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Dr. W. Roy Butler is Laid to Rest Tuesday

Prominent Local Physician Succumbs After Long Illness—Funeral at Mountain City, Tenn.

(By JIM RIVERS)

Dr. William Roy Butler, aged 71 years, five months and nine days, died at his home in Boone Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock following an ailment that had kept him confined to his bed for near four months.

His life was one of unselfishness and service to mankind and his passing has caused widespread grief. He was truly a friend to man and his smile and acts of kindness will be sorely missed.

Nearly fifty years ago he finished his medical training at the Nashville Medical College and came to Butler, Tenn., where he entered the profession of his choice. His labors as a medic were crowned with an unusual degree of success, and even to the day of his passing he was mentally alert and enjoyed conversation on political and professional questions. As the old expression goes, he died "with his foot in the stirrup," and his duty was well done.

Dr. Butler was married to Rebekah Caroline Grayson, daughter of Colonel J. M. Grayson, of Trade, Tenn., on March 5, 1878, and to this union were born ten children, seven boys and three girls, all of whom, with the widow, survive him. They are: Hon. Robert R. Butler, of The Dalles, Ore.; Roy M. Butler, of Great Bend, Kan.; Chauncey D. Butler, of Portland, Ore.; Mark R. Butler, of Stafford, Kan.; Paul A. Butler, of Grand Junction, Colo.; J. Herbert Butler, of Great Bend, Kan.; J. Donnelly Butler, of Butler, Tenn.; Mrs. Marshall Baker, of Wapato, Wash.; Mrs. John A. Spores, of Boone, and Mrs. James C. Rivers, of Winston-Salem; three brothers, Hon. E. E. Butler, Samuel D. Butler, and Esquire Dick Butler, all of Mountain City, Tenn.; several nephews, nieces and close relatives.

Following a brief service at the Butler residence in Boone, where Dr. and Mrs. Butler resided for about four years, the body was carried to Mountain City, Tenn., where it was consigned to another earth near the grave of his father, the late Roderick Random Butler.

The Masonic Order was in charge of the burial service at the grave, and the funeral proper was conducted from the Methodist Church, the service being in charge of the Revs. Delhamy, Brown, Hicks and Moser. The services were very impressive and the floral offering gorgeous, proving the esteem in which this veteran physician was held by those who knew him. The fight of a true warrior has ended. His victory with earthly matters was decisive—in this mysterious realm called the land of the dead he will undoubtedly find the rest and peace he so richly deserves. He served his God in the simple manner of his forefathers, and believed implicitly in the immortality and re-embodiment of the soul.

May he rest in peace.

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Sheldon R. Coward, prominent farmer and Republican leader in Madison county, was shot and killed by his wife at his home in the Spring Creek section of Madison last Friday.

Several thousand spectators at Fort Bragg Sunday afternoon witnessed a sight never before seen in North Carolina, the landing of 26 airplanes on one field. The planes belong to the third attack group of the United States army air service, and were flying from the Langley Field, Va., to take part in the spring maneuvers there and they landed at the Fort Bragg aviation field to spend Sunday night.

Fears that Friday night's frost had done heavy damage in the sandhills peach belt were allayed Sunday when it was found that the young fruit had survived the cold without injury. Reports reaching Rockingham from many sections of Richmond, Moore and Montgomery counties indicate that no losses had been suffered by orchardists. Instead, it was said, the frost was not sufficient to save the fruit growers the job of thinning out the growth to prevent overcrowded conditions on the trees.

Within the past few months North Carolina has become one of the leaders in the production of copper ore. State Geologist H. J. Bryson said last week on his return to Raleigh from a tour of the mountain counties. Bryson pointed out that 400 tons of copper ore daily is being produced from the Fontana area on the edge of Swain and Graham counties, and declared that copper prospecting on that section is increasing by leaps and bounds. Prospecting, he said, had been especially active through the belt beginning in Graham, continuing through Swain and extending into Madison and Yancey counties.

POLITICAL EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

Highlights of Political Activity of Both Major Parties Summarized From Recent News Dispatches From Over the Country

Smith Likely Has the California Delegation

Advices received by telephone from the Winston-Salem Journal today (Wednesday) as the paper goes to press are to the effect that Governor Smith has defeated Senator Reed and Walsh in the California primaries of Tuesday. The telephone report indicated that Associated Press tabulations placed Smith's lead over Reed and Walsh at 30,000; 7,000 of the more than 8,000 precincts had been tabulated. This is said to be the first real showdown between the three contenders for the Democratic presidential nomination the Walsh following having the backing of William G. McAdoo.

Smith Takes Lead in California

San Francisco, May 1.—First scattered precincts in California's presidential primary tonight gave Governor Alfred E. Smith a big lead over Senator James A. Reed and Senator Thomas J. Walsh. Returns from 2,346 of the 8,753 precincts in California, tabulated by the Associated Press, gave:

Hoover 153,799.
Smith 35,909.
Reed 16,702.
Walsh 12,119.

Hoover is unopposed for the state's Republican delegation of 29.

Claims of the Various Presidential Candidates

Washington, April 28.—As the national conventions approach the mounting claims of the rival presidential candidates are throwing into dispute an ever increasing percentage of the delegate strength of the two parties.

Of the 1,089 delegates who will sit in the Republican convention, 797 have been chosen. It requires 545, a majority, to nominate.

Of the 1,100 Democratic delegates 614 have been elected. Two thirds, or 733-1/3, are needed to nominate. The delegates already named are instructed or are claimed by rival political managers as follows:

Republican

Hoover 367. Instructed: 119; Colorado, 2; Georgia, 8; Kentucky, 20; Louisiana, 10; Michigan, 33; Minnesota, 4; Ohio, 31; Hawaii, 2. Claimed—248: Colorado, 11; Delaware, 1; Georgia, 7; Iowa, 2; Louisiana, 2; Maine, 13; Massachusetts, 37; Minnesota, 3; Mississippi, 12; Missouri, 12; Nebraska, 7; Nevada, 7; New Hampshire, 11; New Mexico, 7; New York, 47; North Carolina, 12; Rhode Island, 13; Tennessee, 14; Virginia, 15; Wisconsin, 8; Philippines, 2.

Lowden—230. Instructed: 75; Arkansas, 1; Illinois, 11; Iowa, 17; Minnesota, 19; Missouri, 8; North Carolina, 6; North Dakota, 13.

Claimed—155: Arkansas, 2; Colorado, 3; Illinois, 38; Iowa, 10; Minnesota, 2; Missouri, 21; Nebraska, 16; New Mexico, 4; North Carolina, 7; Ohio, 20; Oklahoma, 18; South Carolina, 11; Wisconsin, 2; Alaska, 1.

Curtis—46. Instructed: Kansas, 28. Claimed—23: Oklahoma, 20; Rhode Island, 1; Alaska, 2.

Norris—33. Instructed: Wisconsin, 17. Claimed: Nebraska, 16.

Borah—11. Instructed: Idaho, 11. The following delegates already selected are not at present claimed by any of the candidates: Connecticut, 17; Delaware, 5; Illinois, 12; Massachusetts, 2; New York, 43; Pennsylvania, 79.

Democrats

Smith—468. Instructed—159; Idaho, 8; Illinois, 8; Iowa, 26; Maine, 12; Minnesota, 24; North Dakota, 10; Ohio, 1; Rhode Island, 10; Washington, 14; Wisconsin, 26; Alaska, 6; Hawaii, 6; Philippines, 6; Virgin Islands 2.

Claimed—309: Arizona, 6; Illinois, 50; Louisiana, 20; Massachusetts, 36; New Hampshire, 8; New York, 90; Oklahoma, 20; Pennsylvania, 65; Utah, 7; Porto Rico, 6. Reed—117. Instructed: Missouri, 36. Claimed—81: Illinois, 12; Kansas, 20; Oklahoma, 26; Pennsylvania, 26; Utah, 3.

Pomerene—47. Instructed: Ohio, 28.

George—28. Instructed: Georgia, 28.

Ayers—20. Instructed: Kansas, 20.

Hitchcock claims Nebraska's 16.

The only Democratic delegates thus far selected not claimed by any candidate are the Arkansas delegation of 18.

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Blowing Rock C. of C. Holds Lively Meeting

Discusses Plans for Distributing Bulletin and Appoint Committee Looking Toward Beautifying Town

By RUPERT GILLET

Blowing Rock, May 2.—The distribution of 3,000 copies of the Blowing Rock Bulletin, the first official publication of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce, was the chief subject considered at the April meeting of that body. The committee on publication was continued to consider the preparation of a succeeding issue to be ready for distribution in May.

The planting of evergreens along the parkways between the streets and the newly-completed sidewalks was another question considered, and a committee on beautification of grounds was charged with this responsibility. The committee consists of Rob Greene, chairman; Mrs. Greene, Spencer Greene, Bynum Crisp and Bud Bolick.

A clean-up campaign, set for the week of April 23, has been postponed until the succeeding week, because of continued bad weather, snow and rain prevailing throughout the last week of April. The Chamber of Commerce will be represented at the meeting of the town council next Tuesday, at the suggestion of Mayor G. M. Sudderth, to assist the council in working out a plan for garbage disposal during the summer.

Mayor Sudderth later authorized the chamber to proceed with the planting of pines around the stand-pipe on Blowing Rock Hill. The pines can be had at small cost, and the labor will be very small. This bit of beautification, therefore, will be done at a minimum of expense.

Wildwood Nurseries Buys Big Tract

A large tract of land, formerly the property of the Bank of Blowing Rock, on the Boone road just below the Brown place, has been acquired by the Wildwood Nurseries and will be cleared and planted in the native shrubs in which the nursery deals.

Clearing of the land, it was pointed out by G. C. Robbins, the manager, will be a task requiring a long time, but eventually he hopes to have the tract under cultivation, and thus to make his company one of the largest, if not the largest, nursery company in this part of the state.

The company already does an enormous business, and has orders annually for plant from all parts of the country in which mountain shrubs will grow.

W. U. to Open Office at Blowing Rock

An engineer for the Western Union Telegraph Company arrived Tuesday and began installing equipment for the Blowing Rock office, which will be in the former quarters of the town offices in the postoffice building. The opening date has not been announced.

4th and 5th Grades Give Play

A delightful operetta, "Over the Garden Wall," was presented Saturday night in the auditorium of the school by the fourth and fifth grades under the direction of Miss Louise Jenchour, teacher in the intermediate department. The \$14 realized will be used for the benefit of the school. The cast was as follows:

Mary Bessie Wooten as Mistress Lee Greene as Boy Blue, Arlene Jenkins as Dawn, Blanche Wooten, Evelyn Jenkins, Ruby White, Elsie Pitts, Asnell Triplett and Wanda Gragg as Surbeams; Doss Keller as Mr. Sun, Norman Pitts, Frank Craig and Voight Knight as Elves; Irene Jenkins, Vaughn Hartley, May Teaster, Verdella Walters, Mary Klutz and Nellie Greene as flowers; Billy Coffey as Bluebird; Hazel Mays, Ruby Coffey and Dale Hartley as butterflies.

Band Will Give Concert

The Blowing Rock Band will give a concert Saturday night in the auditorium of the school. The program will consist of a number of concert pieces, supplemented by saxophone and concert solos and perhaps some other numbers. The admission will be 10 and 25 cents.

Sophomore Juniors

The sophomore class of the high school last Wednesday evening honored the junior class (which will be the first graduating class of the high school) at a reception at the school. Amusing contests and games were participated in by all present. The prizes in the advertising contest was won by Grayson Story, and in the "Ask-me-another" contest by Rupert Gillett.

Refreshments were served by the boys and girls of the sophomore class, and the evening was closed with fifteen rags given by the visiting boys for the sophomores. Those present were: Velma Cannon, Pem Robbins, Edna Miller, Christine Johnson, Lucile Coffey, Elizabeth Sudderth, Lucile Reid, Corien Knight, Beulah Wooten, Bynum Crisp and William Holsouser, the guests of honor; Lucy Williams, Mary Robbins, Mary Robbins, Cora Lee Andrews, Ruby Tolbert, Ruby Richards, Lois Klutz, Helen Sudderth, Margaret Sudderth, Glenn

WATAUGA OF THE LONG AGO

Happenings of the Town and County Thirty-five to Thirty-nine Years Ago as Chronicled in the Columns of the Watauga Democrat

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E. S. Coffey and D. D. Dougherty left for Wake Forest College this week. We wish the young men much success.

Senator Ransom left Blowing Rock for Raleigh Tuesday. The senator has been spending a few days with his family at the Rock.

S. F. Lenoir and family left on Monday for their home in South Carolina. They have been spending the summer in Boone with Mrs. Council.

Our young friend James H. Bryan who has been in Texas for some months, returned last Sunday. Jim is looking somewhat worse, but we hope he will soon regain his health.

Mr. F. P. Curtis and little girl visited his sister, Mrs. W. C. Coffey, in Boone this week. He met his brother Judson, who lives in Missouri also his sister, Miss Julia, of Wilkesboro. They both accompanied Mr. Curtis home to Butler, Tenn.

The Three Forks Association met with Zionville church on the head of Cove Creek Tuesday, the 10th of September. The association was organized by electing Rev. A. Farthing moderator, and Rev. Jacob Younce, clerk. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. David Greene.

Prof. J. F. Spahnour and wife are off on a visit to Caldwell and Burke.

Rev. I. W. Thomas requests us to say that he is so busy attending the associations and churches, examining teachers, issuing certificates and notifying school committees, that he cannot possibly find time to write anything for The Democrat this week.

Conditions before the state passed a stock law, were such that the editor was caused to warn citizens to keep their hogs off the street.

Work on the jail progressing slowly—not enough brick layers.

J. R. and P. A. Hagaman and families will start in a few days to Tacoma, Wash. M. F. Holsclaw will also go with them on 12 months' trial.

There will be a meeting at the Elrod schoolhouse tonight for the purpose of organizing a Farmers' Alliance.

Rev. Speight, the associate editor of the Recorder, with Mr. Oliver of Thomasville, and Rev. Thompson of Jefferson stayed at the Bryan house Monday night, and left for King's Mountain association. Rev. Speight called at our sanctum Tuesday and complimented us on office and fixtures, and spoke a good word for the Democrat.

ZIONVILLE PERSONALS

Zionville, May 2.—L. Greer and son, Howard, made a business trip to Bristol last week.

Miss Doris Miller, who became quite sick at school last week was taken to Banner Elk hospital Sunday. Latest reports from her are that little hope is entertained for her recovery.

Mrs. G. C. Greer and daughters, Flora and Blanche, with Ruth and Mildred Thomas, attended the high school play at Mountain City Thursday night.

Misses Hazel and Bonnie Reece and Burnam Reece, who have been attending school at Trade, have returned to their home in Chucky, Tenn.

Mrs. George Eggers of Beaver Dam was a visitor with Mrs. G. C. Greer last week.

Ray Hodge has returned to his home in Bristol after spending a few days with his mother in the village.

Prof. G. P. Eggers of the A. S. N. S., with his brother, Aubrey, visited friends in the village Monday.

Sidney Wilson of the Meat Camp section spent Monday night with his sister, Mrs. Orren Stephens.

Little Miss Carolyn Greer and brother, N. J., Jr., visited relatives on Cove Creek first of the week.

Coffey, Donald Greene and Clarence Greene, the hosts; Ethel Holsouser, Marjorie Coffey, Mabel Coffey, Polly Hayes, Comie Moody, Miss Webb, Mr. Mercer, Mr. and Mrs. Gillett, Howard Coffey, Jay Knight, Lloyd Craig, Phil Hartley, Harry Tharrington, Henry Conrad, Ben Greene, Grayson Storey, Max Cannon, Bill Auton, Bill Lentz and Steward Bolick.

Yonahlossee Should Be Statewide Project

Scenic Highway From Blowing Rock to Linville is Important Link in Park-to-Park Thoroughfare

Blowing Rock, May 2.—That the plan for a surfaced highway connecting the Shenandoah and Smoky Mountain National parks is a statewide project and not merely one that concerns the mountain section is the idea emphasized by leading citizens who are backing the plan.

The plan now calls for a new road to be built from Bluefield, W. Va., across the heart of the Shenandoah region to Wytheville, Va., and thence to Sparta, N. C., where it will connect with the links of the Black Bear Trail now being constructed through Boone and Blowing Rock and over the Yonahlossee Road.

This road, it was explained here by Donald J. Boyden, one of the leaders in the movement, will connect at Bluefield with a straight road leading to Cincinnati and will thus route the tourist travel from the Middle West through the Grandfather Mountain and Black Mountain sections of North Carolina.

If the tourists prefer to come through Tennessee to the Smoky Mountain Park, Mr. Boyden explained, they can swing back through North Carolina and thence to the Shenandoah Park.

The completion of the Yonahlossee Road as a permanent surfaced highway of standard width is considered of paramount importance. If North Carolina is to get the tourist traffic to the new park, the road now being surveyed according to standard specifications, and the grade is being made better throughout its length.

In this connection, it was suggested that the McRae estate on the slope of Grandfather Mountain would make an excellent state park and would, if acquired by the state, form another inducement to tourists to take this route. Combined with the National Forest that covers the lower slopes of the mountain, it would provide scenery and sport equal almost to those of the national parks.

It is recalled that Mr. McRae once offered the estate to the federal government as a national park, but it was declined as being too small. It is considered ideal, however, for a state park, and the state is sure to accept it if it is offered.

LOCAL GAME AND FISH CLUB IN ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

The Watauga Game and Fish Club met at the Daniel Boone hotel last Wednesday evening to perfect further plans for the propagation of fish in the mountain streams. J. K. Dixon, assistant director of the department of conservation and development, was present and lent hearty cooperation to the local sportsmen.

It was decided that in the future no fish will be placed in the streams until they are four to five inches in length. It will be necessary, therefore, to provide additional pools in which to grow the fingerlings. Club members have agreed to pay \$10 each for this purpose and two pools have already been constructed. Mr. Dixon agreed to feed the fish free of cost to the club until next November. Provisions will be made near the hatchery for about 600,000 rainbow and brook trout. At the suggestion of Mr. Dixon the two species will be placed in different waters, the brook trout to go to the swift mountain streams and the rainbow to the larger streams and rivers. The placing of the fish will be under the supervision of County Warden J. W. Bryan and no orders will be filled from the hatchery without his official o. k. Heretofore, the placing of fish has been altogether with the hatchery. Warden Bryan has made a study of the conditions necessary for game fish in the mountains and it is predicted that much greater success will be noted from the placing of this year's fish.

ROMINGER HAPPENINGS

Rominger, April 2.—George Trivett, Conley Trivett and Harvey Gilliam motored to Mountain City, Tenn., recently, visiting the Silver Lake and other places in that state. They were accompanied by Misses Bride, Pearl and Yvonne Gilliam.

Mrs. Susan Gilliam is a very sick woman at this time.

Mrs. London Ward and child were taken to the county home last week.

The recent cold weather killed a large portion of the apples in this section.

Farmers are getting more and more behind with their work. Lots of potatoes are yet to be planted and very few oats have been sown.

Died last week, "The Darling of the Woods," Maston Trivett's fine foxhound.

The sport lovers of this section have been having some fine fox chases recently, enjoying about three races a week.

TAXPAYERS RUSH SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Total of \$12,000 Collected During Past Three Days, Tuesday's Collections Going Over \$4,000; Monday Last Day for Payment

For the past few days the sheriff's office has been besieged by taxpayers, the high peak for the month having been reached Tuesday when \$4,100 in taxes for the year 1927 were received. The rush started last Friday when the receipts were \$2,100, Saturday \$2,400 and Monday \$3,400, a total of \$12,000 for the three days. As many as four extra helpers have been required in the sheriff's office for the past week, mailing out notices to delinquents, receiving payments and taking care of the piles of letters from non-resident freeholders.

In view of the fact that this is the last week in which taxes may be settled under the new county government act, Sheriff Farthing expects daily payments for the remainder of the week to be far in excess of any thus far recorded. It is pointed out that under the new law, neither the county commissioners nor the sheriff has the power to make an extension of time in which to pay. A list of all delinquents will be presented to the board on Monday and will forthwith be turned over to the newspaper to be advertised. At the rate at which the payments are being made, however, Sheriff Farthing is hopeful that by Monday, the list of those who have failed to heed his notices, may be reasonably small.

At the beginning of the month of April approximately \$100,000 were collectible. On the first day of May about \$70,000 remained on the books.

MRS. R. LUTHER CLAY PASSES AWAY SUDDENLY

Mrs. R. L. Clay, wife of the local station agent for the Linville River railway, and one of the town's most popular and most estimable ladies, died suddenly at her home Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. Mrs. Clay was suffering with headache early in the morning, but her husband knew nothing of any serious illness until he returned just before the noon hour, Mrs. Clay living only a few seconds after he entered the room.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay took up their residence in Boone about three years ago, at which time deceased united with the Methodist church here and had since been one of the leaders in every movement tending to better conditions among the church people and in the community at large. She was president of the Worth White Club and presided at one of its meetings on the afternoon preceding her death. Notable among the elaborate floral offerings were various pieces from the different clubs and church organizations in which the hospital lady was active.

Mrs. Clay was 37 years old and was before her marriage Miss Allie Mae Gray of Hot Springs, N. C. Funeral services were conducted from the Methodist church Monday afternoon by her pastor, Rev. C. H. Moser, assisted by Revs. N. D. Yount and R. A. Taylor, following which internment was in the town cemetery.

Deceased is survived by a husband and five daughters, Margaret, Maude, Lila, Bettie Jane and baby Roberta.

GUARD LEAVES TOMB OF WARREN G. HARDING

Cincinnati, May 2.—Five years of vigil at the tomb of former President Warren Gamaliel Harding closed Tuesday when the honor guard of the Tenth Infantry, U. S. A., stationed at Fort Thomas, Ky., near this city, returned to its former station.

The special detail was chosen for appearance and character of the men comprising it and consisted of a first lieutenant, seven non-commissioned officers and 19 privates, first-class.

The feet of the men in khaki have trod the ground before the tomb since October 5, 1923. The reason for their recall is the completion of the mausoleum of the former commander-in-chief.

DR. ALLEN AND SENATOR WOLTZ TO SPEAK AT A. S. N. S.

Dr. A. T. Allen, state superintendent of public instruction, will deliver the address at the high school closing here Thursday night. It is expected that all high school students in the county will be present. The address will be delivered in the auditorium of the Appalachian State Normal.

Senator A. E. Woltz, of Gastonia, will deliver the address to the graduating class of the Normal Friday morning at 11 o'clock. These are important programs and many will attend.