeding S. C. Eggers.

Mr. O. L. Coffey was retained as county accountant, and S. C. Eggers, Jr., remains at county attorney.

Vester Phillips has been retained as court house custodian.

Area Crippled Child's Meet To Be Held

Local societies of the North Carolina Society for crippled children and adults will hold an area meeting on Friday, December 5, at 3:00 p. m., at the Skyline Restaurant in Boone. Plans for more effective help for the many crippled and otherwise handicapped children will be discussed.

The Watauga County Society will be host to members from Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Caldwell, and Wilkes.

"All persons interested in helping obtain better care, treatment, and training for children who are crippled, who have speech difficulties, bad eyes, or poor hearing are cordially invited to attend this meeting," announced Albin Pikutis, executive director of the North Carolina society for crippled children.

Bangle Day To Be Observed Here

In connection with the Christmas seal sale, bangle day is being conducted by Mrs. Mae Edmisten, county school supervisor, through the schools this week, and a film "Rodney," a story of a child who had tuberculosis, is being shown in the schools. Each child will be given an opportunity to buy a bangle.

Gift Of Automobile Is Changed To Jan. 16

306,000 Pounds Of Weed Sold In Boone

Three hundred and six thousand pounds of burley tobacco was sold at the opening of the Mountain Burley market in Boone Monday for an average price of \$52.66 per hundred, making a higher price average than was received last year, considering the fact that this year a considerable quantity of frozen tobacco was offered.

Had there been no frozen weed, or crops damaged by this year's drought, opening money would have been a great deal higher than last year. Farmers expressed themselves as being highly pleased with their checks.

Receipts are continuing heavy Tuesday, and a full sale is expected Wednesday, Friday and Monday.

Tobacco was sold Monday from every county in the North Carolina burley belt, and from Tennessee and Virginia.

Warehousemen are insisting that farmers bring their tobacco in for quick sales and high prices. They are warned, however, to be sure to keep frozen weed on separate baskets. If mixed with good grades, the frozen leaves will bring the price of the whole basket down. Furthermore, there is no government support on frozen tobacco.

The regular monthly mother and infant clinic will be held at the Health Department in Boone on December 8, from 2 to 4 o'clock p. m.

Cage Season To Be Opened Here

The basketball Mountaineers of Appalachian State Teachers College will lift the lid on the 1952-53 cage season here in the college gymnasium Saturday night at 8 p. m., when they play host to the fast McCrary Eagles of Asheboro, a well-known team of former college and professional stars.

On the roster of the Eagles is a former Appalachian cager, Ab Williams, who performed on the hardwood for the Mountaineers in 1940-41.



MISS HELEN UNDERDOWN, who started her twenty-fifth year as Register of Deeds, as new officials took over the county government.

Baby Clinic Is Set For Dec. 8

The regular monthly mother and infant clinic will be held at the Health Department in Boone on December 8, from 2 to 4 o'clock p. m.

Charles Jonas To Speak To Local Chamber

Hon. Charles Raper Jonas, Republican Congressman-elect from the tenth North Carolina district, will be the featured speaker at the regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, Tuesday, December 9, at 12 noon, it was revealed yesterday by H. W. Wilcox, Chamber of Commerce president.

Mr. Jonas, a prominent Lincolnpton attorney, is known as a particularly able speaker, and while his subject hasn't been announced, the local organization feels that its members will be appreciative of his remarks. A full attendance is being urged.

Bake Sale To Be Held By Club

The Junior Woman's Club will hold a "bake sale" at Belk's department store in Boone Saturday morning beginning at 10 o'clock. All kinds of baked goods will be on sale, it was announced.

The Merchants Association has announced a change in the date of drawing for the Chevrolet automobile to be given away as the climax of the Burley Festival and Christmas shopping season in Boone.

The date has been moved up to January 16, 1953, in order to give all tobacco growers, some of whom will not bring their first load of tobacco to Boone until after Christmas, a chance to win the 1952 DeLuxe tudor Chevrolet sedan purchased from Andrews Chevrolet, Inc., of this city.

The drawing for second and third prizes will be held as originally scheduled at 3 p. m. on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24th, in front of Mountain Burley Warehouse No 1 at the top of Depot Street.

Second prize will be an RCA-Victor television set from Swoford's Tire Store, and third prize will be an 8 ft. Norge refrigerator from Farmers Hardware and Supply Company.

To be eligible for one of these prizes, it is necessary only to register with any of the Boone merchants listed in the Merchants Association advertisement which appears elsewhere in this issue. The association wishes to call special attention to these names, as several have been added since the original list was published last week. Tobacco growers will receive tickets on the prizes when they floor their tobacco in Boone.

The work of installing the Christmas lights along the streets was begun Monday morning, but was interrupted by the inclement weather. They will be turned on just as soon as the work is completed, it was said.

Plans for the Burley Festival Ball, tentatively scheduled for the week before Christmas, also are still incomplete. Chairman Howard Cottrell said yesterday he is awaiting confirmation of the date from the orchestra, and probably will have a definite announcement to make next week.

Details of all Christmas and burley festival events will be published in the Democrat as they are announced by the Merchants Association.

VFW Auxiliary Maps Xmas Plans

The Ladies Auxiliary to the local V. F. W. Post met Thursday night, November 27, with president Susie Phillips presiding. Mrs. Fred Holman was appointed as treasurer since Mrs. J. B. Miller, the elected treasurer, is moving to Detroit, Michigan.

The auxiliary will send books of stamps to a veterans hospital this month as a part of the Christmas gift program carried on by the auxiliaries.

The auxiliary is collecting and making clothing for some needy children. Mr. Fred Miller of Master Cleaners cleaned the used clothing without charge.

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

SUBSCRIBER DWELLS ON ADVENT OF ERA

J. L. (Lorn) Harrison, valued employee of the New River Light and Power Company is an especially appreciated subscriber to the Democrat, because, while most folks take only one subscription, Lorn regularly plunks down for four every year . . . The other day he came by the newspaper office to check on his quadruple subscription, and to dwell briefly on the growth of Boone since he came here, back in the days of the first war, when he shoveled the coal into engine nine, as she proudly pulled the first scheduled passenger train into Boone over the Linville River line . . . that was the start of the really rapid growth of the town—the beginning of an era. The narrow gauge fetched in the bricks and the sand and the plaster and the roofing, and stuff, and soon the Boone Drug Company, the Jones building, the Qualls block, the Linney buildings, Arthur Hamby's first structures, and countless others took form, while Appalachian College took on increased growth.

A GLAD DAY

Lorn Harrison looks back fondly on that day in 1916, when train number four rounded the bend down at the Buddy Winkler farm, and the blast of her whistle echoed and re-echoed through the hills. "I had worked for days on the engine, to have her shining and bright for her first run to Boone," Lorn relates, "and when we arrived at the station, the whole countryside had turned out . . . We had to inch her in, to prevent injuries. . . . Engine nine that day hauled in four steel cars, steam heated, and new—one of them a deluxe parlor car, and the people, and the railroad men alike celebrated the advent of a brightly burnished passenger train in high good humor . . . The line had reached Boone some time earlier, but the community had been served spasmodically, as the need arose, by an unscheduled freight, followed by "Black Mariah," the noted combination passenger and baggage car, whose coal heater glowed red on frosty mornings.

AND THERE WAS SHERM

"And Sherm Pippin, of course was a hold of the throttle on engine nine that memorable day," recounted Lorn . . . And Bill Sisk walked back and forth through the train, chatting with the passengers and calling out, "money and stuff" when a new batch of folks got on, the "stuff" alluding to the passes, which were right common . . . Mr. Harrison recalls that Clarence Angel, who still lives here, and Loy Harrell, were brakemen on that first run of the passenger train on the narrow rails . . . A lot of wheels ran over the slender steel, a lot of freight came in, and thousands of people rode in and out of Boone on America's finest narrow gauge train, before the 1940 flood stopped engine nine, on her down trip, and she never returned to Boone . . . Lorn Harrison remained and worked for the State highway before taking work down at the College 18 years ago . . . Mack Luttrell, Clarence Angel and Jim Miller, others of those early-day railroaders still live here. We enjoyed Mr. Harrison's tales of transportation before the good roads, the cars, the trucks and the airplanes took over the job so successfully started by lines like the Linville River.

LIKES KING STREET

R. G. Farthing, GMC, U. S. Navy, who has traveled far and wide over the world in Uncle Sam's fighting ships, since he entered the service of his country, writes us to give a new address (he's now at Norfolk)

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