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## The Watauga Building and Loan Association

### News Items as Reported From Rural Watauga

Interesting News Items as Reported Each Week by Our Correspondents in the Several Sections of the County

#### Valle Crucis

Rev. J. P. Burke returned Saturday from Vanceville, bringing Mrs. Burke who has been in poor health for some time, having undergone two operations in Richmond during her absence.

Mrs. P. G. Spaulhour spent the week end in Morganton.

Miss Nannie Smith has arrived to spend the summer with her sister Mrs. C. D. Taylor.

Miss Daisy Mast is spending the summer with her aunt Mrs. D. F. Mast.

Summer guests are beginning to arrive at the Mission School and at Mrs. D. F. Mast's.

Miss Williamina Shull has returned from Battle Creek, Michigan where she has been taking special work in dietetics.

Mr. Chambers, piano tuner of Knoxville has been here last week and tuned a number of pianos in the valley.

Messrs Ralph Phillips from Spruce Pine and two friends were guests in the valley over Sunday.

Misses Willett Miller of Todd and Mrs. Tom Baird of Wilmington spent Saturday here, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Baird.

The box supper held at the public school house Saturday was a success in every way, the proceeds from the sales being seventy five dollars. This money will probably be used in the construction of a tea room.

#### Meat Camp

Rev. H. W. Jeffcoat preached at the Lutheran church here Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Arthur Miller of Zionville was on Meat Camp Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bryan and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Phillips, all of Boone were the guests at Mr. Willie Profit's Thursday night.

Mrs. James Ragan of Boone visited her sister Mrs. Clay Miller last Sunday.

The box supper at the new Methodist church Sunday night was a successful one. The highest box sold was that of Miss Ruth Miller at seventeen dollars. The total receipts amounted to \$81.50.

The Oak Grove choir sang at the Meat Camp Baptist church on last Sunday. Those present reported an unusually good singing.

Several folks of the community went to Trade, Tenn. Sunday to services.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Profit are the happy parents of a baby.

Mr. A. W. Hodgson went on a business trip to points in Ashe Monday.

Mr. E. H. Townsend who is in charge of the Gragg mill here went to his home in Boone Saturday.

#### Migrating Ducks Carry Eggs Of Fish to Inland Reservoirs

A popular belief that fish are placed in reservoirs for purification purposes is discredited by E. E. Lanpher superintendent of the distribution division of the Pittsburgh water bureau. "It is an old notion that fish serve to keep down bacteria in water," Lanpher said "but our bacteriologist says this idea cannot be substantiated. On the other hand, fish do no harm."

"Although many persons think the fish are put in the water to purify the water, they generally get into the water in the form of eggs that have lodged in the bills and feet of ducks.

#### Foscoe

Mr. McComb of Hickory was in Foscoe last week buying cattle for the Southern beef market.

We are glad to learn that O. L. Coffey will be our next county commissioner.

Our new church will be dedicated the fifth Sunday of the month. There will be two extra trains from Johnson City on that day. We are planning a good time. Everybody invited.

Mr. L. L. Moody is still busy setting cabbage for the Southern market.

We had a box supper at the school house Saturday night for a sick lady, the collection was \$25.

The Rev. Sebastian filled his appointment here Sunday.

Mr. Grover Walters and family of Blowing Rock visited Mr. D. C. Coffey Sunday, also Mr. Henry of Blowing Rock was in Foscoe.

Mrs. Walters will make a business trip to Boone this week. The Foscoe folks are very busy getting ready for the church dedication.

Mrs. Hubbert Wagner passed away Tuesday morning. She has been sick five months. She was one of our best women and will be sadly missed.

#### Silverstone

Still it rains but anyway corn is growing.

On last Wednesday Mrs. Geo. Trivett with her little daughter and another came to visit her uncle Mr. J. H. Mast. She was taken seriously ill and rushed off to the Boone hospital accompanied by Dr. Perry, and there underwent a very serious operation, and in a few hours departed this life. The remains were laid to rest Saturday at 10 a. m. in the Adams cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mast left last Saturday for Ohio.

Miss Emma Mast is attending the summer term of school at Boone preparing to teach this year.

Work is being done on the church at Pleasant Grove, rebuilding and making more room.

Mr. John Beach of Rich Mountain has brought his plowing mill down and is assisting the Silverstone people in their work.

Mr. Charlie Beach visited the home of Mr. A. B. Culler Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Joe McGuire of Lenoir who has been very low is improving.

Mr. Odes Watson is very busy for the past few weeks hauling lumber from Mr. Clyde Reece's yard to the highway.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Greer of Zionville visited their daughter Mrs. Tom Wilson Sunday.

Plant two acres of land to oats followed by soybeans to produce the hay or roughage needed to carry one mule one year, say livestock workers of the State College of Agriculture.

Frank Bennett of Anson county is selling over \$2000 worth of hogs from his farm each year largely because he grazes them on a legume pasture, reports county agent J. W. Cameron.

The ducks pause on the surface of the water in their flights in the spring and fall and the eggs, which are washed off while the ducks are swimming soon hatch out."

#### Deep Gap

Mr. Russel Trivett has recently installed a home lighting plant in his residence. He now runs a garage and will charge storage batteries from this plant.

At this writing our progressive and alert merchant, Mr. A. G. Miller, is indisposed with a very bad cold.

Mr. Ben Osborne the traveling concert man, missed his date at the Rocky Point School House for some reason or other. His concert was to have come off last Saturday night at the above place.

Mr. Cecil Miller of Brownwood filled the place of Mr. Darwin Smith as clerk and bookkeeper in the Deep Gap Cash Store here last week while Mr. Smith was sent out on a few week's vacation.

Mr. Claude Watson who had been operated on at the Wilkes Hospital returned again as his operation and health is by no means what it should be. We however hope he will soon improve and be himself again and can be at his home soon.

Mrs. Nancy Watson who was operated on at the Wilkes Hospital was getting along first rate until last Sunday when the writer was at the hospital on a visit and consultation with Dr. Hubbard the efficient surgeon of the institution.

Dr. Hubbard is a real gentleman and surgeon whom we are proud to acknowledge in the medical world and fraternity.

The writer went to the Wilkes hospital last Sunday for treatment but found the institution full of patients and returned home awaiting a chance for admission. He went for treatment for indigestion.

There will be a public singing at Deep Gap the fifth Sunday in June. We are informed that there will be several singing classes there so if you like good singing do not fail to be there.

Bring a well filled basket of dinner and enjoy a day of song service and recreation.

Mr. W. A. Watson has made a requisition to the government Fish Hatchery for some fish of the rainbow trout variety to be put in Gap Creek.

These fish will be under state and government supervision for a few years, and then only those with hook and line will have the fun of landing 'em out.

—W. A. Watson, Correspondent.

#### IN MEMORY

of our dear little Henry Elmo, the infant son of Roby H. Hayes and Bessie Hayes, who was born Oct. 10 1923 and died Jan. 11, 1924 aged 2 months and 25 days. It is very hard for the young father and mother to give up their first born babe but it is God's will and way and we must be submissive to it, for He doeth all things well.

When we see a precious blossom that we tended with such care, Rudely taken from our bosom, How our aching hearts despair, Round its little grave we linger Till the setting sun is low, Feeling all our hopes are perished With the flower we cherished so.

—A friend and relative.

#### ESSAY ON PANTS

Pants are made for men and not for women.

Women are made for men and not for pants.

When a man pants for a woman and a woman pants for a man that makes a pair of pants.

Pants are like molasses; they are thinner in hot weather and thicker in cold weather.

There has been much discussion as to whether pants is singular or plural; but it seems to us that when men wear pants it's plural; and when they don't it's singular.

Pants is singular at the top and are plural at the bottom.

If you want to make the pants last, make the coat first.—Capper's Weekly.

#### NEW UNIVERSE IS SEEN IN HARVARD PHOTOGRAPHS

Faint Haze in Sagittarius May Prove That Heavens Are Formed From Ice.

Washington.—Government scientists identified with glacial research work in Glacier National park are showing interest in the new theory developed by the Viennese scientist, Dr. Hans Hoerblizer that glacial cosmogony "explains" the origin of the heavens.

This idea, that ice is the building material with which new universes are constantly forming in the heavens, recently stirred scientific circles of Europe. Now it is being given particular attention in America in connection with the recent discovery at the Harvard observatory, where photographs were taken showing that a faint and nameless luminous haze in the sky in the constellation of Sagittarius, the Archer, is a distinct universe.

From these photographs Dr. Harlow Shapley, director of the observatory, estimates that it takes 1,000,000 years for light to travel from this newly found universe, which, he says, is the most distant object ever viewed by the eye of man. He bases this statement on the fact that the most distant stars known prior to this measurement are only 250,000 light-years from our earth.

The new universe found by the mammoth lenses measures six quintillion miles away. It took a 100-inch reflecting telescope, the largest ever made, to find this "cloud of stars."

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#### Babylonian Seals Form New Key to Ancient Past

Philadelphia.—Through the possession of more than 800 Babylonian seals, the translation and classification of which recently have been completed by Dr. Leon Lograin, curator of the Babylonian section of the university museum, the University of Pennsylvania has supplied the archeological world with an unbroken chain for the future study of the origin, development, art, religion and epigraphy of Babylon.

For two years Doctor Lograin has been at work classifying and translating the seals, which include five royal cylinders.

To the eyes of thousands who yearly flock to the university museum the latest exhibit will attract more than common interest, but to students of the historical mysteries of thousands of years ago the seals will supply three new elements of information.

First, an early chronology going back to nearly 5000 B. C.; second, an early Elamite art on painted seals and vases, undoubtedly executed before 3000 B. C., and third, a better-known Akkadian empire, of about 2700 B. C.

#### Would Sell Mechanical Army to United States

New York.—Nells W. Aasen, quiet, scholarly Danish inventor, has expressed his intention of coming to this country shortly to offer his "mechanical soldiers" and superbombs to the United States.

A line of soulless mechanisms buried in the earth along frontiers, waiting for years for the hand of an electric button that will release them to shower bullets and poison gas on invaders—that is Mr. Aasen's substitute for flesh and blood defensive armies. His human equivalent is reduced to a few engineers to guide the defensive lines and, on the offensive, to aviators, whose function would be poison-gas bombing, and to naval crews operating his newly invented depth bombs against enemy shipping.

With different wave lengths, successive tiers of the underground soldiers could be exploded to stop the advance of any army whose positions could be reported by radio from observation airplanes.

#### Humming Bird Dies of Grief Over Mate's Loss

Oakland, Cal.—Otto Emerson, Hayward (Cal.) naturalist, who found two humming birds a few days old and raised them until full grown, reports that one of them died of grief because it accidentally caused the death of the other.

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#### "Life Masks" Vienna Fad

Vienna.—Masks of the living are the latest hobby in Austria, and a prominent Viennese sculptor is doing a thriving business in them for prominent men and women. It takes about fifteen minutes to get the impression for a mask, and the cost is \$15.

#### Music Aids in Writing

Lindsborg, Kan.—Phonograph music is being used at Bethany college to make better penmen. In order that the students of the commercial department enrolled in writing courses may secure rhythm and more uniform motion in their work, Miss Hazel Mathis, instructor, plays phonograph records during each lesson. Satisfactory results have been obtained by the use of the phonograph in the classroom in this manner.

#### Bones of Mastodon Found

Tucson, Ariz.—The massive bones of a mastodon, believed to have lived during the Pliocene period, some 500,000 years ago, have been found near here and turned over to the University of Arizona.

#### Jealous Tom Cat Eats Pet Alligator

Saranac Lake, N. Y.—North country Thomas cats are tougher "birds" than Florida alligators. A friend sent George H. Saxe, a merchant of Chazy, an alligator direct from the swamps of Florida. It was placed in the window of the shop and fed raw meat.

The gator was a great attraction to all except a large, fierce he-cat. Until the arrival of the warrior from the Sunny South, the Thomas cat had been the apple of its owner's eye. Now it appeared the intruder from the southland was putting the rollers under him.

The cat fixed many meals looks on the gator, which returned by snapping his long jaws. Then, one night it happened. The cold gray light of dawn disclosed the alligator torn to shreds with all the choice parts eaten. Puss is again the household pet.

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