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## FORMER WATAUGAN COMMITS SUICIDE IN CHARLOTTE

The following taken from the Charlotte Observer yesterday tells of the death of a former Wataugan, Mr. S. A. Holler, who was a son of Mr. Israel Holler of Cove Creek and brother to Mr. I. C. Holler of Boone. He was married to Miss Callie, daughter of Junion Henson of Cove Creek, moving from Watauga county to N. Wilkesboro, later to Charlotte. Surviving are wife and several children, together with a lot of relatives residing in this county.

Charlotte, Wednesday. S. A. Holler, 16-year-old barber, proprietor of Holler's barber shop at 231 West Trade street, shot and killed himself yesterday in his home at 1102 South Graham street.

He died almost instantly, the bullet from the automatic pistol passing directly through his heart.

None of his family was with him at the time the bullet was fired. His wife, who was in the kitchen, rushed to him when she heard the shot and found him sitting on the bed, blood pouring from the wound.

Scrambling, she rushed outside and summoned neighbors. Mr. Holler died before medical aid could be secured.

No measure was left nor could Mrs. Holler give any cause for the act. Neighbors said that Mr. Holler had been under the influence of liquor for several days but that he was at work yesterday.

The pistol was the property of A. L. Walker, of Thomasboro, who worked with Mr. Holler. It was found under a bureau a short distance from the bed.

According to Mrs. Holler, her husband returned from work shortly after 10:30 p. m. She met him and offered to help remove his coat and vest so that he could rest.

He said he had wanted something to eat and I went to the kitchen to cook some eggs. Then I heard the shot.

U. G. Hubbard, of 1406 South Graham street, a neighbor, was the first to reach the home. He found Mr. Holler sitting on the side of the bed. A moment later, the wounded man fell backward.

So grief-stricken was Mrs. Holler that a physician was summoned to quiet her. A daughter, Mrs. Burr Moss, of Fremont avenue, arrived a short time after her father died.

Embarrassed, it is said, could not be reached for several hours.

## WILKES MAN HELD IN ASHE ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Jefferson, May 21.—Three additions were made to the personnel of the prisoners occupying the Ashe county jail here last few days. Clive Long, of Wilkes, was arrested on a warrant from the latter county, charging him with attempted criminal assault on a 13-year-old girl. He is being held pending the arrival of officers from Wilkes.

## PRAYING FOR RAIN IN EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

Its crops parched after 52 days without rain, Wilmington and the Cape Fear section of North Carolina Sunday and Monday was praying for rain.

Up in Monday night no rain had fallen. A few scattered clouds in the horizon betokened hope to the farmers, but the weather bureau announced that no rain was in sight.

There is a smidgen in Drum Hill Park, Baltimore, of polyhedral type, each face indicating the sun time in some distant city.

## Lindbergh Makes Transatlantic Flight

New York to Paris Non-Stop Flight Accomplished in 33 1/2 Hours; It Given Ovation

Paris, May 21.—Captain Charles A. Lindbergh, the young American aviator, who hopped off from New York yesterday morning all alone in his monoplane, arrived in Paris, tonight, safe and sound, as everyone hoped he would.

The sandy-haired son of the middle west dropped down out of the darkness at Le Bourget flying field, a few miles from Paris, at 10:21 o'clock tonight (5:21 p. m. New York time) only 33 1/2 hours after leaving Long Island—the first man in history to go from New York to Paris without changing his seat.

To the young American it was seemingly merely the achievement of an ambition. To Paris, to France, to America, to the world, his landing tonight made him the greatest of heroes mankind has produced since the air became a means of travel. A crowd of at least 25,000 surrounded his plane, the "Spirit of St. Louis," when it came to earth after its epochal voyage from the new world to the old.

The airman was lifted from the seat, where for two days and a night he sat fixed, guiding his plane over land and sea, and for 30 minutes he was hardly able to talk or do anything else, except let himself be carried along by a mass of men made delirious with joy at his achievement.

Never has an aviator of any nation, even king or ruler, had a greater or more spontaneous welcome from the heart of the common people of France. The very recklessness of his endeavor, as it appeared, appealed to the quick emotional imagination of Frenchmen, and they were quick to respond with everything their own hearts could give.

All ties of nationalism were forgotten by the Le Bourget throng. They saw in Lindbergh only a man who had bravely gambled with death, and won. There was regret, of course, for Nungesser and Gull, and regret, too, that the daring Frenchman had not been the first. But there was no bitterness in their greeting of the American winner.

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## JOHN H. COOK DEAD

Mr. John H. Cook, a well known citizen and native of Watauga county, died at the home of his son, Mr. James Cook, in Boone last Sunday, at the age of 80 years. Funeral services were held at Bluff City, Tenn., Monday, many friends of the deceased from this section attending.

Mr. Cook was born here, moved to Bluff City about ten years ago, where he resided for five years, his wife having died during that time. He then spent three years in Johnson City, a few months in Florida, returning to the home of his son here about two months ago.

Mr. Cook was an upright and progressive citizen and will be missed in the county of his nativity.

Captain Lindbergh's flight to Paris brings old times to the mind of A. W. Drinkwater, telegraph operator and weather man of Roanoke Island, this state. Wright brothers made their first flight at Kill Devil Hill in eastern Carolina just before Lindbergh had his second birthday. An ancient dispatch checked off by Mr. Dickwater says: "The plane today went 10 miles out to sea. The ship went so far as to appear a mere speck on the horizon." The plane weighed 350 pounds, the engine weighing 150 pounds.

New breaks in the levees 130 miles northwest of New Orleans, flooding more than one million additional acres and rendering 80,000 more homeless, was reported Tuesday. Before the flood waters have vanished into the gulf they will have cut a new path 50 miles wide and 200 miles long from the Arkansas line to the gulf.

A few of the summer people are beginning to come to the valley. Mrs. D. F. Mast having several guests. Measles has appeared on the outskirts of the community, members of George Bentley's family and Sam Tester having developed the disease.

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## FOR THE RELIEF OF STORM SUFFERERS

The Watauga Democrat and the local Chapter of the American Red Cross acknowledge receipt of the following contributions for the benefit of the storm sufferers in the Mississippi valley:

- Mabel M. E. church 5.65
- Mrs. J. G. Horton 50

## Successful Fordson Tractor Demonstration

Quite a number of farmers and others interested attended the Fordson tractor demonstration by the Taylor Motor Company here last Thursday afternoon. A Savin threshing machine and hay-baler had been placed on Water street for the demonstration, and during the afternoon several logs were ripped into lumber, a load of oats was threshed and a straw baled, the tractor furnishing ample power for the operation of the machinery.

During the afternoon a one-reel moving picture of the tractor in operation in the forest of the northwest was shown, and quite a bit of interest was created by the demonstration, as a result of which quite a number of the tractors will be sold to farmers of this section.

The savin and threshing machine used in the demonstration are manufactured by the J. A. Parner Company of Elizabethtown, for which the Taylor Motor Company has the agency for this section.

Mr. Russell D. Hodges, of the Taylor Motor Company, said he was well pleased with the number of people attending the demonstration and the interest shown. "The main idea of the demonstration," said Mr. Hodges, "was to create interest in improved farm methods, and we believe that when the farmer becomes thoroughly familiar with what a tractor will do, it will largely supplant horsepower on the farms, even in this mountainous country. A tractor will do the work of several horses, and therefore, not as expensive, and will eventually be used by every pretentious farmer in the county."

## FINE RECORD FOR WATAUGA'S SCHOOLS

Watauga county school officials are gratified to learn through a recent issue of "State School Facts," publication of the State University on education activities throughout the state, that Watauga county stands second in regard to "normal age and class work."

The University makes a survey to determine the normal ages of pupils in certain grades, and what proportion of the pupils in each grade are of the normal age or under. In this respect, Watauga ranks second among the 100 counties in the state.

## STATE TAKES OVER ROAD IN ASHE AND WATAUGA

Announcement was made at Raleigh last week to the effect that the state highway commission had taken over the road from Jefferson to the Tennessee line toward Trade. The road runs through a small section of Watauga county. Citizens of Ashe county have been endeavoring for some time to get the state to take over and maintain this highway which will mean a great deal to the people of that section.

## VALLE CRUCIS HAPPENINGS

Valle Crucis, May 25.—Mrs. J. L. Tester and her mother, Mrs. Mary Thomas, have gone to Washington, D. C., to visit Mrs. Tester's sister.

On Saturday afternoon after the Missionary Society meeting at the home of Mrs. P. G. Spainhour, a shower was given for the two recent brides, Mrs. Le Stout, formerly Miss Mary Alice Kohle, and Mrs. Brantley Duncan, formerly Miss Mary E. Horton.

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## Happenings In and About Blowing Rock

Inter-News of Past Week on Famous Resort Town

Blowing Rock, May 25.—The tax of ten cents on trucks operated here in Blowing Rock was reduced Thursday night last week. The town council, one week after passage. The tax of \$35 on five passenger taxicabs, however, remains in force.

## Church Dedication

The program for the dedication of St. Mark's Lutheran church at Bailey Camp, three miles from here, has been announced as follows:

Sunday, June 5—Addresses by Rev. H. W. Jefferson, Rev. N. D. Yount and J. D. Sheppard; message from the Woman's Missionary Union, North Carolina synod and from the union of the American Lutheran church; formal dedication, Dr. J. L. Morgan, president of the North Carolina synod; dedication sermon, Dr. John F. Seibert, secretary of English Missions of the Lutheran church.

At the afternoon services, Rev. H. W. Jefferson will deliver the charge to the people and Dr. J. L. Morgan the charge to the pastor.

At the evening services, addresses will be delivered by J. D. Sheppard and by G. W. Hess of Newcastle, Pa. The weekday services will be: Friday, June 3, address by Rev. P. D. Reischer of Leominster, Saturday, address by Rev. H. W. Jefferson, addressed by Rev. P. J. Bann of Hickory.

## Services at Presbyterian Church

Beginning this week, Sunday services will be conducted each week at the Rumpke Memorial Presbyterian church, it has been announced by the pastor, Rev. Charles G. McFarland.

Dr. H. D. Phillips of Columbia, S. C., is expected here the latter part of the week to assume charge for the summer of the church of St. Mary of the Hills (Episcopal) throughout the summer. Dr. Phillips will occupy his new summer home, recently completed in Laurel Park.

The Methodist church plans to have weekly services during the summer, beginning the first Sunday in June, and the pastor, Rev. M. B. Woolsey. Friends of the Baptist church await the arrival of the new pastor, Rev. P. A. Hicks, of Statesville, who is expected June 7.

## Rhododendrons, Rattlesnakes, etc.

Rhododendrons are in bloom in the mountains. But rattlesnakes are abroad also.

A four-foot rattler tried to enforce against a motorist on the Yadkin. Trail the regulation against picking native wild flowers along the highway, but before a barrier of stones and clubs, he retreated with singing tail and unsteady gait to the underbrush. The motorist continued picking azalea and rhododendron.

## New Business Homes

Five new business homes in Blowing Rock were either already occupied or almost ready for occupancy at the time of going to press. Craig and Coon's new stone store was completed. Winkler's garage, Mrs. J. W. Barley's two-story stone building, the freight action of the Smith-Keeby company, and the new store of H. V. Martin needed only the finishing touches.

## Golf Now the Fad

The work of remodeling the Green Park golf course has not interfered with the early season play. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Heard of New York and Mr. and Mrs. James W. Blakey of Atlanta are registered at the Green Park hotel and are making daily rounds of the links.

## Boatfit Chicken Stew

A chicken stew for the benefit of the Blowing Rock fire department will be given Thursday evening in the new stone hotel on Main street which is to be operated by Mrs. J. W. Hartley. The chicken supper, which is in charge of a committee composed of Thos. Coffey, Jr., J. A. Panch and Paul Kibby, will be followed by a dance in the Robbins Hall.

## MICHIGAN TROUT BE PLACED IN STREAMS OF WATAUGA

Word has been received by local authorities from J. K. Dixon of the North Carolina fisheries commission that 200,000 trout eggs will come to the hatcheries at Boone and Waynesville from Michigan within the next two weeks. The eggs come to this state as a gift from the northern fish commission.

According to the authorities, fingerlings hatched from the eggs of the wild fish of the north produce better results than those of the stock fish at hatcheries. Last year a shipment of about the same size as this was received, and the result was gratified at the results obtained.

## RUTHERWOOD NOTES

Rutherford, May 25.—A surprise birthday supper was given at her home Sunday evening, just by her friends. Music was rendered by Mrs. Cook's daughters, accompanied by Miss Minnie Green. Fifty-six were present and a good time was had by all.

On last Wednesday evening, May 18, a supper was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Coffey in honor of Mrs. Coffey's cousin, Roosevelt Watson and his friend, Mr. Haggerty, of Columbus, Ohio. There were 30 present who enjoyed the supper and also some music by the Cook and Green sisters.

Miss Ruth Barrett, of John on City, Tenn., spent last week at the C. C. hatchery.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Edmondson, of Hendersonville, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Edmondson at the hatchery.

Prof. L. M. Johnson, of Greensboro, has returned to his home here where he is expected to spend the summer.

Mr. D. H. Pitts spent the past week at Rutherford on business. Mrs. Sophia Hodges has returned to Rutherford after an extended visit to her son in Belair, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartley's hotel in their new stone building, just completed. The structure is two-story, equipped with showers and baths, hot and cold water and a spacious dining hall, in which the chicken stew will be given. The ladies of the town are to act as hostesses for the evening.

## People Coming and Going

J. A. Purson of Charlotte was here last week preparing his summer cottage in Laurel Park. Mr. Purson is among the summer residents.

Alvin J. of St. Petersburg, Fla., spent with his family to spend the summer in their cottage in Mayview Park.

Yrs. Hubert Reed of Savannah, Ga., is here awaiting the completion of his \$20,000 summer home in Mayview Park, which will occupy for the summer a corner as it is finished.

Hubert Bangerfield, the artist of New York, painter of "The Madonna of the Hills," which hangs in the church of St. Mary of the Hills, has retired at his summer home at Westview. There were from here, and has moved for the summer.

Concord people were at the market among the week-end visitors to Blowing Rock. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cannon and their daughter, Miss Marian and Mrs. J. W. Cannon, all of Concord, formed a party of guests here and spent the week-end visiting some places around the resort. Those in our party besides Mr. and Mrs. Cannon were Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cannon and daughter, Miss Ashby, of York, S. C. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Curting of Mooresville, N. C. and W. C. Bates of New York.

Other Concord folk who spent the week-end here were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Caswell, C. W. Swink, Miss Fanny Morrison and W. Bailey Best.

K. A. Dean, president of the Commercial National Bank, Charlotte, has arrived here and has opened his \$65,000 summer home in Green Park for the season.

## Memorial Services for Watauga's Soldier Dead

Sponsored by American Legion, Honor Will Be Paid World War Heroes At M. E. Church Sunday

Memorial services for soldiers of the World War from Watauga county who made the supreme sacrifice that the world might be free and the torch of Liberty kept burning, will be held at the Methodist church in Boone Sunday morning, May 29, at 11:00 o'clock. The service, under the auspices of Watauga Post No. 130, American Legion, will be conducted by the pastor of church, Rev. M. B. Woolsey.

National Memorial Day is Monday, May 30, but it was thought best to have the memorial service on Sunday morning.

It is well to remember that Memorial Day originated after the close of the Civil War and that from Watauga County Post, American Legion should give due recognition to the heroes which will be held on this day. The entire county is cordially invited to attend this service, and especially all veterans, the auxiliary and all the people who wish to pay their respects to our service men who gave their lives for their country. We especially request the presence of the immediate relatives and friends of our deceased soldiers.

Comrades, this day is sacred with the almost visible presence of those who have gone on before us. We should honor the memory of those who gave their lives in the service of their country, and of those others who since the year have dropped their burdens by the wayside of life and gone to that eternal rest. May the sacrifices of this day deepen our reverence for our dead comrades. Let us become closer comrades and request our sense of loyalty to our country and its flag. Let us resolve by words or deeds to emphasize the privilege and duty of patriotism among comrades of the World War.

Our comrades who have gone on before us:

**KILLED IN ACTION**  
George Brown Willard Warren  
Grady Barnes Willard Rouse  
Clay Harmon Milton Greene  
DIED IN SERVICE  
Thomas S. Mast Jeffrey Wickler  
John Simmons Ben Lovett  
Willie Edmiston Lloyd Hampton  
Harvey Hampton

List Incomplete  
Special effort has been made to secure the names of all the soldiers from Watauga county who were killed in action and died in the service. However, this list may be incomplete if so we will appreciate having any additional names mailed to the American Legion.

Thirteen memorial trees have been planted in Boone for each of the above soldiers and all who wish may look at these trees soon after the services Sunday.

## COMMANDER

Watauga Post, American Legion.

The state department of revenue expects to have an application for automobile license plates in the hands of every car owner in the state by next Monday. There are now 17,000 cars in North Carolina.

## To Stage Celebration On Glorious Fourth

Plans are rapidly maturing for the Fourth of July celebration to be staged here under the auspices of Watauga Post, American Legion, says L. S. Innes, the post commander. The detailed program has not been given out, but will be released soon.

The activities of the day will begin with a parade of the veterans to the Legion Park in the morning, where an address will be delivered by one of the state's most brilliant speakers, following which will be dinner, picnic style. The afternoon will be largely given to field sports, baseball, etc., while at night fireworks and street dancing will end the merry-making. An all-day war film will be run at the local theater and many other amusements will be here, of which no definite announcement can be made at this time.

The Legionnaires in charge of arrangements are making neither time nor money to make this celebration the greatest in the history of Northwest North Carolina. The Democrats will carry a complete program of the entertainment at a later date.