

LOCAL AFFAIRS

Clear up the town! This is one of the slogans here at the present.

Mr. M. W. Beach, of North Wilkesboro, was in Boone on business last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Younce and family spent Sunday with relatives in Wilkes County.

Miss Ruby Hodges, hotel waitress at Southern Pines, is at her home in Boone, recuperating for a few days from a recent illness.

Miss Betty Butler left Sunday for Washington, D. C., after having spent several days as the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Jim Rivers, in Boone.

Mr. and Mrs. Pettigrew, of Hampton, Tenn., spent Sunday night with Mrs. Pettigrew's sister, Mrs. W. H. Gragg, in Boone.

Mr. Wiley H. Swift, of New York City, spent Friday and Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Swift, at Amantha.

Mr. Robert S. Castle and family, of the Zionville community, are new citizens of Boone, they having recently occupied the Charles Watson house in Daniel Boone Park.

Rev. Mr. Martin, Presbyterian minister of Johnson City, Tenn., spent several days in Boone last week. On Wednesday evening he spoke to Presbyterian students at Appalachian Teachers College.

The weather for the past few days has been perfect, and the farmers are now busy again. Planting Irish potatoes is the big rush now. The acreage will be the largest by far ever planted in the county.

Mr. Horton Gragg, who has been rather indisposed for two weeks, entered Grace Hospital at Banner Elk Monday morning, where he is taking treatment for a minor ailment. He will probably return the latter part of the week.

The fishing season opened Wednesday, but we have, so far, been given no data as to the length, weight, etc., of the big one. Jim Bryan couldn't well go on the opening day, but he is sure to catch the "big boy" when he does take to the creek.

Mr. J. R. Tolbert, of Lenoir, formerly with the Carolina Stores, has opened a business in the Goodnight building in Boone. With Mr. Ralph Mast as manager, he will carry a full line of automobile accessories. They will open their business to the public the last of this week.

Mr. Wiley Lewis, who for several months has been employed in Bristol, has returned to the home of his father, Mr. Charles Lewis, at Sherwood, where he remains ill from what is believed to be blood-poisoning. The infection developed some time ago from a slight injury to a finger.

Last week The Democrat carried an announcement of the marriage of Miss Lula Austin to a Mr. Henson. Later information reveals the fact that the ceremony mentioned was not performed, the Democrat having been sadly misinformed when the item was placed in print. The error is regretted and correction gladly made.

Messrs. Roy Brown and Roby Owens, the latter president and shop manager of the Black Diamond Pick and Handle Company, Boone's newest manufacturing establishment, left Monday morning for West Virginia and Pennsylvania. They carried with them more than a hundred of the newly-invented miners picks and will attempt to place them on markets in the coal district. They are expected to be away for ten days.

Mr. Howard Gragg, manager of the upper Carolina Store in Boone, tells The Democrat that his store alone has already sold to the farmers 40 bushels of Yellow Globe onion sets and is expecting ten bushels more today, with which to fill outstanding orders. This is another step forward by Watauga farmers, as there are more onions by far being set this spring than ever before in the history of the county.

Dr. Lawrence Coffey, of Lenoir, was in town yesterday gathering data for a history of the Coffey family which he is compiling. The book will doubtless be of great interest to the family, as well as many others who are connected with this pioneer group, many scions of which are to be found in every section of Caldwell, Watauga and other adjacent counties, who are number among our best and most influential citizenship.

Mrs. Charles G. Hodges, of Sands, has been confined to her room for the past three weeks, suffering from a complication of ailments, but her condition Wednesday was said to be satisfactory to attending physicians. Her husband, who is teaching in the schools of Cleveland County, has been spending his week-ends with her during the illness.

Mr. Greene, of Bowie, brother of our townsman, Mr. Rufus Greene, who recently purchased the Hahn planing-mill property in Boone, has put all the machinery in first-class condition and will be ready in the very near future to turn out as good work as can be had anywhere. The plant is a very valuable one, the new owner is a fine mechanic and well prepared to keep it in good shape at all times.

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SOCIETY

Florence Weaver Club Meets With Miss Elizabeth Hahn.

The Florence Weaver Club met at the home of Miss Elizabeth Hahn on Monday, April 13. The meeting was opened with a song, business following. The topic for the day was "Three Churches Become of Age." Interesting discussions of the work in Mexico and Brazil were given by Elizabeth Cooke and Elizabeth Hahn. Plans were made for the trip to the annual conference at Shelby. Evelyn Bingham was chosen delegate for this conference. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, following the program.

The society will hold its next meeting with Mary Francis Linney.

Mrs. Cliff McConnell Hostess to Entre Nous Club.

Mrs. Cliff McConnell delightfully entertained members of the Entre Nous Club and a few other guests at her home on Saturday afternoon. The living room and dining room were thrown together and attractively arranged with jonquils and other spring flowers.

Bridge was enjoyed during the afternoon. After several progressions, scores were added and a lovely deck of cards was awarded to Mrs. Joe Crawford, who held high score.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess to the following: Mrs. Russell Hodges, Mrs. Fred Hodges, Mrs. James Horton, Mrs. Lloyd Isaacs, Mrs. Johnny Johnston, Mrs. Sam Horton, Mrs. James Mast, Mrs. Dave Mast, Mrs. David Greene, Mrs. Joe Crawford, Mrs. Suma Hardin, and Mrs. A. E. Cole.

Mrs. David Greene Entertains Friday Afternoon Club.

A delightful meeting of the Friday Afternoon Club was held on April 10th with Mrs. David F. Greene at her attractive home on Main St. Beautiful potted hyacinths and vases of jonquils were artistically arranged in the living room.

An interesting program relating to spring was given. Mrs. D. D. Dougherty read a poem composed by Prof. J. M. Downum, "The Idea of Childhood Expressed in Spring."

"Spring in the North," one of Van Dyke's poems, was read by Mrs. Ed Coffey.

The hostess next presented a clever vegetable contest, called "Truckville Scandals." Miss Billie Todd was most efficient in this, and was awarded an embroidered towel.

Mrs. Austin South played a piano solo, "Flower Song," by Lange, followed by several popular numbers.

Mrs. Greene served an attractive party plate consisting of "narcissus" salad, sandwiches, pickles, saltines, coffee and mints.

Special guests were Mrs. Lula Hughes and Miss Billie Todd.

Mrs. R. M. Greene will entertain the club at its next meeting on April 24th.

Delphian Society Meets at Demonstration School.

The Delphian Society met Tuesday afternoon at the usual hour at the Demonstration School. Miss Eula Todd presiding in the absence of the president.

The following program was rendered: "Philip of Macedon," Miss Elizabeth Rucker; "Alexander the Great," Mrs. G. K. Moore; "Alexander's Empire and Its Influence," Miss Cora Joffcoat; "Greek Religion," Mrs. Russell Hodges; "Greek Philosophy," Miss Todd.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 27th, instead of Tuesday, the 28th.

Lenoir Men Appointed To University Board

(Lenoir News Topic.) Services of two veteran members of boards of trustees of State-maintained institutions of learning are continued through the appointment of F. H. Coffey and J. L. Nelson, of Lenoir, to the board of the Greater University of North Carolina. The Lenoir men are among the 100 trustees of the State College, University of North Carolina and N. C. C. W. at Greensboro.

At present Mr. Coffey is a member of the board of trustees of State College, with his term expiring in two years. He has served on the board for the past seven years, and, with Mark Squires, represented this county. Mr. Nelson's term as a trustee for N. C. C. W. will expire next year. They will serve jointly for the five-year term, beginning in 1932 and expiring in 1937.

Mark Squires was appointed as the Lenoir representative from this district to serve on the State College board until April 1, 1932, when the 100 trustees will assume active charge.

SOUTH CAROLINA PASSES RACE BILL IN LOWER HOUSE

Columbia, S. C.—Horse racing would be legalized in South Carolina under a bill passed by the House on Tuesday, on second reading by a vote of 50 to 38. Pari-mutuel betting would be permitted.

Few farmers attending three tobacco meetings held in Randolph County last week signed the co-operative marketing agreement. They said there are dissatisfied with the present marketing system, but a burned child is afraid of the fire.

Read the Ads—They Are Messengers of Thrift!

From Our Early Files

Items from The Democrat of April 16, 1892

Watauga's spring term of the superior court will convene the 2nd day of May.

Little Jimmie, son of Mr. James Newman, is not expected to live.

Messrs. J. F. Spainhour and T. Fin Coffey are in Tennessee this week buying some horses.

The freeze Saturday, Sunday and Monday nights killed the peaches in this section of the country. The weather was unusually cold and severe.

Sherman Greer, of Wilkes County, who killed his father some time ago, was tried last week and found guilty and sent to the penitentiary for ten years.

Mrs. Nathan Horton and children, who have been spending some months visiting relatives in Jefferson, returned to their home in Boone last Monday.

We failed to note the death of that aged gentleman, Writtenhouse Baird, who died at his home on the Watauga River some days ago. His wife, Mrs. Eliza Baird, has been dangerously ill for some time, but was, when last heard from, slowly improving.

Primary Students at the Demonstration School Give Clever Program

On last Thursday evening thirty-four children from the first and second grades of Boone Demonstration School presented to a large audience a clever program, aptly billed as a "Toy Symphony Orchestra." Six pre-school children, Bobbie Clay, Sarah Rebekah Rivers, Roberta Critcher, Betsy Mae Johnson, William Wilson and Jimmie Johnston, all equipped with rattlers, occupied first place on the program. The youngsters kept almost perfect time with their noise-making devices throughout the musical number and closed their bit with a song, "Little Bo-Peep," which drew a hearty round of applause.

And then came a hoarde of first-graders, costumed in white shirts, long white trousers, colorful capes and sailor caps, carrying an assortment of "musical instruments" such as horns, drums, horse-shoes, bones, rattlers, tambourines, etc. Master Hugh Hagaman, director, took his stand near the center of the stage, and following a piano prelude, he gave his arms a swing and with professional skill took his orchestra through several difficult compositions. A few songs were also sung by the juvenile entertainers. Following this delightful act, the second grade class made their appearance, armed with the same implements of symphony and rendered a similar performance. Little Miss Helen Wilcox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Wilcox, directed their numbers, and her work, as well as that of the fourteen other participants, was adjudged remarkable.

Miss Gladys Belt and Miss Estelle Pye, teachers in the primary department, were directors of the "toy symphony," and the almost impossible task of getting a stageful of youngsters to do the right thing at the right time, was certainly accomplished to a fine degree. Following the program, Professor Chappel Wilson attended an invitation to parents in attendance to visit the classrooms, and many took advantage of the opportunity. Children taking part in the "toy symphony" were:

First Grade: Hugh Hagaman, Lloyd Isaacs, John Bingham, Charles Rogers, Charles Steele, Robert Norris, Ray Fox, J. B. Hagaman Jr., Margaret Smith, Vera Norris, Lennis Brown, Hazel Miller, Lucille Cooke, Betty Jane Clay, Grace Council, Mary George Blair, Willie Jean Gragg, Flo Bingham and Tom Stuart Beach.

Second Grade: Frances Johnson, Katherine Smith, Edna Payne, Greer Hodges, J. G. Teague, Denver Bryant, Max Robbins, Laura Ruth Hagaman, Louise Taylor, Stella Chloe Rogers, Georgia Mae Ayers, Margaret Johnson, Helen Wilcox, Greer Hodges and Ira J. Bingham.

King Alfonso of Spain Abdicates His Throne

Madrid, April 14.—Yielding to the will of his people, King Alfonso XIII, late of the Bourbon dynasty, abdicated the ancient throne of Spain early today and a republic was immediately established amid scenes of wildest enthusiasm.

The Spanish monarchy, hundreds of years old and once the most powerful in the world, fell at six o'clock (one o'clock E. S. T.), succumbing at last to the tide of republicanism which washed away its supports in the municipal elections Sunday.

Niceto Alcalá Zamora, republican leader who only recently was released from jail, immediately took charge of the government as provisional president and appointed a new cabinet.

With tremendous cheering, excited crowds surged through the streets of Madrid and republican flags appeared as if by magic in the windows of buildings and in automobiles. Rafael Sanchez Guerra, son of the famous crusader for Spanish constitu-

GLADIOLI BULBS—For sale at 50c per dozen. See Mrs. J. T. C. Wright, 14 Locust Street. 2t

Revenue Bill Passes the Second Senate Reading

Raleigh April 14.—The biennial revenue bill tonight appeared headed back to the house with provisions for a \$10,000,000 equalizing fund for schools instead of \$18,500,000 for complete state support of the six months term.

Immediately after refusing for the second time to include the Hindsdale luxury sales tax in the measure, the Senate today passed the revenue bill on second reading by a vote of 27 to 22.

The vote against the luxury tax was 26 to 24, the same margin by which the Senate rejected it as a committee of the whole.

If the revenue bill passes third reading in the senate tomorrow it will go back to the house without either the Day general sales tax, which the lower branch of the legislature wrote into it to raise \$9,000,000 annually for schools, or the Hindsdale tax, estimated to raise the same amount.

The senate struck the general sales tax from the bill in the committee of the whole.

What the house will do with the bill if it comes back without provisions for the \$18,500,000 for schools is the secret in which hangs how much longer the assembly will continue in session. It reaches its 99th day tomorrow. If the house should accept it, the end could come momentarily.

Advertisement for Madam Grace Girdles. Features the text 'Always Well Dressed' and 'EVEN though the outer garment is not expensive, you present a modish appearance when the foundation is a Madame Grace girdle. It softens and molds the lines of the figure, enhancing the beauty of whatever you may be wearing. And—they are so comfortable and really captivating in their daintiness of fabric and trim. Many numbers for your approval.'

Harris Bros. Department Store

Advertisement for Sun-Proof Paint. Features the text 'Let this \$283.55 Saving Kill the Humbug of Cheap Paint!' and 'SEE the cost chart at this store—how quality paint saves \$283 on 5-year cost of keeping average house painted, as against less than \$4 saving on first cost of cheap-per-gallon paint.'

Advertisement for Farmers Hardware & Supply Co. Features the text 'The quality paint armor against decay and repair bills—at low five-year cost! This store is headquarters for COLOR—anything in paint—varnish—enamel—brushes!' and 'See the Cost Chart!'