



BOONE GOLF COURSE opened this week for what Joe Maples, golf pro at the course, believes will be the best year in its three-year

history. Hugh Morton took this picture last year when the sportsman's attraction was at its height of beauty.

BEST YEAR ENVISIONED

Golf Play Started As City Looks To Carolinas Open

Many Events On Calendar For Summer

The Boone Golf Course opened Monday at noon for what Joe Maples, golf pro, believes will be the best year in the course's three-year history. Although the day was not what golfers consider an ideal day, more than 50 players were on hand when Mr. Maples opened the gate.

Many of these players commented favorably on the condition of the greens, and some said they were the best they had played on this winter. This was despite the fact that the greens "have not even started coming out good," Mr. Maples proudly pointed out.

Several big events have been scheduled for the course, with the three-day Carolina's Open on June 6, 7, and 8, expected to draw the biggest field. Eighteen holes will be played each of the three days, and the prize money will be \$2000 plus entry fee, which is expected to swell the purse to more than \$4000.

Several improvements have been made since opening last year.

Probably the first noticeable one and which players had been waiting for some time was the road leading to the course from the Blowing Rock highway. Grading has been done on the road, and river gravel has been hauled in. The road is wet at present time, but when the weather is more favorable for road work, it will be given a final grade and small crushed stone put on and treated with asphalt.

The cart shed, which was demolished by last month's winds, has been completely rebuilt and improved. Trees that were blown down during these winds are being removed as the grounds conditions permit.

The championship tee, which was added to the 8th hole, is ready for use, lengthening the hole from 185 yards to over 200. This makes it the toughest par 3 on the course, Mr. Maples said.

Another improvement being made is the enlarging of the 10th green. As soon as weather permits sod will be placed on the enlargement, and the improvement will give the golfers a bigger target to shoot at.

Other big events for the course that are expected to draw crowds to the area include:

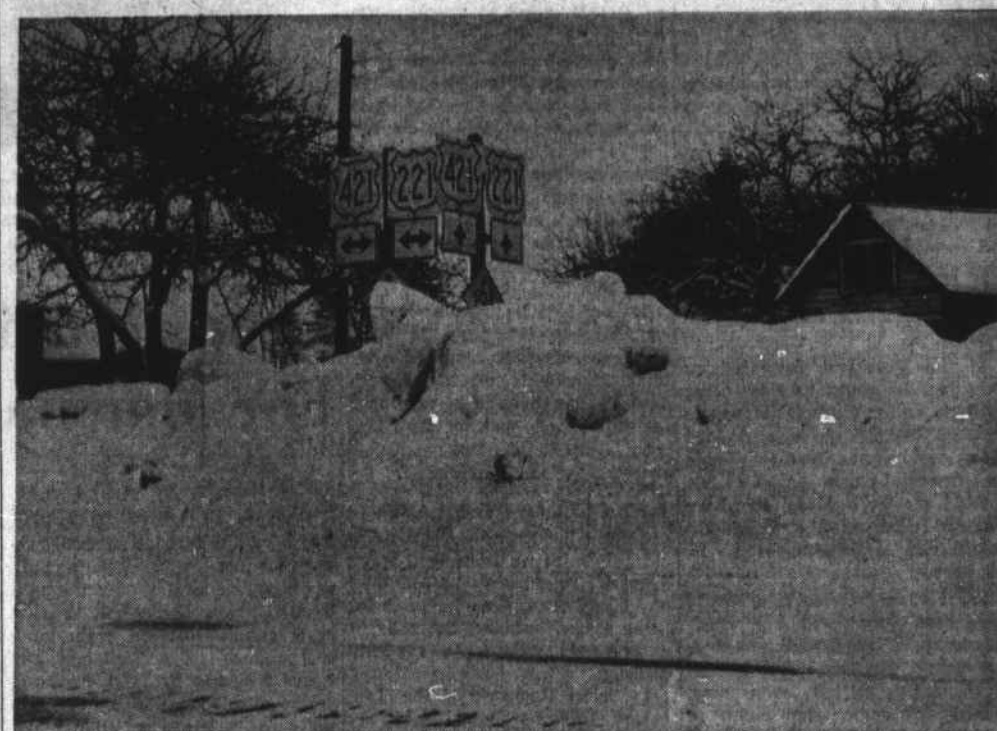
The two-day Ladies' Foothill League tournament set tentatively for May 22-23.

One-day Carolina Golf Association tournament on June 4.

Pro-Am tournament, which is the warm-up event on June 5, preceding the Carolina's Open the next three days.

The Carolina's Open on June 6, 7, and 8, is expected to draw the biggest crowds; the tournament has ever attracted. Although Mr. Maples was hesitant to give any close figures, he said the Open should attract several hundred

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CAN YOU REMEMBER THIS.—Just a little over a year ago, no matter which highway you took, you were confronted with mounds of snow. This year's weather has been much milder.—Staff photo Joe Minor.

Present Mild Weather Recalls Huge Snowfalls Of Last Winter

By JOE C. MINOR

Yadkin Dairy Given Fort Bragg Contract

Yadkin Valley Dairy is now serving the Fort Bragg Military Installation with dairy items for resale, it was announced today by Mr. Guy Perry, Manager.

The first shipment, which consisted of 13,500 1/2-gallons plus a liberal order of various dairy products, was delivered April 1st. Delivery will be made six days a week until termination of the contract, which began April 1, 1961 and expires March 31, 1962.

With this new contract Yadkin Valley Dairy Producers will enjoy a substantial gain on the 750,000 pounds of grade A milk required a month to fill the order.

This is the first military contract Yadkin Valley Dairy has had and it is noteworthy that the total volume of sales for the year will be substantially over \$600,000.

The schools of Watauga county will be studied next week by a team of educators and administrators, according to W. Guy Angell, superintendent of Watauga schools.

The curriculum and physical facilities of the schools will be looked at on April 11-12, and recommendations and criticisms, aimed at improving the system, will be made following the survey.

Headed by Dr. J. S. Pearce, director of the Division of School Planning, of the State Department of Public Instruction, the survey team will include other members of the division, and superintendents of other school units in this area, Mr. Angell said.

The four high schools will get particular attention in the survey. The buildings will be studied

to see if there is need for expansion or improvements and the curriculum will be checked to see if it is adequate or needs changing. Mr. Angell said results of the survey will be announced as soon after the team is here as possible. "They should give us recommendations for the planning of our school program for the future," he said.

School Survey To Be Made

The Red Cross had just figured it had spent more than \$15,000 for food and fuel which was distributed to isolated homes, where people were having trouble getting out to buy the necessities. The help of the National Guard, the Army helicopters, and some 30 other agencies and businesses had been enlisted to help the Red Cross on its errands of mercy.

Scrap Paper Pickup Set For Saturday, April 15

A paper drive will be conducted by the Boone Methodist Church Scout troop on Saturday, April 15, according to Scoutmaster J. B. Robinson. Anyone having scrap paper for the drive should contact any of the Scouts of that troop so that it may be picked up on that date.

"This weather's miserable!" Someone was heard to exclaim this last week as the rains fell; and might have said it again Tuesday as the snow began covering the ground.

But—wonder if he had forgotten last year?

Just a little over a year ago, Watauga and other western North Carolina counties were seeing the ground for the first time in more than a month. A record snow had almost melted and roads and highways were all passable, some for the first time in weeks, though many were in bad shape.

School children were despairing because they would have to go to school on Saturdays and on up into June to make up for the 23 days missed because of weather—20 of them in March.

The Democrat had had sell-outs two consecutive weeks because patrons were sending the county newspaper to friends and relatives all over the country to show them pictures and stories of the big snow—despite the publisher's efforts to supply the demand by printing several hundred extra copies.

The State Highway Department was beginning to send back home more than 200 extra pieces of heavy equipment, "borrowed" from other areas to help in the snow operation. Damage to the roads in the western counties had been placed at more than five million dollars. Cost of snow removal alone had been placed at more than a half million dollars.

And now, the "miserable" weather this year:

There has been some bad weather. It has snowed and it has rained. Fishermen had a rough time as the season opened Saturday in the snow, rain and cold. Some of the roads are muddy.

But only four days of school have been missed to date, and one of them has already been made up. With no more closing, the students will be out of school on May 24. Although paper sales have been good, we haven't had a complete sell-out this year.

The highway maintenance department has had to do a little

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Watauga's United Drive Nets 60% Of Quota, Figures Show

Watauga County's United Fund Campaign, caught first in the flood tide of the heated and colorful "Great Debates" of the Presidential election year, then taking a back seat to Thanksgiving and the Yule season, has just completed its mopping-up procedures and has arrived at a figure for the campaign, according to Campaign Chairman Robert Bumbaugh, as he reported an approximate 60% of the \$17,000 goal for the Fund's 1960-61 budget.

"The campaign was filled with contradictory aspects," Mr. Bumbaugh said. "First, it was the largest budget commitment ever assumed by Watauga United, but it met with the smallest subscriber commitment ever pledged by Wataugans. There were isolated instances where volunteer workers

did the most outstanding job ever undertaken for the Fund; there were other instances where volunteer workers met their task with an apathy heretofore unknown in any Watauga United campaign," he said.

Mr. Bumbaugh had the highest praise for such workers as Fred Gragg, who led the IRC employee solicitation to an all-time high in per capita giving, and to a 100% participation with the exception of two departments. In the community, he said, the finest job was turned in by Dr. Lawrence Owsley, leading the Advance Gifts Division, and Cecil Miller, leading business employee solicitation among downtown firms. He also expressed his appreciation to John Broyhill for his work among the Shadowline employee group.

"We set up what be believed to be excellent machinery for the drive," Mr. Bumbaugh said, "with detailed plans for solicitation that embraced every part of our county. Somewhere along the line it bogged down. We tried to do it without a lot of hoopla and fanfare, believing our citizenry were 100% behind Watauga United. I guess we just overlooked the fact that the fanfare of the big election campaigns was going to overshadow us, both from the standpoint of keeping workers on the job and capturing the attention of the contributor."

Dr. Lawrence Owsley, Chairman of the Budget and Admissions Committee, expressed disappointment in the outcome of the campaign. "Our budget commitments were the very mini-

mum we felt we could make in the face of the needs that presented themselves," he said.

A revised budget is now mandatory, Dr. Owsley said, and will be made immediately, based up on the actual funds at hand.

Fund president, Ralph Tugman, expressed disappointment in the outcome of the campaign, but declared that he did not believe this year's response to be an accurate reflection of community acceptance of United Fund. "I'm still convinced that most of our citizens believe that wrapping up twenty-odd agencies that merit our support, and making a one time solicitation for them in a package, is the only practical approach. The campaign did not fail because of unwillingness to respond; rather, it failed because of our failure to present sufficient opportunity to respond. It will be our solemn duty this fall to present such opportunity, and to present it at the proper time, and with sufficient promotion, publicity and information to keep our people fully informed," he said.

P. T. McNeill Rites Are Held

West Jefferson, March 30.—Hundreds of friends filled the church to overflowing and many more stood in the yard at the Beaver Creek Primitive Baptist Church Sunday afternoon to pay final tribute to Peter Thurman McNeill, 64, one of Ashe county's most popular men, who died suddenly last Thursday morning at the Ashe Memorial hospital.

Conducting the service was Elder Edd Davis and Elder Dewey Roten and burial followed in the McNeill family cemetery, bringing to an end a long career of public service.

He served in the Senate in 1927 and again in 1933. He was a member of the Legislature in 1929. He served as Senate clerk in 1931. He was a Deputy Collector of the Internal Revenue Service from 1933 until 1937. From 1937 until 1954, when he resigned to become clerk of court, he served as State probate officer.

He was a life-long Democrat and the son of Mrs. Alice McMillan and Gather McNeill who was among the first Democratic sheriffs to be elected in Ashe county.

When the news of his death reached Raleigh, the Legislature adjourned out of respect to him and ordered a resolution written into the journal.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Martha Fletcher McNeill, three daughters, Mrs. Carl Scott, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Charles Garwood, Wilkesboro; Mrs. Lamont Scott, Randolph, Nebraska; and five sons, Robert and Marshall, of West Jefferson, William and Franklin, of his home, and P. T. Jr., of Flemingsburg, Ky.; one sister, Mrs. Mae McNeill of Houston, Texas.



KIDD BREWER

Brewer To Speak At Chamber Meet

Kidd Brewer, former Appalachian College football mentor, and a prominent Raleigh political leader and insurance man, will speak to the Chamber of Commerce at its membership meeting at noon, Tuesday April 11.

The luncheon will be held at the Boone Trail Restaurant.

Mr. Brewer is the owner of Howard's Knob, a Rich Mountain peak overlooking Boone, which he hopes to promote into a national attraction.

In the world of sports Mr. Brewer reached the peak of his career at Appalachian in 1937 with an undefeated and untied grid record. Ripley's "Believe It Or Not" recorded that Brewer held a record by being Captain of nine teams during his career.

During the last world war he served as Naval Lieutenant an aide to Admiral Paul Henderson in the South Pacific. Later he served as administrative assistant to Senator Josiah Bailey and to Governor William Umstead.

Mr. Brewer writes a Raleigh column for thirty papers and is in the bakery and insurance business. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Appalachian State Teachers College.

Says Opposition To Taxes Mounts

Senator Gordon H. Winkler states that there is increased opposition to Governor Sanford's sales tax proposal as it regards food and farm supplies. The Senator's mail from Watauga was, at last report, almost 100 per cent for the tax proposal. Now, he says many are speaking out against the plan.

Senator Winkler is glad to hear from the people. The situation hasn't jelled yet, he says, and there are a lot of problems, and that he will do his best for the people of the county and the district.

Senator Winkler is not a member of the Joint Finance Committee which is presently considering the different tax proposals which have been offered.

Miss Elaine Greer and Mrs. Ben Miller of Baltimore, Maryland were holiday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Greer and other relatives here.

Debating Team Goes To Oklahoma

The Appalachian State Teachers College debating team participated last week in the national Pi Kappa Delta forensic tournament at Oklahoma State University at Stillwater, Okla.

Representing Appalachian were Hildreth Jo Crowder, Raleigh, and Ramona Lee Craig, Lenoir.

The students were accompanied by Professor Leo K. Pritchett, the college's debating coach.

The Appalachian debaters joined approximately 1000 other collegians from colleges and universities throughout the country in attacking this year's debate topic: "Resolved: That the United States Should Adopt a Program of Compulsory Health Insurance."



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