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GEORGE ADAMS, MURDERER, NOT BOONE RESIDENT

Desperado Who Killed Dry Law Agents Near Fort Wayne, Indiana, Not a Citizen of Boone, Telegram from Police Chief Reveals. Report Generally Circulated that Killer Was Boone Man

Following the Associated Press dispatch of July 22 from Fort Wayne, Ind., telling of the slaying of two Federal prohibition agents, near that city by one George Adams, alleged bootlegger, the report was freely circulated throughout this section of the country and pretty generally accepted as correct, that the killer was the George Adams, native Wataugan, who until a few months ago was a resident of Boone. The report seemed to have come from pretty authentic sources, and additional credence was lent because of the fact that George Adams was known to have resided somewhere in the Middle West for a period of time. The rumor was exploded, however, on Saturday when The Democrat wired the police chief of the Indiana city for the description and home address of the murderer. The following reply was received:

"George Adams, 35, five feet, five one-fourth inches in height, 186 pounds, Polish. In custody, Charge murder, 2425 Fifth Street, Fort Wayne. (Signed) Loughlin, Police Chief."

The official's description eliminates the Watauga man; George is far short of the weight indicated, and could in no wise have become identified as of Polish ancestry. He is also right seriously crippled, which would have naturally paramounted an official description.

KELVINATOR COMPANY GIVES AWAY \$20,000 IN PRIZES

A great deal is being said in the papers these days about the twenty thousand-dollar contest that the Kelvinator people are putting on. Their local representative, John B. Steele, says that he sees no reason why some of the prizes shouldn't come to Watauga County as well as anywhere else. "It is simply a matter of securing a refrigeration score card and checking a Kelvinator against it, then write a short letter on what you have done," he says, "and he will be glad to cooperate with anyone who will enter the contest and give them all the information and help possible."

Mr. Steele says that the Kelvinator people are not saying anything about hard times; that on July first they had already sold more refrigerators than all last year, and while many companies are curtailing they are launching a quarter-million-dollar advertising campaign.

JUSTICE'S COURT

The following cases were tried before Justice E. N. Hahn since last Thursday:

H. S. Bunting, liquor, not guilty.

Charlie Steele, abusing family, not guilty.

Amidas Wheeler, liquor, probable cause; appearance bond set at \$300.

Kermit Cornett, public drunkenness, guilty; 30 days in jail, judgment suspended on condition that he refrain from drink for a period of six months.

B. F. Welborn, worthless check, 30 days in jail; judgment suspended on payment of check and costs.

N. L. Harrison, violation fish law, waves examination; \$100 bond for appearance at fall term of Superior Court.

Robert Gold, violation fish law, waves examination; \$100 bond for appearance at fall term of Superior Court.

Charles Tearne, public drunkenness, costs.

THE WEATHER

Weather report for week ending July 25th, 1931, as compiled by the Co-operative Station at Appalachian State Teachers College, J. T. C. Wright, observer:

Average maximum temperature, 82 degrees.

Average minimum temperature, 61 degrees.

Average temperature, 71 degrees.

Average daily range in temperature, 20 degrees.

Greatest daily range in temperature, 23 degrees; date, 19th, 20th, 23rd.

Average temperature at 6 p. m. (time of observation), 75 degrees.

Highest temperature reached, 85 degrees; date, 19th, 20th.

Lowest temperature reached, 58 degrees; date, 23rd.

Number inches of rainfall (including melted snow), 1.40.

Greatest rainfall in 24 hours, 0.59; date, 23rd.

Number of clear days, 3.

Number of cloudy days, 1.

Number of partly cloudy days, 3.

Direction of prevailing wind, west.

Date of hail, 23rd.

Date of fogs, 20th.

Dates of thunderstorms, 19th, 20th, 23rd, 25th.

Other phenomena described as follows: Double rainbow on 21st.

J. D. Brown Family Holds Reunion Sunday

A reunion of the J. D. Brown family was held at the home at Blowing Rock on the 19th when eight children and their families gathered together for the week-end. Only one child, Jim Brown, a resident of Phoenix, Arizona for about twenty years, was absent. A bounteous dinner was spread for the occasion and a good time enjoyed, this, it is said, being perhaps the first time so many of the children ever assembled at the old home place.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Connor Brown, Spokane, Wash.; Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Carvey, Winston-Salem, with three children; Mrs. Joan L. Banner and small son, Americus, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Clark Brown and three children, Jefferson; Mrs. R. B. Lee and infant son, Greenville, N. C.; Kent and Glenn Brown, students at Appalachian College, Boone; and Attorney Wade E. Brown of Boone.

PATROLMAN TO BE LOCATED IN BOONE

Thirty New Patrolmen Have Been Added to the Highway Force. One Will Be Stationed at Boone. Nine Cities Have More Than One.

The reorganized and enlarged State Highway Patrol met at the fair grounds in Raleigh Monday and the week has been spent in motorcycle drills and the performance of other duties before their new uniforms arrive on Saturday. Under the new system there will be six lieutenants, 12 sergeants, 12 corporals and 36 patrolmen working under the direction of Captain Charles D. Frazier, and of especial local interest is the announcement that one member of the force will be stationed at Boone. Lieutenants will be stationed in the five newly-created highway districts, and the larger organization is expected to begin functioning right away.

Only nine cities in the State will be locations for more than one patrolman, each of the following having been allowed two: Greenville, Wilmington, Raleigh, Durham, Fayetteville, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Charlotte and Asheville.

Hens Fed Well Pay During Hot Months

Because eggs are low in price and the hens are allowed to range over the farm, many North Carolina growers neglect their birds in mid-summer and fail to feed them the proper rations.

"When the hens are fed a properly balanced ration made from home grown feeds, they continue to pay their way even in periods of low egg prices such as occur generally in the summer in this State," says C. F. Parrish, extension poultryman at State College. "Some growers sell off their hens or let them shift for themselves. This is a bad practice and runs a source of additional revenue. The successful poultryman gets his greatest profits by feeding for continued egg production throughout the whole year rather than depending on seasonal production."

Parrish says he usually finds some owners of farm flocks giving their birds the range of the farm in summer and giving them little mash feed. This is followed immediately by a decrease in egg production. Consumption of mash must be encouraged during this season if the greatest number of eggs are to be obtained. It takes about 25 pounds of feed for each hen for the four months of June, July, August and September. Each bird eats about 11 pounds of grain feed and 14 pounds of mash. This will cost about 57 cents. The average of eggs laid during this period, according to records kept by North Carolina growers, is 63. Valuing these eggs at the low average price of 21 cents a dozen, they would return \$1.10. This leaves a margin of 53 cents a hen for the four summer months. A flock of 100 hens would thus pay \$53 above feed costs under average conditions.

This would indicate, says Mr. Parrish, that feeding the old hens properly during the summer is not a dead loss and proves that proper care of the flock will return a profit at all times.

BOX SUPPER AT MILLER SCHOOL A BIG SUCCESS

The box supper which was held at Miller School on Saturday night, July 25th, netted over \$20.00. This money will be used wherever needed in that community to dress children who otherwise could not attend school for lack of clothing. The fine attitude of this community to take care of its own problems as far as possible is most commendable.

Other communities are said to be making plans along this line, and it is hoped that the movement will reach every community in the county.

A public sale of 30 purebred Hampshire rams will be sold at Sparta this summer to help improve stock in Alleghany County.

LIQUOR ISSUE THRUST INTO SENATORIAL RACE BY ANNOUNCEMENT OF REYNOLDS

Asheville, N. C.—Robert R. Reynolds, Asheville attorney, Saturday threw the prohibition question into the 1932 North Carolina Democratic primary by announcing his candidacy for the Senatorial nomination on a platform advocating modification of the national prohibition laws. His candidacy, political leaders here predicted, will serve to draw a sharp line between the "wets" and "drys," and make the liquor issue a paramount one in the campaign.

Senator Cameron Morrison, whom he will oppose, is an ardent "dry." Frank Grät, State commissioner of labor, the only other announced candidate for the office, did not mention prohibition in his platform.

Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, and Tam Bowie, of West Jefferson, two others mentioned as possible senatorial candidates, are classed as "dry" in political circles.

Reynolds, who polled 92,000 votes when he opposed the late Senator Lee S. Overman in the 1926 primary, has never held a state-wide political office. His only other efforts of state-wide significance was an unsuccessful race for lieutenant governor. He has traveled widely and is the author of a book entitled "Around the World with Bob Reynolds."

"I am not half so strongly in favor of a revision of our prohibition laws as I am opposed to the evils they have brought into existence," Reynolds said in his platform announcement.

ENGINEERS LOCATE ROUTE OF HIGHWAY 60 EAST OF BOONE; PEOPLE DISSATISFIED

Engineers have tentatively located the route of Highway 60 from the New River bridge westward to the end of the city pavement at the junction of Highway 691, and the maps have been forwarded and displayed at the courthouse, according to law. The understanding is that provided no complaints are made during thirty days, the location will be made permanent, but that a hearing may be had before the board of commissioners at any time within that period, when dissatisfied property holders may be heard.

According to the proposed location, the change in the highway will begin at Three Forks Church where the road will cut in south of the present highway, across the hill fronting the Jerry Ray residence, through the farm of D. S. Ray, and hit the old road below the H. J. Havin home, run in front of and between this residence and the cheese factory, cross the present No. 60, and go to the north of it practically a straight line to the city limits. There it follows the original road to the end of the pavement, cutting down one curve near the Roy Johnson home, and providing an unusually straight section of road for the entire distance.

Develops Raspberry Of Great Promise

A new hybrid raspberry plant of great promise has been developed at State College through the experimental work of C. F. Williams, associate horticulturist of the North Carolina Experiment Station after five years of careful breeding.

The new plant is a cross of the Latham red raspberry on some Asiatic stock which is very vigorous and withstands the diseases and climatic conditions of the South. Mr. Williams began his breeding work in 1923 and in 1928 made the cross which now gives so much promise. He took into account that the present varieties of red raspberry have high quality and flavor but do not stand conditions in North Carolina and the South generally, except in high altitudes and in protected places. The Asiatic stock was found to be suitable for conditions here and to be very vigorous and fruitful. Therefore, the cross was made.

As a result, the scientist now has a raspberry which combines the good qualities of both and those who have inspected the plants this year and have tasted the fruit pronounce it one of the best. These plants have been growing for five years which seems to prove their adaptability. Other plants set at the same time have long since died or become diseased.

The Experiment Station has none of the plants for distribution but will plant the present surplus at various points over the State next season. Large acre plantings will then be made the following year when it is expected to make the final test as to conditions in all parts of North Carolina. Mr. Williams then expects to have some plants for general distribution to interested growers.

This work by Mr. Williams will help to make raspberry growing in North Carolina more profitable and certain, in the opinion of Dr. R. Y. Winters, director of the station.

Seaweed industries are common in Japan.



ROBERT R. REYNOLDS

"My appeal therefore is not to the liquor interest or to the moral degenerates but rather to the straight thinking citizens who are sick and weary from our calamitous dose of political hypocrisy which has been served to us for thirteen years from a tarnished spoon of morality."

In addition to his prohibition views Mr. Reynolds advocates federal operation of interstate highways of the nation, a general reduction in the tariff, stricter immigration laws and "conscientious prosecution of the Sherman anti-trust act."

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Old Clothes Needed For School Children

The following plea has been issued by Mrs. M. B. Blackburn, chairman of Volunteer Red Cross Service, R. C. Rivers, chairman of the local Red Cross Chapter, and Smith Hagan, superintendent of public welfare:

Since the opening of the schools there has been an increasing list of families who report that they are unable to dress their children for school. These children must not lose their school year for lack of clothing. We are going to ask that every family which has outgrown or discarded clothing to please donate it for this purpose. Almost any clean garment can be used—shoes, overalls, shirts, adult clothing that can be made over, hats, caps and sweaters.

There is a representative in each township. You can get in touch with her, or send your donation to Mrs. M. B. Blackburn, chairman of Volunteer Red Cross Service, Boone, the office of the Board of Education, or the Watauga Democrat office. If every family will help, much good will be accomplished.

Blowing Rock Home Is Razed by Flames

The summer residence of Dr. W. O. Goode of Charlotte, situated in the Green Hill section of Blowing Rock was totally destroyed by fire on Monday evening, inflicting a loss of about \$8,000, it is stated, which is partly covered by insurance. The house is supposed to have become ignited from a fire which had been kindled in the basement during the day when the building was being prepared for guests.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Womens' Missionary Society of the Boone Methodist Church will meet Monday afternoon, August 3rd, at 3 o'clock. There will be a meeting of the "Spiritual Life Committee" a few minutes before 3 o'clock in the pastor's study. New members solicited. Visitors welcome.

Civitan Club Hears J. Hampton Rich

Mr. J. Hampton Rich, of the B. Trail Highway Association was present at the meeting of the Civitan Club held last Thursday noon at the Boone Hotel, and spoke intelligently of his work and also that of the Park to Park Highway.

Reverend Mr. Kirby, South Field Secretary of the Advent Christian Church, was also present and made some interesting remarks.

Dr. Kephart of the Yonahlossee Camp who was a guest of the club, extended a very cordial invitation for the club to meet with him, which they decided to do at the next meeting, July 30th, 7 p. m.

It was also decided to have a Boys Day outing at the Jim Shall swimming pool, Valle Crucis, Thursday, August 6th. Each member of the club is to bring a boy. Supper will be served picnic style at 7 p. m.

HORSE SHOW TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 4

Annual Event at Blowing Rock Expected to Attract Large Crowds. Many Fancy Horses Entered. Premium List Issued.

Blowing Rock's Eighth Annual Horse Show will be held Tuesday, August 4th, and indications now are that entries and crowd will be the largest in the history of this enjoyable event. Scores of saddle and harness horses have already been entered in the sixteen classes, and officials of the organization state that fancier stock than in years previous will take part in the exhibition which begins at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

Blowing Rock is enjoying large crowds during the heat wave which has visited the lowlands during the past several weeks, and these visitors are showing keen interest in the horse show. Local people are also looking forward with pleasure to the big day, and a spirit of co-operation is manifest which will undoubtedly carry the project to a satisfactory completion.

The official prize list recently issued by the association bears many rich purses, and numerous cups and ribbons for the various events. The entry fee in all classes is only one dollar. Blowing Rock's Civitan Club has offered a cup, appointed a committee, and is backing the enterprise in energetic fashion.

Officers of the association are: D. J. Boyden, president; John Bunn, vice-president; R. C. MacMahon, secretary. Directors are D. J. Boyden, H. R. McClellan, George Blagg, C. S. Prevette, M. M. Chapman, Dr. R. B. Seales, John Bunn and R. C. MacMahon.

Gets Added Income By Making Rag Rugs

An added income of about \$100 a year in addition to the returns from her small farm of 20 acres is secured by Mrs. Minnie Tyson of Carthage, Moore County from the sale of rag rugs made at home during spare time.

"Mrs. Tyson began making rugs when she was but a child," says Mrs. Walter Ryals, home agent of Moore County. "She has made a number with very beautiful designs from time to time in the past years. The only rugs in her home were those which she had made. Last year, she began to make them for sale. One rug that she made about 21 years ago was sold to a winter resident of the Sandhills for \$175. As a usual thing, Mrs. Tyson gets from \$20 to \$25 each for her rugs."

Mrs. Ryals says this energetic woman gets woolen, cotton and silk garments which have been cast off, dyes these in an iron pot in her yard, cuts them into strips and then weaves the rugs into beautiful and intricate designs that are much in demand. The rugs have a base of sound tow sacks and are hemmed to prevent any unraveling. The dyes used are the best obtainable and are mixed at home.

Mrs. Tyson lives alone in a small home back of her regular farm home. She found it necessary to give up her home for the use of a tenant who could handle her farm. This small home, however, is brightened with rugs of beautiful pattern, is well screened and made cheerful by many flowers. She does no advertising but orders for her rugs come from friends of those who have purchased from her previously. She exhibits the designs which she draws upon the old tow sacks and into which she works the colorful rugs. The rag supply is somewhat limited at home, and so she depends on acquaintances to send her a supply from time to time. Whenever she gets enough ahead for a rug she gets to work. If she has an unfilled order and no rugs, then she buys some wherever they can be obtained, says Mrs. Ryals.

LIGHTNING KILLS COW

Two fine cows belonging to Messrs. Hooper Hendrix and Thomas Moretz were killed by a flash of lightning Monday afternoon in a pasture where they were grazing near Perkinsville.

COUNTY HEALTH BOARD ENGAGED IN WIDE PROGRAM

Gordon Battle Is Sanitary Officer and Educational Campaign Is Now in Full Swing With Drive for Rural Health Through Sanitation. Watauga One of Seven in State to Institute This Work.

Mr. Gordon Battle, former employee of the State Board of Health, is now engaged as sanitary officer for the newly created Watauga County Board of Health and entered upon his new duties the first of the month. He has already made quite an extensive survey of rural Watauga and is instituting an educational campaign for rural health, largely through sanitary measures. This program consists of the elimination of the unsanitary privy in the country, sewer connections in the towns, safe water, screens and enforcing of the standard milk ordinance, Grade "A" milk. Mr. Battle explains that while conditions in Watauga are no worse than elsewhere (maybe not as bad as in some sections), there is plenty to be done, but he is highly pleased with the spirit of co-operation which has marked his first contact with the local citizenry. He finds forty buildings within the town of Boone without sewer connections, and states that the condition is being remedied now. Eleven tenant houses near the college are now being connected, and money will be secured to build standard sanitary privies at the rural schools. Superintendent Smith Hagan, who is a member of the local health board, is co-operating in the work, and rural sanitation is being stressed in the county schools. City officials are lending their aid and are demanding immediate sewer connection of those who have been using privies. The city water is pronounced excellent.

Mr. Battle solicits the co-operation of all the people of the county in the work he is beginning here, and wants the citizens to feel free to report any and all menaces to the public health in their communities.

Watauga is one of seven counties which has secured a health officer under the newly-inaugurated arrangement. H. E. Miller, former chief engineer of the North Carolina Department of Sanitary Engineering and now in charge of public sanitation in the United States, is supervising the local work which is paid for by the United States Public Health Service and the State Board of Health, co-operating.

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Boy Wins Battle With Snake Bite

Newport, Tenn.—Cleopus Cleveland, nine-year-old boy, bitten a week ago by a copperhead snake, Tuesday was reported recovering although no medical attention has been given him.

James Cleveland, the father of the boy who lives near here, refused to allow his son to be given medical treatment.

Cleveland is a member of a religious sect which, he said, prohibits medical treatment for any injury or illness. Scores of members of the sect prayed for the boy's recovery.

The boy suffered intense pain from the snake bite and residents of the community threatened to invoke the law to have him taken to a hospital.

ANNIVERSARY SALE EVENT

In this issue of The Democrat Harris Brothers Department Store makes announcement of their second anniversary sale of dry goods, and the prices quoted in the advertising make valuable reading matter. Harris Brothers have enjoyed a wide patronage during their two years' career here and believe that owing to the unusually deep price cuts this year's sale event will draw wider interest than any event of the past.

CARROTS BRING GOOD PRICE

Dr. and Mrs. Otis Bingham of Sugar Grove, were in town Friday morning, bringing with them four crates of fine carrots, grown in two rows in their garden, which they sold on the local market for \$18.75. Ten more rows are ready to be pulled, and will be marketed within the next few days. The Bingham are among the county's most progressive agriculturists and their experiment in the culture of carrots is proving quite profitable.

MAYOR'S COURT

Only one case was tried by Mayor Moretz since last Thursday. Henry Ragan, charged with public drunkenness, was taxed with the costs on Friday.

Moscow.—George Bernard Shaw celebrated his 75th birthday Tuesday by going to the horse races—the first he ever saw in his life.