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## ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND REPORTED DEAD IN BIG QUAKE IN JAP. COUNTRY

Dead and Dying Scattered Everywhere Within a Radius of 50 Miles of Tokio, The Capital of Japan—Now a City of Tombs and Ruins.

### Death and Destruction is Spread Over Wide Area

Yokohama and Tokio with its Two Million Population and Neighboring Cities Described as "Like Hell United States Naval Station May Be Destroyed."

San Francisco Sept. 3.—Tokio is under martial law. Nobody is admitted into the city unless the have their own provisions. A railway man from Tokio says casualties there are estimated at 100,000. Several more earthquakes were felt at Yokohama on Sunday afternoon.

Tokio is still burning and explosions there are frequent.

Tokio, Yokohama and neighboring cities are burning ruins, while more than 100,000 persons in the vicinity of these cities were reported dead as a result of Saturday's earthquakes according to advices received in San Francisco by the Associated Press from its Shanghai correspondent and by the Radio Corporation from its station at Tomjoka.

Death and destruction were spread over an area roughly comprised within a radius of 50 miles of Tokio. How extensive casualties and the material damage outside that zone is, has not been determined, as all communications with Japan are still interrupted except for brief connections with Tomjoka and occasional dispatches from Japan to Shanghai.

The city of Nagoya is virtually destroyed. The Japanese naval station near Yokohama was crippled by a tidal wave and the Imperial palace at Tokio is endangered by fire. Nagoya has a population of 620,000. It is about 70 miles west of Tokio.

With railroad lines, telephone wires and all other means of communication and travel between the remainder of Japanese and the outside cut off, Tokio and the other cities on the eastern central coast on the island of Honshu are isolated in their desolation.

The cities of Yokohama and Tokio were described by the superintendent of the Japanese government wireless station at Tomjoka, which operates via Radio Corporation as "like hell!"

Buildings were falling, fires were spreading everywhere, dead and dying were on all sides, there were explosions and cries of horror and fear by the panic-stricken population.

What quake or fire did not destroy on land tidal waves are reported to have crashed or sunk at sea.

The fate of the ships in Yokohama harbor and what ships were there, still remains to be determined.

In Yokohama the fire started in the foreign section, spreading rapidly to the business district which was wiped out.

Tens of thousands of guests at resorts near the city were driven out from their quarters by quakes and fires. They were panic stricken. The number of casualties were undetermined.

### Later Reports Give Dead at 300,000

Japanese Disaster Spared None Complete Destruction in Some Districts—Geography of Country Changed.

By Associated Press Sept. 4.—So vast an area of Japan has been devastated by the great earthquake in the history of the country that it will be long before the actual loss of life is known. The most reliable estimates of the dead up to the present reach as high as 200 to three hundred and forty thousand.

Tokio and Yokohama are in complete ruins. For two days Tokio was swept by flames and apart from the loss of lives caused directly from the falling of buildings, thousands may have died in their attempt to make their way through the fire zone and other thousands from exhaustion.

Yokohama, Tokio's busy port is a city destroyed. Probably more complete destruction has been there than in the capital itself, for its great docks were torn asunder, its shipping wrecked, its public buildings and its homes levelled to the earth.

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### D. F. Brown Passes Monday Morning

Prominent Boone Boy Buried on Tuesday Afternoon—Court Was Adjourned and Highway Work Suspended During Funeral.

On Monday morning at nine o'clock Doctor Franklin Brown whose critical condition as a result of an automobile accident was chronicled in these columns last week passed to the Great Beyond in Long's Sanatorium in Statesville, N. C.

The body was brought to Boone Monday evening, and on Tuesday afternoon interment was in Boone cemetery, the services being in charge of Watauga Lodge No. 273 A. F. & A. M. and Ashler Lodge of which the deceased was a consistent member. At least 75 members of the two lodges were participants in the burial services.

"Doc" had been for some time an employee of the State Highway Commission working out of Boone on the Boone Trail Highway and so great was the sorrow of the road men at learning of his seemingly untimely death that all the operations were stopped during the funeral. Watauga Superior Court now in session, Judge T. B. Finley Presiding was adjourned for the hour, and perhaps the largest crowd ever assembled on such an occasion gathered at the Baptist Church and at the grave to pay their last respects to the departed friend and brother.

At the church Reverend F. M. Huggins conducted a short service followed by brief talks by Professors B. B. Dougherty and A. J. Greene, former teacher of deceased. The beautiful tributes paid to his life as seen by these men who had helped mould his destinies in a sense, were most fitting. The Masons then took charge of the body, conveyed it to the graveyard where the beautiful masonic burial services were used in an almost sublime manner. Doc was really a Mason, and took a great interest in the work, therefore the end was in the way he would have had it.

Deceased had been a resident of Boone and vicinity for the past thirteen years, and had endeared himself to all those with whom he came in contact in his daily walks of life. Not long before his death he had purchased valuable property near the town and was prospering as he deserved to prosper. Although scarcely more than twenty five years of age he had an exceptionally broad view of life and its many complexities, and his policy was to smile regardless of what provocation might arise, and possibly this cheery disposition is one of the reasons why the throngs are mourning today.

Surviving the deceased is a wife and small child, a number of brothers and one sister most of whom were at his side at the end.

One of our best young men is gone from among us, and it would be no easy matter to find the like of him. To this little sketch we would affix that simple phrase, so seldom truthfully used in its greatest sense: "He was a man."

### CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL HAS LARGE OPENING

The Deerfield-Bamboo consolidated School opened Monday with 105 pupils in attendance, and registration is ill going on. The faculty is composed of Professor Lewis Reese of Beaver Dam, this county, Miss Jones of Ashe and Miss Miller of Alleghany.

There was a great gathering of the patrons at the opening and they are justly proud of their splendid new building, and the prospect for a big school. Indeed the good people interested are to be congratulated as many obstacles had to be overcome.

### THREE BROTHERS CELEBRATE SAME BIRTH-DAY

At the home of Mr. J. B. Fox on Banner Elk R. F. D. September the first, his three sons, aged 14, 16, and 20 years celebrated their birthdays, all of which came on that date.

This is rather a coincidence and we doubt if another case of this kind could be located in the county. This event has never been called to our attention before through all the years.

## A Wonderful Opportunity

Until recently the people of North Carolina have been reading daily papers from Tennessee. Not, however, because they preferred Tennessee papers to North Carolina papers but because they could not get a North Carolina daily paper until it was two or three days old, and NOTHING IS DEADER THAN YESTERDAY'S DAILY PAPER.

This very undesirable situation has recently been relieved by the Winston-Salem Journal which has established at its own expense, a bus line from Winston-Salem to Boone, making connection at Boone with lines for Trade, Tenn. and Elk Park and carrying The Morning Journal to practically every post office in Watauga County the same day it is published. So it is no longer necessary for the people of North Carolina to read Tennessee papers in order to get the news "hot off the griddle."

The Winston-Salem Journal has for a number of years led the fight to redeem the so-called "Lost Provinces" and in that fight it deserves the united support of the people of northwestern North Carolina.

As a news sheet the Journal has no superiors in North Carolina. It has full Associated Press and special correspondents at Washington and Raleigh; and over sixty state correspondents. Also features, cartoons, markets, public opinion, drama, music, movies, sports and editorials.

North Carolina people should read a North Carolina daily paper. The Winston-Salem Journal is a North Carolina daily paper in every respect—covering thoroughly the things of the greatest interest to North Carolina people. A newspaper, modern complete and reliable, it gives to its readers each morning the best that can be had.

The subscription price of the Winston-Salem Journal is \$5 per year, daily and Sunday—1 1/4 cents per day.

Watauga is blessed with one of the best weekly county papers in North Carolina. For thirty four years the Watauga Democrat has been fighting for good government, law and order, good roads and schools; and striving to give to the people of the county the complete county news—unbiased and uncolored. Every family owes it to themselves and to their county to take their county paper. The subscription price of the Watauga Democrat is only \$1.50 per year, or less than three cents per week.

In order that the people of this immediate section may enjoy the privileges of one of the leading dailies, and at the same time read a local county paper without a peer in the Northwest, an arrangement has been made between the two managements whereby the two papers will be offered UNTIL OCTOBER 1st, at the unheard of price of \$5.00 for a whole year. This applies to new and renewals, where back subscriptions are paid up. It is an opportunity you can't afford to miss! Begin Now!

### Watauga Court Is Now in Session

The fall term of Watauga Superior Court convened at nine o'clock Monday morning with an immense crowd of people present. Judge T. B. Finley is presiding and as usual Solicitor Johnson J. Hayes is present to prosecute the violators of the law. It was not the Democrat's pleasure unfortunately to hear Judge Finley's charge to the grand jury but we have scarcely heard of so much favorable comment. It covered every phase of the criminal law and was delivered in such a plain concise manner and couched in language so comprehensive that the most ignorant of his hearers could grasp its meaning. This is the Judge's first court in Watauga and he has come up to the highest expectations of our people, as a great jurist. He is firm as adamant in his convictions yet he is possessed of the faculty of tempering judgment with mercy.

As soon as the charge was completed the state docket was taken up and up to the time of closing our forms it has not been completed. A few cases have been tried but there are many others, as the criminal docket was very heavy (for Watauga) at this term. We had hoped and expected to give the proceedings in full this week, but will be forced to wait until our next issue. There are no cases of unusual importance.

Robert Shearer, an honest and respected colored citizen of Boone died at his home Monday, interment being made in the colored cemetery Tuesday.

Bob was an inoffensive upright man, and a consistent member of the Church, living up to its teachings as best he knew.

### Airplane Will Land on the Big Bald

One of the big attractions at the sale of the Patterson Lands on Monday by the Atlantic Realty Company of Winston-Salem, will be the landing of an airplane on the broad expanse of level land on the summit of Big Bald. Four flights will be made during the day, entirely encircling this great elevation within perfect view of the great crowd expected. The advertising manager has kindly offered the editor of this paper a whiz around the circle in the plane, which he declines with thanks.

### Confederate Reunion Now on in Boone

As we go to press the remnant of Camp Nimrod Triplett of Confederate Veterans who followed Lee and Jackson in "the days that tried mens souls" are assembling at the Training School, through special invitation, to hold what may be their last annual reunion. Their numbers are few but they are among our most highly respected and honored citizens. Each and every one of course is bearing the burden of many years but their hearts are light while their steps are slow. The oldest man in attendance is our esteemed townsman, Mr. James H. Taylor who is now 97 years old, and Mr. John Hodges is the youngest being 79.

The doors of the town, as well as those of the school are opened wide to these dear old boys and we want it fully understood that there is nothing we possess too good for them. Here's hoping that every hour spent by them in our town will be filled with pleasure.

## FARMERS PICNIC AT BEAVER DAM GRAND SUCCESS—1500 ARE PRESENT

### FATHER SHOTS HIS BABY IN ITS MOTHER'S ARMS

Posse of Officers Searching for Murderer, one Miles Love of the Beech Creek Section.

The news reached here yesterday that Miles Love of the Beech Creek section of Watauga County had shot and killed his baby child with a bullet that was intended for his wife.

The story goes that Love had been drinking heavily for some time and was most abusive to his wife. On Sunday he became enraged and on leaving the house fired his gun. Mrs. Love went to the door with a little child in her arms. The infuriated father and husband seeing his wife approaching turned the weapon on her and fired, the bullet taking effect in the body of the little child, from the effects of which it died, according to reports, yesterday morning.

As soon as the report reached this place a posse of officers and the county coroner left for the scene and we take it that no effort will be spared to bring the murderer to justice.

### Revival Services Will Continue Thru Week

Evangelist Norman H. Camp is busy these days preaching the Gospel of Christ. Last Monday he attended the opening of court and being a lawyer by profession occupied a seat with the lawyers of the county. At the suggestion of Attorney Jno. H. Bingham, Judge Finley announced that he would preach in the court room at 1:15 o'clock, which he did and has continued each day at that same hour. He is also speaking each morning at the Appalachian Training school at the suggestion of Prof. B. B. Dougherty. These talks are enjoyed by the students; also his singing.

The union meetings at the Baptist Church continue every afternoon at 3 o'clock and every night at 8 o'clock except Sundays. The prayer meetings, also, continuing at 8 o'clock. A few ladies, Christians together with the members are praying and singing in a true revival. This is a grand privilege in Boone, and unless it comes to help arrest the wickedness and wickedness manifested upon the part of some to increase. The general conditions which prevail thru the world will sooner or later prevail throughout Watauga County unless we have the blessing of God in answer to prayer and consistent Christian living. Let every Christian do his or her duty at this time.

The special address given by Evangelist Camp last Sunday afternoon created considerable comment. He spoke on "The Significance of the World War and God's Program for World Peace." He emphasized that God is not the author of war but of peace; but just as the absence of light produces darkness, and the absence of life produces death, so the withdrawal of God's presence and power, permits the devil, who is the author of war and strife to operate. The great trouble of the world today, especially in so-called Christian countries which have had the light of the

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### Big Still and Its Owner Captured

On Tuesday our alert and efficient Prohibition Agent, Ralph Bingham accompanied by agent J. C. Sherrill of Lenoir swooped down on Elk town slip and captured one Baxter Kendall, in a well appointed and equipped distillery. The plant was not in operation but three hundred gallons of beer and other prerequisites were destroyed. Kendall and his "hel pot" was brought to Boone where he was lodged in jail to await trial, and the still which was a good one, was destroyed.

Baxter will doubtless be tried at this term of court and being caught red handed it is a safe prediction that he will make no more moonshine for a while, at least.

Large Crowd Enjoys Speeches and Games at Watauga's Second Event For Farmers on Last Friday.

### Noted Statesmen Deliver Speeches of the Occasion

Hon. F. A. Linney Delivers Opening Address. Congressman Doughton Urges Farmers to Stick to the Soil

The second farmers' annual picnic for Watauga county was held last Friday at Beech Creek Church on Beaver Dam. The attendance was large, estimated at over 1,000 to 1,500.

Mr. F. A. Linney made the opening speech and he encouraged the folks to pull together and showed the farmers in a very forceful manner their need for forming some better systems for marketing their beef cattle.

Mr. R. L. Doughton was the second speaker and he encouraged farmers to stick to the soil and not to go to the city with the crowd. He showed that farming was the essential occupation and that sooner or later it was bound to become a paying proposition or else the world would starve. He encouraged farmers to put in home conveniences and in that way make life in the country more pleasant. His main point was that in order to do these things a greater profit must be obtained for the products sold, and that the only way to make this greater profit was through co-operative marketing. He insisted that the farmers must bind themselves together by contract that no man could break at will in order that they might act together to each other's advantage, rather than act separately to the detriment of all.

The last speaker on the program was Miss Cora Jeffcoat who filled the place of Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon who was not able to attend. Miss Jeffcoat took up the subject of the "Home Demonstration Agents" and showed the great work that these women have done in other counties. She proved to them that this work was of great value and "was worth all the cost."

Dinner on the ground was the next thing. Despite the immense crowd there was an abundance of dinner placed in the baskets. It was announced that dinner would be picnic, but it was spread on the grounds and everybody was invited to help themselves. After dinner the crowd was proficately entertained by speakers from Messrs. McInnis, Arty and D. W. Roberts, County agent from Caldwell. These men spoke very largely of marketing. They spoke of carrying as hard work and a "steady job" but that the regular income and increase in the fertility of the soil probably made it the most profitable line of farming, the best way that we could market our grass and hay.

As soon as the speeches were over the crowd left the oak grove and went to Mr. Farthing's meadow where the horse races, pony race, horse shoe pitching and ball games kept them abundantly entertained for a couple of hours. The only trouble was that so many things were going on at the same time that it was hard to see it all. The horse race was won by Paul Storie, the pony race by Henry Campbell, the horse shoe pitching contest was won by Paul Storie and the potato race was won by Millie Cable. The ball game was won by the "cheese makers" and John Greer won the prize for having on exhibit the best peck of potatoes. Prizes for these contests were contributed by the Watauga County Bank, Peoples Bank & Trust Co., and Greene and Bingham.

This picnic will be held at some other place next year and it is understood that several communities are already asking for it. It is believed by the farmers that these picnics do a great deal of good by getting the people out together to mingle for a day. It is hard for the farmers to listen to the valuable discussions without being influenced by them. This picnic is one of the good things that is being fostered by the County Agent and it is the belief of those attending that the time is well spent.

### LUTHERAN SERVICES

Rev. Jeffcoat the new Lutheran minister in charge of the Watauga pastorate will conduct services in the Episcopal Church in Boone at 7:30 next Sunday evening. The public generally is invited.