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## Sue Green Accidentally Killed at Blowing Rock

### Popular Young Girl Killed Almost Instantly Sunday When She Fell From Motor Truck

Blowing Rock, May 4.—Practically the entire population of Blowing Rock paid tribute at the funeral Monday of Miss Susie Green, 16-year-old daughter of Theo Green, who was killed Sunday when she fell from a truck on which a force of young people was riding. All business houses except the postoffice were closed during the funeral.

Miss Green, it is said by witnesses, was standing on the truck holding to a standard. She released the standard to adjust her hair or hat just as the truck ran over a bump and threw her off. Her head struck the ground with such force that her neck was broken and the skull fractured. No other marks were found on the body except a slight bruise on the leg.

She was taken to the office of Dr. E. B. Seales within six minutes after the accident, but nothing could be done for her. She died within fifteen minutes. Dr. Seales said that ordinarily such injuries would have caused instant death, and only the girl's physical strength enabled her to live as long as she did.

Miss Green was one of the most popular members of the younger set here. Her vivacity and her cheerful disposition had made her beloved among all her associates.

Dr. G. W. Raby and family of Hickory, relatives of Miss Green, were here to attend the funeral, as was also Miss Elizabeth Greene, Susie's aunt, of South Carolina, Joan Lewis and family, old friends, and neighbors of the Greens, came from Johnson City, Tenn., to attend the funeral.

The services were conducted at the Methodist church by the pastor Rev. E. B. Woolsey, assisted by Rev. C. C. McKelcher, pastor of the Rumples Memorial Presbyterian church.

The meeting of the men's club of the Presbyterian church, which was to have been held at Shulls Mills Monday night, was canceled because of the funeral.

George M. Sudderth was re-elected mayor of Blowing Rock in Tuesday's election in spite of the strong opposition ticket that was put forward on the morning of the election. N. C. Greene and A. M. Cretcher were re-elected council men, and Lloyd Robbins was elected to succeed C. A. Williams, who was not a candidate. The vote was as follows:

For mayor: G. M. Sudderth, 115; Ed Robbins, 48. For councilmen: N. C. Greene, 104; A. M. Cretcher, 94; Lloyd Robbins, 85; C. S. Previttie, 77; L. F. Coon, 55; E. G. Pitts, 58.

Mayor Sudderth said he would continue his policy of fostering public improvements to make Blowing Rock a summer resort of the first class. During his administration, the town has built a water and sewerage system, organized a fire department, equipped with the best apparatus obtainable, built a town hall, acquired a jail and added more than a square mile to the corporate limits and \$1,200,000 to the tax valuations. With this added valuation, it is pointed out, the tax rate can be almost cut in half, and still more revenue can be raised than under the former valuations.

A potential apple crop of 100,000 bushels in Watauga county may be considered lost as a result of last week's freeze, according to growers in this part of the county. E. G. Underdown, manager of the Cone estate, which has 20,000 trees, said he expected only a few late blooms to remain and even they may fall from the trees.

The Smith-Kirby Transfer Company of Lenoir, operator of the freight, baggage and mail line from Lenoir to Boone, is building a one-story office, baggage and freight room adjacent to the store of the Barnhardt-Seagle Company.

The forest fire which started at Coffey's Gap, six miles from here, Friday morning had almost burned itself out Tuesday, although it was still smoldering enough for some smoke to be visible here. Fortunately, the blaze did not spread to the thicker timber and Saturday's rain helped to subdue it. Forest Warden Carol Holliday was watching the fire to see that it did not become dangerous.

Prof. L. G. Greer, of the Appalachian State Normal school, delivered

## LITTLE INTEREST SHOWN IN CITY ELECTION TUESDAY

Little interest was manifested in the city election Tuesday, only 159 votes being cast. Lack of enthusiasm was due to the fact that only one ticket was in the field, that named at the citizens' mass meeting last week. The forces of the newly elected ticket rallied somewhat when it was learned that a different ballot was being circulated, this having been more or less a false alarm, as no concerted effort was made.

W. R. Gragg, mayor of the town some years ago and president of the Watauga Lumber Company, received the largest number of votes cast for mayor, 148. J. M. Morez was the only other name voted for for this office, receiving nine. A. Y. Howell, T. B. Moore and C. E. Greave constitute the new board of aldermen, receiving 157, 152 and 147 votes, respectively. Tracy Councill polled 13 votes for membership on the board while other were represented in the hall of box by one vote each.

The new administration will assume management of the affairs of the city tomorrow.

Mr. Howell is the only member of the board to be re-elected. The outgoing administration accomplished much during the past two years and were popular as second term candidates, which honor they refused.

The incoming council headed by Mr. Gragg is composed of good men and the citizens of the city are expecting a safe and sound administration of municipal affairs for the ensuing two years.

of the commencement address before the graduating class of the Blowing Rock school last Friday night and took for his theme, "No one can rightfully expect protection from the government unless he is engaged in productive work and is contributing to the subsistence of the nation."

Smith Hagraman, county superintendent of education, presented the diplomas to the thirteen graduates, principal A. E. Meyer awarded certificates of perfect attendance, E. T. Miller introduced the speaker.

Thomas Shirley Newlin, father of Katherine Newlin Burt and father-in-law of the writer Struthers Burt, is here for a few days before returning to his home in Princeton, N. J. While he was here, he told how his daughter sold her first story. She always wrote stories for the other children of the family, he said, but never tried to have one published until they went to Germany. There she wrote an unusually good story, and her father persuaded her to submit it to a London publisher. It was immediately accepted and her success as a writer was assured from that hour.

Mr. Burt brought Mr. Newlin here from Southern Pines, and then returned there to join her husband. Later they will go to their Wyoming ranch, which inspired Mr. Burt's novel, "The Diary of a Dude Wrangler."

Green Park hotel has been opened for guests since Saturday. O. W. Spencer of Salisbury, the manager, was here for two weeks before the opening supervising the improvement, made to the hotel.

Mrs. Laura B. Crouch, one of the largest stockholders in the hotel, was also here, but she was confined to bed at the hotel by serious illness. For a while her condition was considered grave, but Dr. R. B. Seales said last week that she had passed the danger point.

Excavation has been begun for the building of a garage and Chevrolet agency, which will be operated by J. H. Winkler. The garage storage facilities will be open to the public within a short time. Mr. Winkler said, Fred Pendley will be in charge of the mechanical department, and Mr. Winkler will supervise the show-rooms and filling station.

Herman Swink, developer of Laurel Park, one of the most select summer residential sections of Blowing Rock, arrived here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Davidson, of Orlando, Fla., and Connellville, Pa., passed through here on their way to Connellville after spending the winter in Orlando.

Elliott Reed of Savannah, Ga., was here last Tuesday looking over the \$20,000 summer home that is being built for him in Mayview Park.

Dr. R. B. Seales will soon erect on lots he has bought in Mayview Park

## HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM AT NORMAL TOMORROW

The graduating exercises of the High School department of the Appalachian State Normal will be held tomorrow (Friday) afternoon, beginning at 2:45 o'clock. The program to be rendered is as follows:

Piano duet, Bernice Gragg and Norma Brown.

Welcome address, William Mast.

Father Time speaks, Richard Hodges.

Class poem, Fred Blay.

Oratorical, Hazel Hardy.

Vocal solo, Lucile Hopkins.

A message from the "butterflies," Guy Taylor, butterflies, Mary White, Alice, Connell, Willie Reeves, Vallie Malby, Mary Annie Trivet.

"I hereby bequeath," Mabel Benjamin.

Valerology, Norma Brown.

Presentation of diplomas, President Dougherty.

Class song, Class of 1927.

## RELIEF FUND GROWS

Funds to the amount of \$336.73 have been received to date from various parts of the county for the relief of the Mississippi valley flood victims. Funds are still needed and those wishing to contribute can send amounts either to the Democrat or the Watauga County Bank. Following is a list of subscriptions to date:

Reported last week	\$333.10
Three Park church	25.00
M. E. Sunday School, Boone	15.63
Vallie Cross Sunday School	10.00
Boone Baptist S. S.	30.00
Received through The Democrat:	
D. V. Winebarger	5.00
North Winebarger	2.00
Rudford Townsend	5.90
Little Miss Mary Wagner	1.00
Total	\$336.73

## FRUIT IN WILKES IS CUT SHORT BY KILLING FROST

Wilkes Journal, May 28.—The fruit crop has been badly damaged by the heavy frosts which fell last week, it is learned. Practically all the fruit has been killed, with the exception of those orchards which are embraced in the thermal belt.

The fruit on the Gold Medal, B. C. Price, Joe Pearson and Shaley orchards has not been damaged, it is stated, while on the Boone Trail orchard it is estimated that around 12,000 bushels of apples, and many peaches have been killed.

## INVENTS CORN HARVESTER

Mr. Oscar Phillips, of Sugar Grove, was in Boone last week in conference with a Statesville manufacturer looking toward the manufacture of a corn harvester which he invented. Mr. Phillips had a miniature model of the machine with him and while in the Democrat office, explained the workings of the machine, which will cut one row of corn at a time, and by means of elevators load it in the head. The machine is a very simple affair and those who have seen the model believe it will be successful.

Mr. Phillips has spent two years in perfecting the model, and believes he has simplified it until the cost will be so low that almost any farmer can afford one. He has applied for a patent but has not yet received it. If the machine proves successful, it will be a great labor saver, as it cuts the corn, loads it and dumps it in a pile by the shifting of a gear or two. It is Mr. Phillips' intention to have the machine so built that it can easily be converted into a manure spreader.

## BIRTHDAY DINNER

Blowing Rock, May 2.—At the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Dula here last week, Mr. J. Rufus Robbins was given a surprise birthday dinner on his seventy-fourth birthday, the dinner being given by his children. Those present to do Mr. Robbins honor were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Larnie Hollers, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Hartley. Included among those present were grandchildren and great-grandchildren also. Mr. and Mrs. Orlando, Fla., and Connellville, Pa., came to pay their respects and to enjoy the splendid dinner which consisted of everything good to eat.

Mr. Robbins has been a resident of Watauga county many years and was well known in his younger days as an expert mechanic. In his later years he has devoted his time and attention to home affairs. While he is not enjoying the best of health at present, it is hoped that he may soon recover and live to enjoy many more happy birthdays.

## Exile Is Old Story of Acadians in the Delta

### Crests Leave For Yellow Streams to Save Orleans

Exile, such as the Acadians know and Longfellow made immortal in "Evangeline" is an old, old story to the French Acadians and Spanish Creoles of St. Bernard and Plaquemine parishes, Louisiana, who left Wednesday and Thursday left their homes in order that New Orleans might be saved.

Thursday their homes, banked in bright flowers of blue and gold and crimson that blossom in a Louisiana springtime soiled in the sun. Their fields were green with growing corn and early vegetables prepared to meet the demands of a nation's market. Great green sodded banks of the Mississippi River levee reared a grim bulk between these homes and fields and the turbulent muddy brown flood that rushed toward the Gulf of Mexico; the channel down which runs the flood waters of 31 great states.

But at noon Friday, by proclamation of Governor Simpson, the levee was cut at Bayou de la Fourche to let the terrific current through that the south's greatest bay might be secure. At that moment a rushing flood came fed the homes of these people, ripped across their fields and tore its way out through Lake De Lery and down Bayou Terre Aux Boeufs, through Breton Sound into the Gulf of Mexico.

The great trek went on until the time set for the breaking of the levee. It was a gaunt and terrific thing to witness but at the same time a scene of stoic courage and high adventure which stirred the heart.

All the hurt that any family knows at seeing the labor of years in building a home swept ruthlessly aside was there, but the hurt was hidden. These people, many of them Acadians, know what exile means. It is a tradition born in their blood, bred in their bones. The great-great-grandfathers of some of these people who rugged and rolled and rode up the river road to New Orleans, had built homes and tilled farms in far north Nova Scotia, in the little village of Grand Bre when on the day the British ships of war appeared in the offing. In family after family the tale has been told of the exile that followed. Nor do the folk of St. Bernard and Plaquemine have to go back to the days of the Acadians in Nova Scotia to know what exile means.

With the people of French and Spanish blood they streamed into New Orleans in 1815 when the British came and were banished back by the rifles of Andrew Jackson's troops. In 1822 they experienced the great flood when the Poydras crasse let the flood come crashing through on their plantations and farms.

Strange and moody is the exodus of the early French and Spanish settlers. Up the road since last Tuesday they have come with their flocks and their herds, their cattle, their household goods and treasures. Men and women and little children, white and black side by side, cloudless Louisiana sky above them. But they marched in choking dust—dust raised by the feet and rubber tires of automobiles, great motor trucks and the steel wheels of farm wagons.

For forty miles down the East River bank below the southernmost limits of New Orleans, that heart string line trailed and rolled on its way. Just on the other side of the levee the river growled and seemed to chuckle with sinister mirth as though it knew that it would soon have its way of the land from which until noon Friday it was barred.

## ATTENTION, EX-SERVICE MEN!

All who are interested in aiding the Watauga Post, American Legion, in completing plans for our Fourth of July celebration are asked to be present Friday night, May 6th, at the regular monthly meeting. We cannot wait longer to decide.

L. S. ISAACS,  
Post Commander.

## Rivals

In a certain English town two pork butchers were keen business rivals.

In the window of one there appeared the sign: "Fresh sausage, as supplied to His Majesty the King."

The next day the rival merchant had posted this sign: "God Save the King."—The Progressive Grocer.

## WADE STEWART ARRESTED MONDAY IN TENNESSEE

Wade Stewart, wanted in Watauga county on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon upon young Arley Henson in the latter's home in the Beaver Dam section, recently, was arrested at Mill Creek, Tenn., Monday by Deputy Sheriff H. A. Hagan, and Len Mast. The prisoner was placed in the Mountain City jail awaiting extradition upon the governor of Tennessee for his return to this county.

Officers received information that Stewart was in the Mill Creek section of Johnson county and they immediately went after him. When found he was endeavoring to hide by crawling under a building. Deputy Sheriff Hagan covered him with a gun and the arrest was easily made. Stewart, who it said to be positively dangerous, was arrested when he attempted to flee.

It was learned Wednesday morning that attorneys for Stewart were making an effort to have the preliminary hearing held in Tennessee. No address has been ascertained to appear and it is understood that the prosecution would not be senseless by counsel, should the hearing be held. Sheriff Hagan, however, is in Watauga county for Mountain City, and at the time of going to make nothing could be learned as to what action had been taken, but it is expected that Stewart will be returned to this county as soon as requisition papers are secured.

## BEAVER DAM DOTS

The recent cold weather did not do a much damage to the fruit and berry crop in this section and if there is no more cold weather, it is expected that there will be a goodly crop of fruit.

Since the appointment of Charles W. Charginer, Clyde Perry and Carter Farthing as road supervisors for this section, they are getting the roads in good condition.

Mrs. Williams, wife of Dr. Badge Williams, fell over a saddle last week and was painfully, though not seriously hurt.

Mrs. Susan Moody who has been ill for some time, is improving slowly.

Row Campbell, who was operated on recently for appendicitis, is at home here now, almost recovered.

Miss Abee Myers visited home for a week, returning to Boone Saturday.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

Smith Hagraman was re-elected county superintendent of education for two years, beginning July 1, by the board of education in monthly session here Monday. Prof. D. D. Pougherty was also sworn in as a member of the board, he having been appointed but did not swear in when other members did on the first Monday in April.

The board also accepted the resignation of W. F. Gragg as school committee man at Whiting, W. Henderson Gragg being appointed in his place.

W. Hardin Brown, member of the Cove Creek board, also tendered his resignation.

## DR. J. C. TESTERMAN DIES

News has reached Boone of the death of Dr. J. C. Testerman, of Jefferson, which occurred there last Saturday night. He had been seriously ill for only a few days. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. Blackburn and Reynolds, after which the body was interred with Masonic honors at the old home of the deceased on Sidus Creek.

Dr. Testerman was well known to Boone and surrounding territory, having practiced medicine both here and at Blowing Rock.

Posadas, La., April 29.—With a mighty blast which sent dirt flying a hundred feet into the air accompanied by a roar as the Mississippi river leaped to freedom, engineers blew the levee fourteen miles south of New Orleans today in desperate efforts to save the Crescent City and other parts of the state from the worst flood threat in history. A break was opened which widened out about 15,000 feet as the released flood waters swirled and twisted through the gap and started on a path of destruction across St. Bernard Parish which has been sacrificed to appease the Mississippi river's wrath against New Orleans and other parts of the state. Houses on the path of the torrent trembled and then toppled, garden spots were quickly covered from the back water of the main flow and peaceful farming communities were converted into a scene of utter desolation.

## Closing Exercises at Lees-McRae Institute

### Final Number on Program Be Given May 26, "Home-coming" for Former Students

Lees-McRae Institute, Banner Elk, will close this year on May 26th with an unusually attractive commencement program. The commencement is to be a special "home-coming" occasion for all who ever attended Lees-McRae. A large number of former students will attend the annual banquet which will be one of the most delightful affairs of the commencement. The Literary Society will give a play, "The Literary Society," on Monday night, May 23rd, and the primary commencement on May 24th at Grandfather Orphanage. Every one who is interested to attend these exercises.

The addresses will be made by Dr. Harry Swain of Louisville, Ky., and Dr. J. H. Highsmith of Raleigh, both of whom are well known as speakers and as promoters of education. All invited and a large number of the institute are cordially invited to attend these exercises.

The program begins Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of the trustees in the room, lounge, A. T. A. building. The exercises will be given by the following: William Green, D. D., given by the Watauga and Plaquemine Literary Societies was presented with the following list of characters:

William Green—Charles Green; Miss Minerva—Gertie—Hickey; Major—Lawson—Laird—Jimmy—Nabel Taylor; Mrs. Green—Nell Wilson; Sarah Jane—Fry; John—Rame Dick—Minnie Garbark.

At 8 o'clock the annual meeting of the board of trustees will be held.

## Friday, May 6

8 p. m.—Primary commencement at Grandfather Orphanage.

## Saturday, May 7

5:15 p. m.—Meeting of alumnae.  
6:00 p. m.—Alumnae banquet.  
8:00 p. m.—Class day exercises.

## Sunday, May 8

11:00 a. m.—Baccalaureate sermon in Presbyterian church—Dr. Henry H. Swain, Louisville, Ky.  
7:00 p. m.—Sunday vesper service, Presbyterian church.

## Monday, May 9

8:00 p. m.—Annual literary address.  
Music.  
Introduction, Mr. Taft.  
Address, Dr. J. Henry Highsmith.  
Award of medals.  
Award of diplomas.

## MRS. BELAR GRAY DEAD

Mrs. Belar Gray of Slab Fork, W. Va., died at her home on Thursday of last week, high blood pressure and complications being responsible for her death. The remains arrived in Boone Saturday afternoon and interment was at the Elm cemetery near the old home of the deceased Sunday. A large crowd assembled to pay their last tribute of respect to a friend and former neighbor.

Mrs. Gray was before her marriage Miss Pearl Gray, daughter of the late Mr. J. S. Gray and Mrs. Gray and news of her demise brought sadness to the hearts of the many friends of the good lady. Deceased was a sister of Chief of Police A. L. Gray and is survived by her husband, mother and several brothers and sisters.

## DEATH OF MISS HORTON

Miss Katherine Horton, thirteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Horton, of Vilas, died last Saturday morning at a o'clock following a short illness with pneumonia. Miss Horton's death was unexpected and came as a distinct shock to the community. The funeral and interment was at Henson's Chapel Monday attended by a large concourse of relatives and friends, a number of classmates of her sister, Miss Mary Horton, a student in the Normal, being in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Horton have the deep sympathy of their host of friends throughout the county in this sad bereavement.

## HERRING MAST

The following announcement will be of interest in this county, where the bridegroom, son of Mr. N. L. Mast is well known.

Mr. and Mrs. James Prichard Herring announce the marriage of their daughter

Myrtle

to James Brady Mast on Tuesday, April twenty-sixth, nine o'clock, and twenty-seven

Wilmington, North Carolina.

At home of her May the tenth Mast, N. C.

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