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Trout Fishing Season Closes September 1st

Mr. Harrison Baker, county game warden, announces the closing of the trout fishing season on September 1st, and insists that anyone engaging in the sport after that date will be prosecuted. The open season for squirrel hunting begins September 15th. The game commission is urging a strict enforcement of both fish and game laws and the warden wishes that every one who expects to engage in either sport, supply themselves with the necessary licenses and save the possibility of paying fines and court costs.

Mr. Baker reports the placing of about 75,000 brook trout of fingerling size in the waters of Watauga county during the month of August and says they are growing nicely. The warden respectfully asks the people of the county to co-operate with him and his deputies in their efforts to protect these fish, especially in view of the fact that good fishing likely draws more tourists to the mountains than any other one attraction.

LIQUOR LEADS LAW VIOLATIONS IN STATE

Raleigh, Aug. 24.—Only three cases of first degree murder, 277 for second degree murder and 147 for manslaughter, not one for first degree burglary, 26 for rape and 21 for arson were tried in the superior courts in the 100 counties of North Carolina, of the total of 16,810 criminal cases tried during the fall and spring terms of court in 1928 and 1929, according to reports collected and tabulated in the office of Attorney General D. G. Brummitt.

The reports show that 10,422 white people, 6,321 negroes, 65 Indians and two corporations composed the total number, of which 15,818 were males, 960 females and two corporations. Of the total 16,810 tried, 11,946 were convicted, 1,888 were acquitted, cases of 2,883 were not pressed and 93 were otherwise disposed of.

Violations of the liquor laws lead the list with 5,307 cases, almost one-third of the total cases tried, and almost twice the number in the next highest classification, larceny and receiving, with 2,874 cases.

MAKES MAIDEN SPEECH

Wilkesboro correspondence—Winston-Salem Journal: A crowded court house here on Saturday heard Fetter M. Linney of Boone, son of an eloquent father, in his maiden speech before a jury. The young man's argument was characterized by the absence of verbal pyrotechnics and was considered altogether a forceful and logical presentation. An almost life-size bust portrait of Mr. Linney's grandfather, the late Congressman R. Z. Linney, hangs in the courtroom here. In this same temple of justice the young lawyer's noted father, the late District Attorney Frank A. Linney, won some of his most renowned legal battles.

It was in the defense of W. M. Sparks and his three sons, Guilford, 30, Irwin, 18, and Hazel, 15, that Mr. Linney appeared with former Assistant District Attorney Ralph Bingham, a member of the same firm. The case consumed nearly a whole day in its trial, the quartet being charged with manufacturing liquor. The jury convicted, but Judge Hayes dealt out punishment in merciful measure. The father and oldest son were put upon probation for a period of three years; Irwin, the 18-year-old youth, was sent to the Chillicothe, Ohio, correctional school for a period of thirteen months, and Hazel, 15-year-old, bright-eyed boy, goes to the Federal Boys' school at Washington, D. C., for a like period of time.

TAX ON ORDER-TAKERS

Chapter 309, Public-Local and Private Laws, session of 1929, entitled, "An Act to allow the county commissioners of Watauga county to collect privilege tax on order takers," provides:

Section 1. That every person engaged in the business of canvassing, or acting in the capacity of house-to-house order-takers from samples selling at retail or wholesale prices, or offering for sale such goods as men's wearing apparel, ladies' wearing apparel, shoes, dry goods, tobaccos, jewelry, enlarging pictures, drugs and patent medicines, shall apply for and obtain license from the county commissioners of Watauga county for the privilege of engaging in such a business as an order-taker or house-to-house canvasser and shall pay for such license fifty dollars.

Sec. 2. That cities and towns may levy a license tax not in excess of the tax levied by the county.

Sec. 3. That this act shall not apply to merchants in the county of Watauga taking orders for groceries or other goods.

Sec. 4. That this act shall be in force and effect from and after its ratification.

Ratified this 12th day of August, A. D. 1929.

SHORT ITEMS OF GENERAL NEWS

Some of the Outstanding Happenings of Past Week, Gathered From Everywhere, Condensed For The Busy Reader.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Figures announced today by the American Motorists Association disclosed that 3,220,000 new passenger automobiles were purchased in the 48 states in 1928. During the same period 2,213,000 old cars were scrapped. New York, with 304,200 new cars, headed the list. Pennsylvania with 222,600, and Ohio, with 215,000 were second and third.

Raleigh, Aug. 27.—Col. George K. Freeman of Goldsboro, was elected state commander, and Mrs. R. S. McGeehey, Kinston, the auxiliary presidency, Winston-Salem the 1930 convention, and the eleventh annual convention of the American Legion adjourned this afternoon. The fight for the leadership of the legion was close until the bill country was reached and Mr. Freeman made it a runaway over Dr. H. A. Newell.

Marion, N. C., Aug. 24.—End of the strike at the Clinchfield mills here loomed tonight after Judge N. A. Townsend announced that the arbitration board had itself drawn up and agreed to a set of articles covering every point in dispute. This is being carried before the strikers in executive session, and, if approved, will mean the end of the trouble at the Clinchfield village. It is understood that mill and union workers have each made heavy concessions in order to reach an agreement which is reported to include a 55-hour week and a slight increase in pay to compensate for the loss of time. The strike at the Clinchfield textile mill has been in progress for several weeks.

Unrest and disorder is spreading through the Near East following four days of bloody fighting between Jews and Arabs in Palestine. Outbursts of religious and racial hatred are reported in trans-Jordan. Beirut advices said French troops have been dispatched to protect the Jewish quarters of Damascus. Twenty thousand Beirut Arabs paraded in sympathy with Palestine Moslems. The rioting extends to all Judea, part of Eneq and Galilee. Possibility of cessation of warfare is seen in an appeal to Grand Mufti, Moslem religious head, urging Arabs to stop the outbreaks. Assaults continue in Jerusalem, but British military appear to have a grip on the situation.

The Hague, Aug. 28.—Agreement in principle on the British share of reparations, which had blocked adoption of the Young plan for three weeks, was reached just after midnight by the six powers who called the conference. Details of the agreement were given out by the British delegation. The French placed a slightly different interpretation on them but it was understood that in the main the agreement gave the British substantially 70 per cent of their demand in money while other concessions were made to them on deliveries in kind. The agreement was a compromise and will probably save the Hague conference.

Jerusalem, Aug. 24.—A state of emergency was proclaimed to exist over all Palestine tonight with clashes between Arabs and Jews spreading from the point of origin in Jerusalem and with a death list of more than 50 already recorded. Word that British warships and troops were en route to supplement the police forces was received with great joy. The calm in Jerusalem this morning after two days rioting in the streets was only temporary and at 6 o'clock tonight the disorders were in full blast again. Jewish sources estimated the number of Jewish dead at 30 with 35 others gravely wounded and estimates of the Arab losses much earlier had been 17 killed with others likely to die. The injured numbered more than 200. Jewish leaders have appealed to their race to co-operate with the British administration in restoring order.

New York, Aug. 25.—The New York Times tomorrow will say that Governor Roosevelt will be a candidate for re-election next year and that the Democratic state organization is preparing to make a vigorous campaign to re-elect him and Lieutenant Governor Herbert H. Lehman. Close friends of the governor, the newspaper will say, expressed themselves to that effect today in answer to reports which were said to have been put in circulation upstate that Governor Roosevelt's health would not permit him to run again and that Mr. Lehman would head the next Democratic state ticket. A close friend of the governor will be quoted as saying that Mr. Roosevelt, except for his lameness, never has been in better general health.

Ashe County Civitan Organization Formed

Practically the entire membership of the Boone Civitan Club journeyed over to West Jefferson last Thursday evening for a meeting of the club with citizens of Ashe county looking to the organization of a Civitan club there. The meeting was held in the dining room of the Colonial Hotel, and notwithstanding the heavy rainstorm just prior to the hour of meeting, a score or more Ashe county citizens were present. The gathering was presided over by G. P. Hagaman, president of the local club, and music was rendered by Misses Euth Knight and Ruth Coffey, who were introduced as the "sweethearts of the Boone Civitan Club." Talks were made by J. P. Moore, I. G. Greer and others from the local club, following which Arthur Cundy of Oklahoma City, field representative of Civitan international, delivered an enthusiastic address on what Civitan stands for. At the close of this talk, a motion was made and carried to organize the Ashe county club. J. L. Seagraves and W. G. Cole were elected president and secretary, respectively, and reports coming for the neighboring county are to the effect that twenty-eight members have affiliated themselves with the club. The tentative date for presenting the charter to the new organization has been set for Sept. 12, however, this may be changed to a later date.

The local club will meet today at 12:45 at the Daniel Boone hotel. A full attendance of the membership is requested.

Patrol Has Busy Month in State

A total of 9,292 cars with improper lights were repaired as a result of activities of the state highway patrol during July, according to the report issued in Raleigh Friday by Capt. Charles D. Farmer. This figure is included in the 13,183 who were stopped for traffic violations.

Other activities of the patrol included putting 186 cars in garages until their owners purchased license plates for them, and seeing that 480 owners with improper license plates on their cars secured the proper kind. There were 107 trucks with improper license plates and the same number with no tags, and 17 trailers with improper plates which also were required to purchase the proper license plates.

A total of 87 arrests were made, fines in these cases aggregating \$1,142, costs \$836, and road sentences 24 months. The arrests included 27 drunken drivers.

There were 47 motorists aided on the road, patrolmen spending 6,993 hours on duty, and traveling 85,706 miles in the performance of their duties. Ten stolen automobiles were recovered, and 109 overloaded trucks stopped.

WATAUGA'S DIVORCES 13.9 PER CENT OF MARRIAGES

Statistics issued by the United States bureau of the census and compiled and amplified for the News and Observer by the Newspaper Feature bureau, shows that during the year now reported, there were 22,204 marriages and 1,642 divorces in the state of North Carolina. The percentage of divorces to marriages in the state is 7.4, while the percentage of divorces in Watauga county is 13.9, there being 72 marriages and 10 divorces. The state rate is much lower than that for the United States, in which marriages numbered 1,201,058 and divorces 192,037, or 15 divorces for every hundred marriages.

The highest percentage of divorce in the state, 50.0, is in Scotland county. The lowest, 0.3, is reported from Camden county.

YOUNT FAMILY HAS REUNION

A reunion of the Yount family was held at the home of Rev. J. A. Yount, pastor of the Lutheran church here, on August 19th. The affair was a very pleasant one, about one hundred people gathering to take part in the happy event. A few words of introduction were spoken by Rev. Mr. Yount, and a very pleasing and inspiring response was made by the Rev. Carroll Yount and Dr. W. A. Lutz. And O, what a feast of good things to satisfy the inner man, besides the renewing of acquaintances and making new friends. A good time was had by all present, many of whom had never visited Boone before.

It Did Not Work

Lorain, O., Aug. 28.—Jos. Shepkowski, 15, constructed a home made parachute in an endeavor to emulate a parachute jumper. He made a leap from a tree. The parachute did not work, and his arm was broken.

A.S.T.C. GRADUATES THIRTY STUDENTS

Graduating Exercises Will Be Held This Evening With Address by Sanford Martin, Editor of The Winston-Salem Journal

The graduating exercises for about thirty students of the Appalachian State Teachers' College are to be held this evening. Hon. Sanford Martin, editor of the Winston-Salem Journal, is scheduled to deliver the address of the occasion and the college is looking forward to his coming with pleasure. The second summer term closes Friday.

The program is as follows:

Professional—O Mother Dear Jerusalem.
Invocation.
Chorus—When Life is Bright.
Chorus—Neapolitan Serenade.
Literary Address—Hon. Sanford Martin, Winston-Salem.
Chorus—Canoe Song.
Chorus—Music of the South.
Presentation of Diplomas.
Alma Mater—Appalachia.

Last Saturday evening Miss Marie Hale of Pensacola, Yancey county, entertained with a graduating piano recital. The program was exceptionally well rendered and the audience was most appreciative. Miss Hale was assisted in a most entertaining way by Miss Mildred McDade of Boone, in several most pleasing readings. At the close of the entertainment, Dr. J. D. Rankin, dean of the college, presented a certificate of graduation in piano to Miss Hale.

Four Young Ladies To Take Nurse Training

Sunday morning at the Cove Creek Baptist church, just before the closing of the morning service, Dr. Gordon called to the front four young ladies, Misses Pearl and Earle Payne, twin sisters, Miss Bonnie McBride and Miss Doris Mast, and spoke as follows: "These four young ladies are leaving Wednesday afternoon for the Memphis Baptist Hospital where they will be in training for the high vocation of nurses. They are leaving home and friends to give their lives to suffering humanity. They are going to see disease working its worst, broken bodies, and to do their utmost to minister to the comfort of sufferers in our great Baptist hospital."

Dr. Gordon then addressed the young ladies, reminding them that it will take the best they are capable of summoning to meet the demands by which they may become skillful servants to suffering humankind. There was not a dry eye in the large congregation as individuals came forward, pledged their prayers and wished the young ladies God's blessings in their undertaking. It was a service that will long linger in the memory of the Cove Creek Baptist church.

FOSCOE NOTES

Foscoe, Aug. 28.—Mrs. Carrie Walters is visiting her granddaughter in Blowing Rock.

Mrs. Will Brewer and sons spent the week-end with relatives in Johnson City, Tenn.

Mr. Russell Gragg and family of Boone spent last week in Foscoe.

A double-header baseball game was played at the Foscoe school baseball grounds on the afternoon of August 23. The Foscoe boys met the team from Valle Crucis in the first game, Foscoe winning 15 to 9. Then Foscoe and Grandfather Mountain team crossed bats, Foscoe losing this game 21 to 8. Rain interfered with the second contest, and the Foscoe boys were more or less tired from their exertions in the first game, but their play was spirited, and they hope for better luck next time.

GLENN HARRELSON

Friends in this section have received the following wedding invitation: "Mr. and Mrs. Chas. D. Blackman request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Miss Constance W. Harrelson to Mr. A. Greer Glenn on Wednesday morning the eleventh of September, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine at half after ten o'clock, First Methodist church, Temple, Texas." This wedding will be of interest to Wataugans in view of the fact that Mr. Glenn is a native of this county and a prominent high school teacher, while Miss Harrelson was at one time a student at the college in Boone.

SCHOOL OPENINGS

As previously announced, the Demonstration or grade school for Boone will open its regular term on September 10, while the high school will begin one week later, on the 17th. Indications are that the attendance at both institutions this year will be substantially larger.

Paris Coffey Held for Superior Court

Blowing Rock, Aug. 26.—Paris Coffey, charged with the killing of Abner Loudermilk, at the home of Fred Coffey, brother of the slayer, and husband of Loudermilk's sister, will be tried for the murder at the fall term of superior court at Newland in October, according to reports brought to Blowing Rock by H. D. Loudermilk, brother of the slain man, who returned today from the preliminary hearing held in Newland Saturday.

According to the testimony of Mrs. Fred Coffey, in whose home the shooting took place, the shooting followed a quarrel between herself and husband, in which Loudermilk came to the defense of his sister, striking Fred Coffey with his fist. At this point Mrs. Loudermilk caught up the youngest of her five children and ran from the kitchen where the two men were struggling.

From the adjoining room she heard a gun click and turning saw her brother-in-law pull the trigger and heard her brother fall. He died instantly, with a bullet entering his head from behind the right ear and tearing through the bone of his face, between the left eye and ear. The cause of Loudermilk's death, from an explosive bullet, was stated by Dr. Proffit of Elk Park, who testified at the preliminary hearing Saturday before Magistrate Ray.

Dr. Proffit was called by H. D. Loudermilk of Blowing Rock who reached the scene of the shooting five hours after the death of his brother. The other witnesses were Fred Coffey, who was brought to the courtroom from the Newland county jail, where he had been placed following his arrest on a liquor charge, and Annie Dellinger, with whom Paris Coffey is charged with having lived in adultery for the past three years, having been arrested on that charge following the murder.

The latter two witnesses, for the defense, testified that Loudermilk was killed by Paris Coffey in self-defense.

Coffey was held on \$1,500 bond but had not made bond Saturday.

The community in which the killing took place is one of the most isolated in this section. It lies below the Grandfather Mountain in a corner of Avery county adjoining Watauga.

The aquatic population of Blowing Rock has grown by 25,000 during the past week. Twenty-five thousand of the increase has been the speckled brook trout, natives of the state fish hatchery at Roaring Gap, which have been added to the new lake at Cove, summer home of J. L. Snyder of Charlotte. A small colony of this famous species, 2,000 in number, have been removed from the state hatchery near Boone to the just completed pond of A. M. Critcher on his property south of Chestnut Lane.

A substantial addition to the property of the Robbins Nursery has just been completed on the Blowing Rock-Boone highway, adjoining the tract of 154 acres which the nursery owns along Middle Fork. This addition is a shipping and warehouse, 80 by 36 feet, constructed in preparation for the fall shipping season which will open September 1.

One hundred small native shrubs and trees have been put out on the property adjoining the warehouse since the beginning of the year, consisting chiefly of the three kinds of rhododendrons, azalea and hemlock. Besides the shipments made from their own property, large areas are contracted in Ashe, Watauga, Avery, Caldwell and Wilkes counties for their shrubbery which is shipped by the Robbins Nursery from Boone, Lenoir and North Wilkesboro, with the addition, this fall of sections bought in Tennessee and Virginia. Shipments are made to all parts east, from the wealthy estates along the Hudson River on into the lower south, and much local landscaping and planting is done by the firm.

Grover Robbins of Blowing Rock and Frank Robbins of Boone are joint owners and managers of the nursery.

SENATOR TYSON DEAD

Philadelphia, Aug. 24.—Lawrence Davis Tyson, United States senator from Tennessee, died early today in the Manress Manor sanitarium at Stafford. Senator Tyson had been ill at the sanitarium for more than a month following a nervous breakdown. He suffered a serious relapse yesterday and since then little hope had been held out for recovery. Funeral services will be held at Knoxville Wednesday at 3 o'clock. Senator Tyson was a native of North Carolina, having been born on a farm near Greenville, N. C. As a boy he worked as night clerk in a hotel at Salisbury, where he also drove the house bus to and from the railroad station.

ONE MURDER CASE ON COURT DOCKET

Superior Court for Trial of Criminal and Civil Cases Convenes Monday, With Likelihood That it Will Run Well Into Second Week

Judge John M. Ochs of Concord, will preside at the fall term of Watauga superior court which will convene next Monday. The term promises to run well into the second week as the criminal docket is made up of more than one hundred cases, ranging from murder down to appearance bonds and other minor matters, and the civil docket contains 53 cases.

Considerable interest will center about the arraignment of Dewey Ward, who was incarcerated on June 16, after having confessed to the slaying of Ralph Eggers with a timber cutter's axe, following a quarrel which started when the two were engaged in cherry picking in a remote section of the Beaver Dam country. It is recalled that there were no eye witnesses to the tragedy, other than a small child who is alleged to have brought the news to his mother that the father was being chopped with an axe. An examination by the coroner revealed three gashes, two in the left side below the heart and one above the left hip. Ward made no attempt to escape and is said to have circulated the report that Eggers met his death by a fall on the axe from the cherry tree. However, following the examination of the body, he confessed to the killing, stating that Eggers cursed him because he hadn't secured whiskey, struck the first blow and that he was first to have the axe. It is believed that both men were drinking when the affray started and in view of the fact that actual eye witnesses to the entire fight are lacking, there is much speculation as to the probable outcome of the case.

So far as is known, Ward has mapped out no definite plan of defense, no lawyers having been employed. Attorney W. R. Lovill, who has heretofore largely figured in defense roles, has been employed to assist the state in the prosecution.

T. S. ROLLINS, ASHEVILLE, MAY OPPOSE SENATOR SIMMONS

Asheville, Aug. 24.—The name of Thomas S. Rollins, widely known Asheville attorney, has bobbed into the limelight as the potential Republican candidate for United States senator to oppose Senator F. M. Simmons in the general election next year.

G. O. P. leaders in the central part of the state launched a movement for Mr. Rollins early in the week and during the past few days it has gained widespread approval in all sections of the state.

Mr. Rollins has been active in Republican circles for many years. He has declined on numerous occasions to accept the nomination for congress, but may be prevailed upon by his friends to lead the party's fight for a seat in the senate.

MRS. ELIZABETH HAGAMAN

Mrs. Elizabeth Hagaman, aged 80, mother of County Superintendent Smith Hagaman, died at her home in the Beaver Dam section last Sunday after a lingering illness, due largely to the intemperities incident to her advanced age.

Mrs. Hagaman was the eldest daughter of Alexander Wilson, and was born November 29, 1848. She was married in 1867 to Hugh Hagaman and seven children were born: Smith Hagaman, Boone; Emmett Hagaman, Texas; Nancy Hagaman, Mrs. Roy Dotson, Mrs. Ellis Moody, Beaver Dam; Mrs. Will Smith, Johnson City; and Millard Hagaman, all of whom survive except the last named. All the children living west with her at her death except Emmett. Funeral services were held Monday and interment in Forest Grove cemetery. A large congregation gathered for the last rites, many friends going from Boone. The floral offerings were profuse and beautiful.

Mrs. Hagaman was one of Watauga county's most loved ladies, her chief characteristic through life having been her uniform kindness to all with whom she came in contact. A Christian mother and an unselfish neighbor and friend has gone on.

HE KEPT HIS WORD

Chapel Hill, Aug. 27.—Harry Meacham, 21, of North Wilkesboro, student at the University of North Carolina this summer, was playing bridge this afternoon, but with constant ill luck. "I'm going to shoot the next person who deals me a sorry hand," he declared, laying a pistol on the table. He dealt next himself, laid down a "yarrowbough" or hand without a face card, and picking up the pistol shot himself in the right temple. He died within a few hours.