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SHOE SEWING IS TAUGHT

Prospects For Factory In Boone Appear Good

Officials In Meeting With Local Group

Six top officials of the Melville Shoe Company (of which the Blue Ridge Shoe Company is a subsidiary) met with the board of directors of Watauga Citizens Inc., in Boone last Friday to discuss plans for erecting a shoe plant in this county, according to Clyde R. Greene, spokesman for the local negotiators.

"Official reaction of the delegation will have to come directly from their New York public relations department," Greene stated to the Watauga Democrat after the meeting.

Word is expected within the near future, Greene said.

Present for the negotiations were Robert C. Erb, president of Melville Shoe Company; Richard E. West, executive



OFFICIALS.—Representatives of the Melville Shoe Company and Blue Ridge Shoe Company who met in Boone last week were (front row, l. to r.) Mike Bordieri, plant manager; Aiji Tashiro, architect; Robert C. Erb, president of Melville; Richard West, executive vice-president of Blue Ridge; (second row) Charles Bradley, vice-president; Blue Ridge; John Stenberg, chief engineer; Ed Duncan, vice-president; and John Dewitt, vice-president of Blue Ridge.

More Contributions Needed For Factory

Stanley Harris, secretary-treasurer of Watauga Citizens, Inc., reported yesterday that the campaign to raise the minimum total of \$25,000 necessary to assure the shoe factory's coming to Watauga County is still short by \$2,300.

"This amount must be raised by April 9," Harris emphasized. "Anyone feeling so inclined may contact Clyde Greene, Alfred Adams, Glenn Andrews, or myself."

John R. Dewitt, vice-president of Blue Ridge Shoe Company; John R. Dewitt and Charles S. Bradley, vice-presidents of Blue Ridge Shoe Company; Aiji Tashiro, architect; and John Stenberg, chief engineer for the Melville Shoe Company.

Tashiro is a former professor of history at Appalachian College in Boone. He left ASTC some 15 years ago to enter the field of architectural drawing.

The meeting began at 11 a. m. in the conference room of Watauga Savings and Loan Association. At noon the delegates were treated to a luncheon at the Daniel Boone Hotel.

Meeting again at 1 p. m., the group reached its decision which, according to President Erb, will be forwarded to the company's board of directors for approval.

Local business leaders took the company officials on a tour of Boone and Watauga County after the conclusion of the business meeting.

Said Greene this week, "They were favorably impressed. Moreover, training activities were stepped up this week at the building just east of Hunt's Department Store where prospective employees of the company have been undergoing (Continued on page two)

Blowing Rock Contracts For Sewer Lines

Midstate Contractors, Inc., of Hickory has been awarded a contract to install sewer lines and erect a sewage pump station at Blowing Rock after entering a low bid of \$98,261 for the contract.

The announcement of the contract award is in the current edition of the Carolinas Branch of the Associated General Contractors Weekly Bulletin. William B. Dillard Construction Company was awarded a contract to erect a sewage treatment plant at Blowing Rock after entering a low bid of \$119,105.

Mayor Hardin Renominated

R. B. Hardin was unanimously nominated to succeed himself as Mayor of Blowing Rock, at the citizens' meeting held last Friday evening.

The non-partisan meeting also gave its approval to incumbents J. D. Jones, John O. Goodwin and Allen Craig, to succeed themselves as members of the board of city commissioners. Also placed in nomination for commissioners were C. L. Dula and Howard Powell.

It is explained at Blowing Rock City Hall that this does not preclude others offering in the municipal election to be held May 7. They may file their candidacies by April 10 at City Hall.

It is again pointed out that the Blowing Rock registration books will be open at City Hall April 19-26 from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. and Saturday from 9 to 9.

Open Fires Are Banned

Chief of Boone's Volunteer fire department, R. D. Hodges, and officials of the North Carolina Fire Service have placed Boone and Watauga County under special ban, calling for a temporary end to open fires.

"It is permissible for persons to burn trash in wire burners or other controlled devices," Hodges stated. "But open fires are prohibited."

The decision was reached after six brush fires were reported in the county within less than a week. Warm, dry winds were blamed for the unusually dry condition of the yet-brown grass and weeds.

No extensive damage was done by the six fires, Hodges said.

YDC Endorses Hospital Issue

At the Young Democrat Club meeting held March 25th James Marsh and Jack Cobb gave reports on the coming Hospital bond issue in Watauga county. Following their reports the YDC voted unanimously to support the hospital issue.

Wagon Train Group Meets And Reviews Plans For Trip

By LARRY PENLEY

A meeting of the Wagon Train Committee of the Carolina Tercentenary Celebration of "Daniel Boone Crosses the Blue Ridge" was held last week.

Committee members present were Clyde R. Greene, chairman; J. D. Cook, H. W. Mast, Jr., Col. Clyde C. Miller, Larry Penley, Stewart Simmons and W. R. Winkler.

Also present were Herman W. Wilcox, chairman of the Tercentenary Celebration Committee; Dewitt Barnett, wagon master for the Wagon Train; R. Triplett of New York City; Laura Foster and Stanley A. Harris.

Plans were formulated to have the Wagon Train originate near Daniel Boone's homeplace in Wilkes and follow the route he took in crossing the Blue Ridge. Barnett will organize and supervise the wagon train. He

said that about eight covered wagons, six scouts and a number of pack horses will be used. Ivey Moore of Wilkesboro has been named chief scout.

As nearly as possible, the Wagon Train will duplicate Daniel Boone's trek in 1773. The three-day trip will feature stops at the same places where Boone camped. Such equipment as Kentucky rifles, broad axes, old cooking utensils and clothing will be typical of Boone's party.

A special ceremony will be held at Bamboo when Daniel Boone crosses the Blue Ridge. This event will be near the markers on the scenic highway where the Blue Ridge Parkway crosses Daniel Boone's trail.

The train will assemble at Ferguson Thursday, June 27. The wagon master and settlers will spend two nights on the trail with the wagons drawn in a circle and shelters erected

for the women and children. The last night's camp will be pitched in Cook's Gap where a picnic dinner will be spread around the open fire, and where there will be old time music and singing.

Breitenstein Will Head Hospital Campaign Group

Bob Breitenstein, dean of men at ASTC and college representative to the board of trustees of Watauga Hospital, Inc., today named a committee from the college to serve on the faculty division of the hospital steering committee.

Chairman Breitenstein asked the following to serve with him on the committee: James Stone, director of summer sessions; Larry Penley, public information officer; Braxton Harris, assistant registrar; I. W. Carpenter, associate professor of biology; Joe Bryson, assistant professor of education; Jim Duncan, head football coach and instructor in physical education; Maxie Edmisten, dean of women; Rena Hoover, assistant professor of history; Carl Meeks, associate professor of physical education; Sam Travis, instructor in mathematics; and Ronny Brooks, director of recreation and men's intramurals.

Breitenstein said, "This committee has been asked to serve and work for a new hospital for Watauga County. In my opinion this is the most important need today for this area—not only for our immediate families and 17,000 residents, but also for the 2,800 students who are residents of Boone."

The present hospital was constructed and designed for 35 beds in 1931. It was expanded to 50 beds and is usually overflowing with patients. The hospital takes care of the ASTC students and emergencies at the college as well as the county.

Mrs. Jack Groce, administrator of Watauga Hospital, said that a new hospital is of vital importance to the Boone community, the college and the county. Citizens of the county will have an opportunity in September, 1963, to vote their support of the new hospital.

Watauga Property To Be Taxed At 45% Of Assessed Valuation

Watauga county is using 45 per cent of the new appraised property valuation for tax purposes this year, and taxpayers have received notices to this effect.

The tax rate, according to official anticipation will be 80 cents on the hundred dollars valuation, rather than the \$1 which was in effect on the old valuation, which in some cases results in little change in pro-

posed tax payments.

In accordance with State law, all property in the county was re-appraised last year by professional appraisers, and according to the notice coming to the taxpayers "current market values have been used as a basis for valuation."

In the form letter taxpayers received, which is signed by L. B. Wilson, Tax Supervisor, it is explained that "the purpose of this revaluation is to equal-

ize tax values in the county so that all property will bear its correct portion of taxes."

The forms mailed out by Mr. Wilson's office explained that "in the event you think your property values as set out are not in line with similar properties or if there is any question of value, you may review and check your property cards by visiting the Tax Supervisor's office."

Trout Fishing Season Opens On Saturday

The trout fishing season will open next Saturday and the following of Isaac Walter will be journeying to the various streams and lakes in the area in quest of the wiley mountain trout and rainbows.

Fishing licenses are on sale at stores handling sports equipment and at many other places in the town and county.

Paraway Lake Rale

Superintendent Sam Weems of the Blue Ridge Parkway announces that a joint study of the Julian Price Memorial Park fishing waters has been made by the Blue Ridge Parkway and the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, in an effort to provide the maximum recreation for sports fishermen.

Effective beginning with the 1963 Trout Fishing Season, Price Lake and Boone Fork have been officially designated as "Native Trout Waters" with the following pertinent regulations in force:

a. Price Lake—Fishing is restricted to single hook artificial lures.

b. Boone Fork—From Price Lake Dam downstream to the Park boundary, fishing is restricted to artificial flies only.

c. In "Native Trout Waters," the creel limit is 5 fish per day, and it shall be unlawful to possess trout less than 9 inches in total length. Fish less than 9 inches are to be carefully removed from the hook and released in the water.

Want Ad Makes Selling Of Car An Easy Matter

Mrs. Allea Cornett of Zionville had no trouble selling a Model A Ford, when she ran an ad in the Democrat lately.

As a matter of fact, she had twenty other replies from readers on one day—proving again that seller and buyer can get together quickly through the classified columns of the Democrat.

Cleaner, Greener Campaign Is Proposed For Northwest

North Wilkesboro—A "Cleaner-Greener Northwest Drive," proposed earlier this year at a meeting of the Northwest N. C. Development Association, was adopted here last week by the group's community development division.

Designed to enlist participation of all small towns and villages of the 11-county area, the program will be conducted as a contest, with a single \$1,000 cash prize for the top-scoring winner.

In presenting the plan to community development leaders, Neil Bolton, association secretary, described the goals of the drive:

—To preserve and enhance the natural beauty of the Northwest.

Mrs. Brendall Dies Sunday

Mrs. J. A. Brendall, 84, mother of Mr. Ray Brendall of Boone, and a former resident of Todd, died in the hospital in Franklin, N. C., Sunday after a lingering illness.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Watauga Baptist Church in the home neighborhood, and burial was in the church cemetery. Officiating at the rites were Reverend Judd Duval, Reverend George A. Cloer and Reverend C. C. Walsh.

Surviving are two sons and four daughters: Raymond Brendall, Boone; Paul Brendall, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Ed Welch, Franklin; Mrs. Roy Kirby, Marietta, Ga.; Mrs. Carl Fairchild, and Mrs. Main Fairchild, of Spring City, Tenn.

Bill To Aid Local Plants Is Ratified

The bill introduced in the House by Representative Holsinger to allow the Watauga County Commissioners to appropriate up to \$20,000 from surplus funds for constructing water, sewer lines and roads from any municipality in the county to a nearby industrial site has been passed by the Legislature and ratified.

—To encourage "good private and public housekeeping;" to present a good picture to tourists; and to develop individual pride and responsibility for the area's appearance.

—To promote the location of new industry, thus increasing jobs and area income.

The discussions, presided over by division chairman Doris Potter, were given added impetus by an earlier meeting in Winston-Salem, at which an announcement was made that the Fairchild Stratos Corp. will build a plant in that city, providing several hundred new jobs for the area.

The cleaner-greener drive, Bolton said, would help to give the whole area a face-lifting west.

Easter Seals Are Mailed

Easter Seals have now been mailed to residents of the county, according to chairman, Blake Brinkerhoff. However, there is the possibility that some have not received their seals and would like to have some for mailing purposes right away. If so, these persons are asked to call Rev. Blake Brinkerhoff at CY 5-7435, and he will be happy to put some in the mail right away.

Area Wool Pool Is Sold For Top Price

The Mountain N. C.-Va. Wool Pools, of which Watauga County is a part, sold wool for the highest price of any pool in the Southeastern U. S. in 1962. This price was \$63.63 cwt. We want to hold this top position in 1963. To try to do this we need the following information by April 10: The number of fleeces you will sell through the Watauga Wool Pool in 1963, and a statement that each of these fleeces will be tied with paper wool twine.

1. The wool pools that are able to offer a consistent volume of wool each year get the high dollar. The producers who pool his wool one year and not the next hurts his neighbor and finally himself.

2. Wool buyers base their bid on the percent of tied wool in a pool. Be sure yours is tied with paper wool twine.

3. Lamb buyers say that they cannot ship low grade lambs to the packers in 1963. Low grade ewe and wether lambs can be sold to feeders but they do not want bucks, therefore all buck lambs should be castrated.

4. With higher prices in prospect for lambs in 1963, all lambs should be creep fed if possible. A mixture of 80 parts yellow cornmeal and 20 parts soybean oil meal is a good feed.

R. H. Simpson Rites Monday

Robert Howard Simpson, Sr., 68, of Route 1, Sugar Grove, died Friday, March 29. He was a native of Virginia.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 1, at 2 p. m., at the Willow Valley Baptist Church by the Rev. Ed Farthing, the Rev. E. M. Blankenship, and the Rev. William Keys. Burial was in the Mountlawn Memorial Park.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Clara P. Simpson; one son, Robert H. Simpson, Jr., of Sugar Grove; three sisters, Mrs. Joe Miller and Mrs. Catherine McMacon, both of Washington, D. C.; two grandchildren, Jack Simpson of New Mexico and Jim Simpson of Oakland, Calif., and one great grandchild.