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EIGHT LOCAL LAWS ENACTED BY LAST GENERAL ASS'MBLY

These in Addition to Measures Which Have State-wide Importance. Two Bills Have Bearing on Administration of Boone. Town of Todd Incorporated, and Presnell Placed on Confederate Pension Roll.

Raleigh, N. C.—Watauga County had a total of eight laws enacted by the 1931 General Assembly which relate to the county or its activities or the communities in the county, designated as public, local or private laws, the records of the Secretary of State show.

These, of course, are in addition to the numerous other public laws which relate to the State as a whole or to some large part of it, such as the school, the road, the local government and other enactments which reach every county, and the numerous laws which touch each county in a general way only.

The Local Government Act, which in many respects is equal in importance to the school and road acts, is already showing its value in bringing about a readjustment and stabilizing the financial affairs of counties, cities, towns and other units, some of which needed the aid the law gives.

Some of its value is to be nullified, especially for this year, and in particular by those units which take advantage of the law enacted which permits county commissioners to postpone the collection of 1931 taxes, or foreclosures for refusal to pay such taxes, until November 1st, 1931. In case a county postpones such foreclosures, it will find it hard to market bonds or notes this year, according to Charles M. Johnson, director of Local Government. Bond buyers, he states, are afraid of such postponement.

The local acts of this county are as follows:

Amend Chapter 103, Public Laws of 1929, relating to punishment for obtaining entertainment at hotels, boarding houses, etc., applying to Martin, Pitt and Watauga counties.

Repealing Chapter 326, Public-Local Laws 1929, relating to the gathering of gins leaves in Avery, Mitchell and Watauga counties.

Amend the charter of the Town of Boone.

Amend Section 1413, Consolidated Statutes, transferring Watauga from the Seventeenth to the Sixteenth Judicial District and fixing terms of court.

Incorporate the Town of Todd in Watauga and Ashe counties.

Prohibit throwing laps of trees in the streams of Avery, Watauga and Hertford counties.

Validate certain water bonds of the Town of Boone.

Place the name of Jerome Presnell on the Confederate pension roll.

John Hardin Dies at Ashe County Home

(Ashe County Journal)

Mr. John Hardin, 77-year-old citizen of Beaver Creek, died Sunday (June 7) following an illness which extended over a period of about 39 years. He had been in ill health since that time as the result of a paralytic stroke and never recovered.

Mr. Hardin was well known in the county and his death brought sorrow to his many friends and relatives. Surviving him are nine children, 37 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service, which was conducted at the Hardin family cemetery on Tuesday at 10 o'clock, was attended by a large concourse of people. Rev. P. L. Smith, Methodist minister, was in charge. Burial was with Masonic honors, members of the local lodge being in charge. The body was laid to rest immediately following the service.

All the children except two were present for the funeral service.

THE WEATHER

Weather report for the week ending June 13th, as compiled by the Co-operative Station, A. S. T. C., J. T. C. Wright, observer:

Average maximum temperature, 74 degrees.

Average minimum temperature, 47 degrees.

Average temperature, 61 degrees.

Average daily range in temperature, 27 degrees.

Greatest daily range in temperature, 41 degrees; date 11th.

Average temperature at 6 p. m. (time of observation), 65 degrees.

Highest temperature reached, 92 degrees; date, 13th.

Lowest temperature reached, 29 degrees; date, 10th.

Number inches of rainfall, 1.43.

Greatest rainfall in 24 hours, 0.97, date, 13th.

Number of days with 0.01 inch or more rainfall, 2.

Number of clear days, 3.

Number of cloudy days, 3.

Number of partly cloudy days, 1.

Direction of prevailing wind, west.

Dates of thunderstorms, 13th.

Other phenomena described as follows: Double rainbow on 7th.

Back in Politics



Col. House, who is generally credited with making Woodrow Wilson president, has come out for Gov. Roosevelt.

TOURIST BUREAU IS OPENED IN COFFEY BUILDING AT ROCK

R. C. McMahon, Former Hotelier, in Charge. Information Available on Roads and Scenic Attractions from Maine to Florida. Hundreds of Motor Tourists Taking Advantage of Services.

Blowing Rock.—The Town of Blowing Rock has taken a big step forward recently in establishing a tourist information bureau. One of the small white cottages owned by Mr. Thomas Coffey and fronting on Main Street next to the Martin Cottage, has been completely renovated inside and out for this purpose. Shrubbery has been planted around it until it now is one of the show places of Blowing Rock. Signs directing tourists to the bureau have been placed in good locations where they can be seen to good advantage.

The Tourist Information Bureau serves a very good purpose in Blowing Rock. It contains all sorts of road maps and data in regard to highways in North Carolina and other states from Maine to Florida and has road information in regard to highways as far west as Denver. Every day tourists from other states stop there and secure this information in addition to rates at hotels and boarding houses, rates for playing golf or horseback riding, railroad and bus schedules.

The bureau is in charge of Mr. R. C. McMahon, who was for many years connected with Mayview Manor and Blowing Rock hotels under the management of D. J. Boyden. Mr. McMahon has an excellent knowledge of Blowing Rock and vicinity, and in his capacity as secretary of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce helps to welcome all tourists and friends to Blowing Rock. He has also been connected with the Seelye and Mayfair Hotels in Charlotte and many high class hotels in Florida. He is also an active member of the Blowing Rock Civitan Club which is doing good work to help boost Blowing Rock all over the South.

L. P. HENKEL, 69, TAKEN BY DEATH

Pioneer Developer of Blowing Rock Section Succumbs to Heart Attack at Statesville. Burial Services Wednesday

L. P. Henkel, 69, pioneer developer of the Blowing Rock country and Statesville business man of varied interests, died of a heart attack at his Statesville home Tuesday. His health had been on the decline for several months.

Mr. Henkel was born in Catawba County, near Conover. In early manhood he removed to Lenoir and went into the livestock business with his brother, the late C. V. Henkel. Later, he organized the Henkel-Craig Livestock Company. This company's interests were in Lenoir, Hickory, Newton, Statesville and Salisbury.

A promoter of Blowing Rock development, Mr. Henkel was president of the Green Park Hotel Company at Blowing Rock, and president of the Blowing Rock Development Company. Much credit was given him and his brother, C. V. Henkel, for building the Turnpike road between Lenoir and Blowing Rock. He is survived by the widow and five daughters.

The funeral service was held at the residence on East Broad Street, Statesville, Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, and interment made in the family plot in Oakwood Cemetery. Several Watauga people, who had known and admired him during his useful life were present for the rites.

A CORRECTION

An article relative to indictments against Watauga citizens in Greensboro Federal Court, carried in last week's Democrat, listed the name of Ray Wilson as one of the accused men. The name should have been Roy Wilson.

Beauties of Mountains Are Enjoyed by Air Travelers

Friday afternoon a party of local people composed of Mrs. W. R. Butler, Dr. J. R. Hagaman, Howard V. Gragg, and Jim Rivers, of The Democrat force, enjoyed an air tour to Mountain City to the big J-5 Standard plane, piloted by Lieutenant John "Red" Harman, late of the U. S. Navy and one of the nation's foremost aerial acrobats.

At exactly 5:15 the party entered the ship, the propeller was given a spin and the 210 horsepower Wright Whirlwind motor began to revolve in deafening precision. Slowly the craft moved down the runway of Pond Bottom Farm. Giving her the "gun," Lieutenant Harman started his race into the blue spaces of the world's attic. Slowly the flying field became a spot, and Boone slipped steadily under the singing struts of the mechanical bird. Far to the right Elk Knob and the Big Bald reared their blue outlines, and Howard's Creek, traversing virgin forests of pine and hemlock added a gleam of silver to the panorama.

Using the Boone Trail Highway as a director, the birdman pursued his westward course. Adams postoffice, the Lovell community and Villas slipped backwards, and soon the occupants were looking down on Cove Creek High School, just two thousand feet of fresh air lying between them and the brick buildings. Then Mabel and Zionville "came and went," and Trade, where Mrs. Butte was born during Civil War days, lay beneath Roans Creek with its precipitous canyon and winding road stretched away toward the green meadows of the Showins community, and Mountain City, Johnson County's capital, grew in proportions. The old Baker farm, the Rhea farm, and Mount

Brothers' plantation presented beautiful pictures, the plowed fields resembling well-kept tennis courts. Now the air-minded tourists are getting a good look at Mountain City. The fair ground race track looks the size of a pie, automobiles or the street have the appearance of slow-moving bugs, and observing pedestrians with necks craned skyward can scarcely be seen.

Going into a wide bank, "Red" circles the City twice, and nosed the craft toward home. Disregarding highways, the bird started for the home nest as the proverbial crow flies. Under Beaver Dams offered its beauties to the travelers. Grandfather Mountain, lying to the west, and lined with the gold of the sunset formed the background for intermediate ranges of emerald hills, traversed by fertile valleys. A shaft of sunlight breaks through a few low-hanging clouds, its brilliance eliciting exclamations of delight from the plane's occupants. The Silverstone country with its well-kept orchards and farmhouses, its hillside orchard cultivation almost to their crests, lies to the left, and Rich Mountain, near twenty-five hundred feet below, wallows in the sunlight. Lieutenant Harman follows the ragged range through the gap separating the Rich from Howard's Knob and Boone again comes into view. Soon the flying field is visible, the improvised port is circled twice, and the plane settles to earth as lightly as a snowbird, just thirty-four minutes after it went aloft.

Even "Red," who during his career of more than six years as test pilot and stunt artist has looked down on

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FIVE VIOLATORS OF DRY LAWS JAILED

Patrolman Clint Norris and Deputy H. A. Hagaman Seize Ten Gallons of Booze and Five Men at Max Houck Home.

Ten gallons and one quart of corn whiskey and four men were the final results of a raid made Friday evening by Patrolman Clint Norris and Deputy Sheriff Hard Hagaman, on the residence of Mr. Max Houck in the eastern limits of the town of Boone. Mr. Houck was taken to the county jail on a charge of possession, as was Grant Wheeler, a resident of the Elk community, who is alleged to have had a part in the transportation of the fluid. Tom Atkins and Harley Triplett are charged with transporting and selling the liquor to Houck, and were jailed Saturday morning. The four men were given a hearing before Mayor Moretz Saturday and Houck and Atkins were released under bonds of \$300 and \$500 respectively for their appearance at the fall term of Superior Court. Triplett and Wheeler were remanded to jail in default of bond.

On Tuesday afternoon, Luther Walls, Lenoir negro, was apprehended near the depot by Patrolman Norris, having in his possession a quart of whiskey. He was arraigned before the Mayor and in default of bond, placed in jail to await trial at the September term of court.

Enrolment Passes 800 At Teachers College

The Appalachian State Teachers College had a record opening. At the close of the first week, 812 students had enrolled for the summer school.

At the first formal meeting in the auditorium, President Dougherty reviewed for this large group of teachers the recent school legislation and its effect upon education in North Carolina. In closing, he said: "We should accept the conditions without murmur and without complaint. We should even be grateful that the conditions are as favorable as they are. Let us all kneel again around our educational altar. Let us rededicate, let us consecrate ourselves, our lives, and our all to our new educational task."

If one may judge the North Carolina school situation from the conversations current among the students here, this heroic spirit represents the teaching profession of North Carolina.

G. G. STEPHENS TO OCCUPY F. C. MILLER STORE BUILDING

Mr. G. G. Stephens, for many years a prominent merchant of Meat Camp, has moved his dry goods line into the Barnett building formerly occupied by F. C. Miller and Company, and proposes to handle here a first class and complete line of medium-priced merchandise. Formal notice of the change in location and the policy of the new establishment is carried in The Democrat's advertising columns this week.

First Woman Bank Head



Mrs. Matilda B. Wilson is chairman of the board of a \$12,000,000 Detroit bank.

INDICTED MEN FILL BOND; TO BE TRIED AT GREENSBORO

Thirty-nine Democratic Voters to Be Arraigned Before Judge Hayes at November Term for Alleged Conspiracy in Last Fall's Election. Amount of Bonds, \$500. Complete List of Indictments.

Thirty-nine Democratic voters and election officials of Watauga County met in Boone last Thursday morning with legal counsel and each gave bond in the sum of \$500 for appearance at the November term of Greensboro Federal Court, to answer to charges growing out of the 1930 election, when it is alleged a conspiracy was entered into to suppress voters in the exercise of their civil rights.

Those executing bonds and against whom true bills were found by the Federal grand jury week before last, include: A. E. South, Clerk of the Superior Court; A. D. Wilson, R. L. Clay, W. R. Johnson, P. C. Wilke, A. L. Gross, Cleve Cross, Luther South, T. L. Mast, Troy Norris, Hepler Hendry, W. Hardin Brown, Alfred Adams, D. A. Brown, C. S. Stevenson, Clint Norris, B. C. Johnson, Henry J. Hardin, Raleigh Cottrell, Howard Cottrell, C. D. McNeill, W. S. Moretz, Harrison Miller, Joe Ward, H. A. Hagaman, J. S. McBride, Chauncey Moody, Roy Wilson, H. J. Hardin, Lee Mast, E. S. Williams, J. B. Horton, A. A. Perry, John E. Brown, Eddie Hagaman, J. J. Shull, Claude Edmisten, Henry Mast, Charles McConnell, Will Robinson and W. G. Ward.

7 WATAUGA BOYS GO TO FORT BRAGG

Annual Encampment C. M. T. C. Opens Friday With Attendance of 950. Major Harvey D. Higley in Command.

Over 950 young men from North and South Carolina reported at Fort Bragg, N. C., on Friday, June 12th, for one month's service with the 1931 Citizens Military Training camp. Those attending from Watauga this year are: Carroll Cook, John H. Grubbs, W. W. Edinger, Frank A. Hagaman, Jake G. Hagaman, James C. Moore, of Boone, and Clyde A. Greene, of Sherwood.

The camp this year is commanded by Major Harvey D. Higley, of the 17th Field Artillery, Fort Bragg, Major Higley, born in Iowa, is a graduate of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. He was commissioned in 1908 and has served in the Philippines and in Germany. During the World War Major Higley was in command of the Field Artillery Replacement Depot at Camp Zachary Taylor, Ky., where thousands of Field Artillery officers and enlisted men were trained for combat service.

Major Higley is on the Army's General Staff Eligibility List and is a graduate of the Field Artillery School, Advanced Course, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, of the Command and the General Staff School, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and of the Army War College, Washington, D. C.

In connection with the opening of the C. M. T. C., Major Higley stated that this movement is more popular this year than ever before, especially in North and South Carolina. He said that last year, 1930, there was a total of 1,422 applications received for membership in the Fort Bragg C. M. T. C. while this year up to June 1, 2,091 applications for the Fort Bragg camp had been received.

The local boys who are attending signed applications in the early spring when Major J. A. Patterson, stationed at Statesville, made a visit to Watauga. Three of the young men have attended previous camps.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

Miss Mary Frances Linney, daughter of Mrs. Frank A. Linney, underwent an operation for appendicitis at Watauga Hospital Wednesday morning. The condition of the popular young lady is said to be satisfactory to attending physicians.

AMERICAN LEGION FIDDLERS CONTEST DRAWS BIG CROWDS

Gross Receipts Amount to \$247.02. Fund to Be Used for Band Tuition. One Hundred Musicians Enter the Competition. Mooresville Band Takes First Honors. Arthur Woodman Judged Best Fiddler.

The all-time fiddlers' convention, which was held in the courthouse on last Friday and Saturday evenings under the auspices of Watauga Post American Legion, was a decided success in spite of the fact that a down-pour of rain marred the performance of Saturday night. Total gross receipts amounted to \$247.02, the net sum of which is to be used to further the American Legion Band, pay instructor and other incidental expenses. Sponsors of the event, while satisfied with the final results, are disposed to believe that the inclemency of the weather caused a decided slump in ticket sales.

No less than one hundred musicians from all parts of the State were in attendance and competed for the awards, which consisted of cash and merchandise in the aggregate sum of \$200. Business men of the town donated various items to complete the prize list. A complete roster of the winners under the various classifications follows:

String Bands (3 or more instruments)—1st prize, \$15 cash, Mooresville Band; 2nd prize, \$7 cash, T. C. Ashley and His Happy Farmers; 3rd prize, 10 theatre tickets, Hon-acked Husbands; 4th prize, 25 pounds of flour, Cook Sisters; 5th prize, bar, Yonice Brothers.

Individual Fiddlers—1st prize, \$10 cash, Arthur Woodman; 2nd prize, \$5 cash, Ray Dowell; 3rd prize, razor, Tom Reese; 4th prize, 25 pounds of flour, Mabel Cook; 5th prize, one night's lodging, Minnie Graer.

Individual Banjo Picker—1st prize, \$5 cash, Ethel Grogan; 2nd prize, \$3 cash, Ray Dowell; 3rd prize, watch, Till Reed.

Individual Guitar Picker—1st prize, \$5 cash, Bernard Yonice; 2nd prize, \$2.50 cash, Walter Dunn; 3rd prize, compact, Ed Wood; 4th prize, 25 pounds of flour, Ray Brendal; 5th prize, rug, Ruth West.

Charleston Dancers—1st prize, \$2 cash, Eva Ashley; 2nd prize, three dinners, June and Jean Bush; 3rd prize, pair hose, Peggy Greer; 4th prize, 25 pounds of flour, Dorothy and Della Triplett; 5th prize, sugar bowl and cream pitcher, Mabel Brown.

Buck Dancers—1st prize, \$3 cash, Mrs. Bradford McGuire; 2nd prize, shirt and belt, G. B. Miller; 3rd prize, 25 pounds flour, Wood Bredway; 4th prize, \$1 barber work, Tom Yonice.

Quartet—1st prize, \$3 cash, Yonice Brothers; 2nd prize, fountain pen, Cook and Graer Sisters; 3rd prize, 3 pounds bucket coffee, Boone Quartet; 4th prize, three dinners, Lenoir Quartet.

Harmonics—1st prize, \$2 cash, Joe Triplett; 2nd prize, necktie, Jackie Shull; 3rd prize, \$1 barber work, James Austin; 4th prize, 1 package coffee, 1 shirt, Abe Triplett.

Ugliest Man—1st prize, \$1 barber work, Amos Ward.

Dula Child Buried at Lenoir on Saturday

Funeral rites, impressive and simple, were conducted Saturday afternoon for Sarah Josephine Dula, eight-year-old daughter of Mrs. A. W. Dula, of 122 North Althury Street, Lenoir. The child died Friday night after an illness of three weeks.

Rev. B. Dwight Ware, pastor of the First Methodist Church, was assisted by Dr. A. A. McLean, pastor of the Presbyterian Church. The funeral was held from the home and the body interred in Belleview cemetery.

The child became ill several weeks ago, and numerous complications, chief among which was pneumonia, set in. Her strength was sapped and despite loving care and physicians' skill, her life could not be saved.—Lenoir News-Topic

SMITHEY WILL OPEN BOONE STORE HERE ABOUT FIRST

N. B. Smithey, owner of Smithey's Hotel in Wilkesboro and leading mercantile figure in both Caldwell and Wilkes counties, is expected to open a store in Boone about the first of the month, he having rented the old Farmers Hardware Company building for that purpose.

Mr. Smithey began his mercantile career in Wilkesboro many years ago, later added the Goodwill Store in North Wilkesboro, the Smithey Store in Lenoir, one in Hickory, and the Boone enterprise will be the fifth link in the chain. It is understood that Mr. Smithey will open a more or less general line in Boone, dry goods and groceries predominating.

With hogs selling from two to three cents a pound below normal the Shy method of feeding again proves profitable according to records of four Jones County farmers.