

The Watauga Democrat.

LOCAL AFFAIRS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Winkler at the Watauga Hospital on last Thursday a girl weighing 9 pounds.

The influenza continues to rage in Watauga, but very few deaths are reported as the malady appears to be in rather light form.

Mr. Bower Hodges of Ohio who has been with friends and relatives near town for the past two weeks is out again after a rather light attack of influenza.

Eld. R. L. Isbell will preach in the Episcopal church Sunday January 14th, at 11 A. M. His subject being "The Standard of Greatness" also Sunday evening at 7:30 on "Spiritual Aromatics." The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Mr. James Mast, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Mast, a University student, passed through town last Thursday on his return to school having spent the holidays at home.

Glad to know our young friend James Council who was operated on for appendicitis before Christmas is up again. However he is not yet able to return to his studies at the University.

Miss Nannie Rivers, who came home from her school for the holidays, is still here owing to the great amount of sickness in the neighborhood where she is teaching, she hopes to re-open early next week.

Mrs. D. D. Dougherty called at our office Tuesday afternoon and ordered the Democrat sent to her father Mr. D. H. Shull at Elizabethton, Tenn that being his 79th birthday. We send it with pleasure hoping that the venerable gentleman will enjoy it thru the coming year.

Our office was visited Tuesday afternoon by the following out of town ladies and their brief stay in the shop was much enjoyed by the Democrat: Mrs. John Baird, Mrs. R. H. Simpson and Misses Reasha and Maggie Harman all of Sugar Grove.

We are glad to see our Register of Deeds, Mr. F. M. Harman, back in his office after quite an absence on account of his own illness and that of his family. All are now better.

Mr. J. M. Moretz has moved his stock of furniture, coffins, caskets, etc. from the Critcher Building on depot street to larger and more convenient quarters in the Jones Block, adjoining the Peoples Bank and Trust Co.

Sorry to hear of the serious illness in the home of Mr. Poly Moretz, of Senda, R. F. D. One daughter was buried last Saturday and the father and some other members of the family have been very low with pneumonia, but when last heard from were slightly better.

Work on the Boone-Blowing Rock road is progressing very nicely indeed. The stone foundation will soon be complete between J. F. Hardin's and the school. A number of trains are delivering stone as rapidly as possible, much of it is being delivered on the grade almost to the Winkler farm.

County Superintendent Smith Hagaman and wife are recovering from flu, and Prof. I. G. Greer and family are considered out of danger. Mr. Tracy Council, one of our busiest citizens is the latest to contract the malady.

The sale of the Boone Fork Manufacturing Co's. holdings in Watauga advertised to be sold last Friday was called off there, being no bidder on hand. The arrangements were that it would be offered for sale at Murphy Tuesday when the Madison county property was sold.

PROF. ROY M. BROWN SELLS PRETTY HOME IN BOONE

Prof. Roy M. Brown, of Carey, N. C. is here this week and has sold his beautiful home and valuable lots in East Boone to Mr. Clements, one of our road contractors. We have not learned what the consideration was. Prof. Brown is holding a position in the State Welfare work, a position for which he is especially fitted, and will, we learn erect a home in Carey where he is located. In the moving of Prof. Brown, his splendid wife and two boys, Boone has sustained a very distinct loss, and Carey is to be congratulated on procuring them. Brown, for a long while filled the chair of English in the A. T. S. and possibly no better work was ever done in that institution.

MASONIC HALL PROPERTY SOLD

The Masonic Hall property in Boone, the mother of all the lodges of Masonry in Watauga, was sold to Mr. T. J. Ray, of Elk Park, last Saturday, the consideration being \$1,000, which is by all odds the cheapest piece of property sold in Boone for many years. Mr. Ray, who always knows a bargain when he sees it will convert the building into a dwelling and amid the beautiful shade trees and lovely grounds he will easily have one of the most desirable places in town. The plan has been worked out by Mr. Ray and Mr. W. G. Hartzog, and work on same is to begin in the very near future. The Fraternity will occupy more commodious quarters in the Watauga County Bank building at the intersection of Depot and King streets, that is when the room is completed.

MARRIED

Mr. Clyde Phillips, of Alamance County, a world war veteran, and Miss Callie, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bryan, of Boone, were married in Bristol Monday and returned to the home of the bride on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Phillips was formerly a Watauga boy but a year or more ago moved to Alamance and has since made his home there. His little bride has many friends here who wish for her and her husband all the pleasure possible on life's journey.

Married at the Methodist parsonage in Boone last Friday afternoon, Mr. Cecil Critcher, of Blowing Rock, to Miss Jennie Teague, also of that town. The Rev. G. C. Brinkman tying the conjugal knot, and the happy couple left for their home.

MRS. BROWN ENTERTAINS

Mrs. O. Lester Brown entertained the Friday afternoon Club at Newland Hall last Friday. After a social hour delicious refreshments were served in two courses. The next meeting of the club will be with Mrs. E. S. Coffey on Friday January 12.

TO SAIL FOR BRAZIL ON THE 17

Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Roberts will sail on the 17th from New York for Brazil where they will engage in mission work in connection with the Presbyterian Mission at Lavras Miras. Mrs. Roberts was before her marriage Miss Ora Glenn and lived for several years in this county. Dr. Roberts was Dean of the Veterinary Department of the State College at Raleigh until three years ago, when he accepted a responsible position with the Brazilian government.

WHOLE DEER BY EXPRESS

Mr. James H. Bryan, of Edmonton, Canada, sent his father, Mr. W. L. Bryan, of Boone the flesh, hide and horns of a black tailed Canadian deer, as a Christmas present. It arrived rather late, but came in fine condition. It was a two year old buck and quite large. Of course it is useless to say that Mr. Bryan highly pleased and is now partaking of fine venison to entire satisfaction.

TOWN PLANNING

Growing towns should be well planned. A town plan should have at least these characteristics:

1. The various activities should be definitely located.
2. These centers of activities should be conveniently connected.
3. Each town should grow toward an ideal.
4. Good government and a healthy town spirit are necessary.
5. A local organization is very beneficial in keeping a town prospering.

Briefly and in order a word about each:

First. The activities of a small town would be (a) manufacturing, (b) trade, (c) professional, (d) religious, (e) social, (f) residential, (g) entertainment.

With little care can develop these centers.

Second. Just now it would not be difficult to make streets so as to connect these centers. Land owners would, doubtless, deal liberally with the movement.

Third. The best ideal for Boone is to be an educational center. This requires an effort on the part of each citizen.

Fourth. There is a fine spirit here it should be encouraged. No influence should be allowed to creep in that would injure this spirit. The government is also good.

Fifth. The Commercial Club should be reorganized and a good man put at the head of it to call attention to the possibilities of the town.

The possibilities of making the section adjoining the Methodist and the Baptist churches the religious center are great. There will be built in the near future two churches and perhaps three. The Presbyterians and the Adventists have decided to build. The Lutherans purchased a lot several years ago and may build at any time.

It would be a fortunate thing for Boone to keep the public school in touch with the Appalachian Training School. The new school building would add much to the educational center.—December Dew Drop.

CAPT. OSCAR MILLS NABS FOX IN MIDDLE OF ROAD

(Statesville Sentinel)
A gray fox was captured alive Monday night by Capt. Oscar Mills, who said that he caught the sleek little animal in the road just in front of the home of J. A. Shaw, near Turnersburg.

"I was driving along as usual," he said, "and I saw what I thought was a dog in the road in front of my car. I sounded my horn, and the fox looked back quickly, and just about that time the car struck him. The animal was shocked so much that I got out and picked him up. He does not appear to be very greatly injured. I have him now in a box at my home."

AUCTION SALE

Unclaimed and refused freight sale on Tuesday Feb. 6th 1923, at 3 o'clock p. m. at the Linville River Ry. Co. freight station, Boone, N. C. I will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand the following: 1 silo complete. Consigned to J. F. Lovell, Boone, N. C. R. R. JOHNSON, Agt.

LETTER FROM JUDSON E. WAGNER OF MARYLAND

Fallston, Md.
Jan. 1st, 1923

Dear Editor:

For some time I have been thinking of writing you, also to my many friends in Watauga, through the columns of your paper. I must say in the beginning that I am always glad to receive my old county paper, for through it I see and learn of many things going on in the County that I would not know of if it were not for it, and as some one else has remarked, I am glad to see the "Pioneers of the Democrat" making a success and giving to the county and public an up-to-date newspaper.

In reading the Democrat I see that the people of Watauga and surrounding counties are becoming awakened to the fact that they are in need of better roads and better connecting railroad facilities now than ever before.

I watched the paper in November hoping to see that the county would make some change in or by the Pills November 7, but guess those fellows that have been writing such jaw breakers about working the roads and so on fell back to the same old saw, and like Pharaoh of old, hardened their hearts and like sheep to the slaughter go on blinded until at last they cry "too late."

Despite the chronic kickers I see that old Watauga is taking some good steps along the line of dairying and co-operation in marketing their home products.

Perhaps by now some one is thinking or ready to ask the writer if he is not longing to return to his boyhood county, but with due respect to home and friends, I was a Tar Heel born and a Tar Heel bred, but now a Marylander alive or a Marylander dead. Still I hope to visit and see my old friends in Watauga some day. And ask my friends to see my ad elsewhere in this paper. And at any time would welcome the Editor or a Tar Heel friend to visit me in my Maryland home.

Yours for success,
Judson E. Wagner.

MEETING OF WATAUGA CABBAGE GROWERS

A meeting of the cabbage growers of Watauga county has been called for Saturday, January 20, at one o'clock, in the court house. Those who are interested should be on hand and see that the matter in question is handled according to their notion. The following letter has been issued by the county agent and Mr. Blair.

Dear Sirs:
"There are a great many farmers in Watauga county who are not satisfied with the present method of marketing cabbage. They feel that it is costing too much; that a few fellows hauling poor quality and ungraded stuff hurt the reputation of all; and that each hauler, competing with every other hauler, and often under-bidding, lowers the sale price of cabbage and there is always a great loss from off-grade cabbage because of lack of kraut-making and marketing facilities. On account of this feeling we have been repeatedly asked to form an organization to market cabbage and saur kraut."

"A meeting of the cabbage growers of Watauga has been called for Saturday, January 20, at one o'clock, p. m. in the court house, to take up the formation of this organization, and every cabbage grower in the county who is interested in such a movement should be there."

"We don't mean that every cabbage grower in the county can join the Association the first year. That would be too many to start with. We want around one-hundred good, level-headed progressive farmers to start the movement, and then others will come in from year to year as the business increases, until within a few years the association should be handling all the cabbage that the farmers want to grow."

"The directors of the association, the men who will control the business, will be elected by the members and should represent the different sections of the county."

"It is the idea of the men who are assisting in working out plans for this movement, that the association will ship absolutely first grade cabbage to the markets that offer the best returns, and manufacture a large quantity of sauer kraut to be marketed in tubs or cans as the market demands."

"If you are interested in standardizing one of Watauga's best money making crops so that we can grow a larger acreage and market our products to a better advantage, be present Saturday, January 20th, when the bell rings."

Yours very truly,
John B. Steele, H. Neal Blair, County agent, Sauer Kraut Specialist.

Mrs. A. S. Storie, of Montreat, was killed almost instantly, Monday afternoon when Southern train No. 21 hit the Ford car in which she was riding with her husband. The husband was only slightly injured.

\$250.00 REWARD

I will pay two hundred and fifty dollars reward to any person or persons for the arrest and delivery to the sheriff of Watauga County, North Carolina, of Charlie Thomas who shot and killed my son, William Grady Wilson, at or near Silverstone, North Carolina, on or about August 23rd, 1922.

LEMUEL WILSON
Reece, N. C.

GETTING Down to Brass TACKS

RESOLUTIONS are all right when they are carried out; but getting down to brass tacks, unless we perform our resolutions, they do us more harm than good.

N. L. Mast, President
L. A. Greene, Vice-Pres.
G. P. Hagaman, Cashier
W. D. Farthing, A. Cashier
Austin E. South, Teller
Miss Pearl Hodges,
Bookkeeper



WATAUGA COUNTY BANK
BOONE, N. C.

Let's make strong resolutions this year, and then let's be strong to perform them. Call on your bank to help you make them good.

Report of the condition of

THE WATAUGA COUNTY BANK

at Boone in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business December 29, 1922.

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts	\$176,537.62
Demand Loans, School Vouchers	32,500.00
Overdrafts, Secured \$2979.30; unsecured \$1423.86	4,403.16
Banking House, \$14,880.00; Furniture and Fixtures \$16.00	15,480.00
Cash in vault and net amounts due from banks, Bankers and Trust Companies	70,134.02
Total	\$600,054.80

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock Paid in	50,000.00
Surplus Fund	20,000.00
Undivided Profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	9,830.95
Bills Payable	5,000.00
Deposits Subject to Check	252,233.94
Time certificates of deposit, due in less than 30 days	62,506.70
Cashiers Checks Outstanding	3,333.97
Time certificates of deposit due on or after 30 days	125,013.46
Savings deposits	41,835.78
War Finance Corporation	30,000.00
Total	\$600,054.80

State of North Carolina—County of Watauga January 8th, 1923

I, G. P. Hagaman, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

G. P. Hagaman, Cashier.

Correct Attest:

N. L. MAST,
F. A. LINNEY,
B. B. DOUGHERTY
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of Jan. 1923.

E. M. HARMAN, Reg. of Deeds.

"LOST PROVINCES" LOOK UP

Potato Growing in Mountain Counties Gets National Recognition

The following editorial appeared in a recent issue of the "Country Gentleman":

"A brighter day is coming for the 'Lost Provinces.' The low farming income of these isolated communities among the mountains of Western North Carolina has deprived them of good roads and schools and other advantages. The farmer had no cash crop."

"But now, after some years of experimenting, it has been found that these mountain counties can grow, at an altitude of twenty-five hundred feet or more, an excellent type of seed potato. Their seed potatoes have been tried by the commercial growers of Eastern North Carolina and have given fine results. These Eastern Carolina growers spend more than a million dollars a year importing seed from the North. And there are other potato-growing sections in the South that might provide additional markets."

It is likely that many other farming sections, now eking out a scanty income, have undiscovered possibilities along special crop lines.

While the editorial suggests that there are some things about the North Carolina mountains that the editor of the Country Gentleman doesn't know, at the same time it shows that the fame of "mountain-grown seed potatoes" has quickly spread over the entire country. At this rate the problem of advertising our new industry will take care of itself.

MORGANTON PAPER ADVOCATE OF BUY AT HOME POLICY

Miss Beatrice Cobb, Editor and owner of the News-Herald at Morganton, N. C. is a firm believer in The Made in Carolina movement.

The following editorial appeared in the News-Herald recently:

"Many people send their money away from home for merchandise without any thought in mind but a supposedly small saving."

"But we wish to present the matter in a new light. For the sake of argument, suppose the mail order house should sell cheaper than your local dealers, and as a result, everybody in this community should give it their trade—the local stores would close their doors."

"The lessened home consumption and market would then decrease the value of your farms and homes."

"The money which you send away from home helps to build enormous corporations in distant cities. In return for your money you receive nothing but merchandise."

"But when you spend your money at home it comes back to you in better towns, better stores, better schools, better churches, better roads, better farms and better social conditions."

The home dealer helps to keep up the schools, churches, roads and other public enterprises.

"Spend your money at home and make your town a better place in which to live."

FOR SALE—THE HOME OF H. M. Lewis near the Appalachian Training School. Large, roomy, well appointed, building and outhouses. An ideal home that can be bought reasonably. If interested see A. Y. Howell at Peoples Bank & Trust Company.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of the will of Miss Sussie Farthing, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate of deceased to present the same for payment within twelve months from the date of this notice or it will be paid in bar of their recovery and all persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This December 11, 1922.
W. Y. FARTHING, Executor

Insurance—Fire, Life and Casualty

All new business and expiring policies promptly attended to. Adjustments promptly made.

GEORGE F. BLAIR
BLOWING ROCK, N. C.
(Office in Postoffice Bldg.)

MONEY TO LOAN

The Federal Land Bank has made another allotment of \$75,000 to take care of the needs of the farmers of Watauga county this coming spring. We are now ready to begin taking applications. All applications for this allotment must be in not later than Feb. 15th.

H. H. GREENE, Sec. and Treas.
Sugar Grove N.E.P.A.

R. D. JENNINGS

DENTIST
Offices at Boone and Newland Boone—First 15 days of each month Newland—Last 16 days of each month Write or phone to Boone or Newland for appointments

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C. B. KEARFOOT

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10-12-22

ANCONA CHICKENS FOR SALE

I have for sale thirty eight pure bred Ancona pullets and a few yearling hens. Also one fine cockerel, over 300 egg strain.

The hens are now beginning to lay and if anyone wants good breeders for the coming spring, now is the time to buy. For further information call or write.

N. T. Byers,
1-4-31-c
Zionville, N. C.

LISTEN, LISTEN!

I am so arranged as to aid or sell anyone desiring a money making farm in Md. Fine payments arranged. See or write, Judson E. Wagner, Fallston, Maryland.