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Funds Are Available To Watauga Farmers Three to One During 1930

twelve were in the prime of life, they being the victims of tuber-culosis.

they being the victims of fuber-culosis. Two of the deaths were among non-residents of the county, one of whom had been removed to this place from a northern city shortly before her demise. It is pointed out that births outnumber deaths nearly three to one, and that a ma-jority of the fatalities occurred when the victims were well past the "shady side" of life. Pellagra, which has taken its tolf in practically all North Caro-lina cities and towns during the past year, caused no deaths in Boone, and go far as can be learned orly one case has been treated by local physicians. It is believed that dictary habits of local people has almost entirely excluded the dread malady.

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Senators Harmon and Lovill Introduce Bill Pertaining to Galax

Twin Calves Born to

Watt Gragg's Jersey

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A news dispatch from Ralsigh states that Senators W. R. Lovil of Watawga, and Roy A. Harmon of Elk Park have introduced a bill, which has about reached the stage of ratification, having pass-ed so th Houses of the Generai Assembly, to repeal the local stat-ute, known as Chapter 326, Pub-lic-Local Laws of 1529, relative to gathering galas leaves in the counties of Avery Mitchell and Watauga.

Weather report for week ending January 24, 1931, as compiled by the Co-operative Station, Appalachian State Feachers College, Boone, J. T. C. Wright, observer:

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Average maximum temperature, 3.7 degrees.
Average minimum temperature.
Average minimum temperature.
Average temperature. 3.5 degrees.
Average daily range in temperature.
Greatest daily range in temperature.
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Average temperature at G p in time of observation), 36 degrees.
Highest temperature reached, 52
degrees: date, 22nd
Mumber inches of snowfall, trace.

Number inches of rainfall (inclu-number inches of snowiall, trace, Greatest rainfall in 24 hours, 0.05 inches ; date, 18th and 19th. Number of days with 0.01 inch or more rainfall, 2. Number of clear days, 4. Number of clear days, 4. Number of partly cloudy days, 2. Direction of provailing wind, west, Date of fogs, 18th. Other phenomena described as follows: Snlai halos, 20th and 23rd; tunar halo, 19th; high wind, 21st; Number of clear days at the seriores time when they will be more well, attract widespread attention and that the selling will be musually heavy. VISIT SICK FATHER Messes James Story of Plainfield. N. J., and W. J. Story of New York City were called to Watauga last Tuesday on account of the seriores thenes of their father, Mr. J. L. Story, a resident of the Shulls Mills

Direction of prevailing wind, west. Dates of logs. 18th. Other phenomena described as follows: Solar halos. 20th and 23rd; lonar halo. 19th; high wind, 21st. Negro farmers of Alamance County ty sold three pure-bred Jersey bulls to negro farmers of Alamance County recently, making a total of four the colored dairymen of Alamance have disposed of in the last few weeks.

The scoffers may scoff, the grumblers may grumble and gloomcas-ters may keep on howing hard times, but something has heppened to Boone during the past few days. Smiles have supplanted scowls on lots of faces, and that's a sure sign that business is picking up and that better days will soon be here.

It's being whispered around town that an outsider is making a deal for one of the best business locations on Main Street, and is threatening to lay down ten thousand simoleons for its purchase. A new factory building with modern canning equipment to care for other food products is being discussed by North State Canning Company, and should their plans materialize, additional names will be placed on the payroll. A gentleman who is expecting to take unto himself a wife, and who at present resides in a neighboring town, was tooking around Sunday for a suitable location on which to erect his "castle of dreams," and discussing building plans with a local contractor. Several home-owners are having repair work done, and the sound of the hammer and saw again maketh glad the hearts of workingmen.

Even the elements have contributed to the transfiguration. Fri-day and Saturday were the first ideal days in several weeks and the stores were crowded with country folks come to town to repienish their larders and add to their wardrobes. And rash registers clanked

steadily as old-time sales records were rung up in the tills. Banks in neighboring towns which were forced to close due to excessive withdrawals by scrupulous depositors, are again opening their doors. Confidence has been restored in the people, and they are beginning to realize that conditions were never quite as bad as they were painted. Farmers are planning increased acreage, and are getting ready to attend the farm institute which will be held at State College on February 17-18, where and when they intend to learn how to raise more cabbage and spuds than ever before. They, too, have dropped a load of their troubles and look to the future with optimism.

Just yesterday one of the worst bowlers in Boone Just yesterday one of the worst bowlers in Boone-a gentleman who just a few weeks ago was practically certain that the town and county were busied-walked down the street crooning the cutest little song you ever heard. It went something like this: "B-l-u-e skies, all of them b-l-u-e ..." Surely the worst of the depression has passed!

This map of the VaugherHeinight monocity the amount involved in the deat was not made public. The entire building is now being tracture, and the work will likely be tracture, and the work will be mored is the entire building is now being is now being the entire autintorium of the entire the entire building is now being in perfect sympathy with the violin. Two encores were given in re-

Messars. Charles. Younce, Kelley Oshorne and Lloyd Isaacs, the first named being commander of Watan ga Post American Legion and the others prominent Legion and the organization in Morganten Monday evening. The principal item of basi-ness to take the atteution of the aes-sion, say the local delegates, was rel-ative to the proposed settlement of compensation certificates, and the assembly went on record as being in favor of immediate cash payment Two representatives were chosen from this district to go to Raleigh and work for legislation heing spon-sored by the Legion

compensation certificates, and the assembly went on tword as boing in favor of immediate cash payment from this district to go to Raleigh and work for legislation being spon-correl by the Legion. J. Thomas Love, of Rossiter, Pa, and wife are spending a few days with relatives in the county. Wr Love has made his home for the past fourteen years in the Keysttone State having visited here the last time in 1923.