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LOCAL LEGION POST INSTALLS OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR

Spirit of Optimism Pervades Large Gathering Friday Night. Lionell Ward New Commander; Stuart Barnes, Adjutant. Speeches Made by Retiring Officers. Isaacs Asks Co-operation in District Work.

Between thirty-five and forty members of Watauga Post 130, American Legion, met in Legion Hall last Friday evening. The assembled members were highly enthusiastic for the occasion marked the installation of the new 1931-32 post officers. The following officials, who were elected last May, were duly installed and given the oath of office:

Lionell Ward, commander; J. C. McConnell, vice-commander; Stuart J. Barnes, adjutant; B. K. Osborne, finance officer; J. Wilson Norris, service officer; Spencer Miller, guardship officer; Roy Haynes, sergeant-at-arms; Robert S. Castle, Chaplain; S. F. Horton, historian; N. G. Cook, athletic officer; V. C. Howell, child welfare officer; Sam Adkins, employment officer; Robert M. Gingrich, membership officer; Fred Winkler, publicity officer.

Before partaking of the sumptuous feed of sandwiches, cake and coffee, several good speeches were made by retiring officers and other members. The optimism of the post shows clearly that each and every member has his shoulder to the wheel in an endeavor to maintain Watauga Post on the high basis that it has always held in the State convention.

After the refreshments and several good jokes by members had been enjoyed, other talks were made, including one by Claude B. Woltz. Mr. Charles Younce, retiring commander, spoke on the recognition N. C. is now given by virtue of the National Legion's choice of Henry L. Stevens for the commandship.

Mr. Lloyd S. Isaacs, new district commander, made a few remarks, and asked for the co-operation of Watauga Post in his work, which every member gladly agreed to give. The meeting adjourned with the singing of "America."

Smithy's Store Opens

Dry Goods Department

Announcement is made of the opening in the Smithy Store of a large and complete line of dry goods and ready-to-wear, which is a separate department to the big grocery store which has been doing a fine business at the old Farmers Hardware stand for several months. With the news of the announcement comes a large advertisement in this issue of The Democrat, giving the details of the grand opening sale, which begins Friday and lasts for thirty days, and the specific prices contained therein fully justify the slogan of Smithy's as the "Great Bargain Givers." The attention of the reader is directed to page three.

The new department occupies the entire second floor of the building and Mr. George Danner has been placed in charge of the dry goods end.

September Weather the Most Beautiful in Years; Nineteen Sunshiny Days

Average Temperature of 66 Degrees. Only 2.09 Inches of Rain. Other Data Compiled by Observer Wright at Bureau.

With an average temperature of 66 degrees, a rainfall of little more than two inches, with nineteen clear days and eight more during which the sun made intermittent appearances, Watauga enjoyed one of the most beautiful Septembers in her history. But on the 29th and 30th came light frosts with falling temperatures, and in the early hours of these mornings mercury registered 31 degrees; just enough cold to make a double blanket feel good. Following is some interesting data compiled by J. T. C. Wright of the local bureau on weather conditions for the first full month:

Average maximum temperature, 78 degrees.
Average minimum temperature, 51 degrees.
Average temperature, 66 degrees.
Average daily range in temperature, 24 degrees.
Greatest daily range in temperature, 37 degrees, date 29th, 30th.
Average temperature at 6 p. m. (time of observation), 69 degrees.
Highest temperature reached, 86 degrees; date 21st, 22nd, 23rd.
Lowest temperature reached, 31 degrees; dates, 29th, 30th.
Number inches of rainfall, 2.09.
Greatest rainfall in 24 hours, 1.14, date 3rd.
Number of clear days, 19.
Number of cloudy days, 3.
Number of partly cloudy days, 8.
Direction of prevailing wind, west.

New G.A.R. Chief



Samuel B. Towse, of Philadelphia, enlisted in the Pennsylvania cavalry when 18 and served under Sheridan.

KRAUT FACTORY REPORTS A GOOD MARK'T OUTLOOK

Local Cannery Has Been Operating for Past Month, and 500,000 Lbs. of Cabbage Is Now in Fermenting Vats. Output Will Be Less Than Last Year on Account of Shortage in Cabbage Crop.

The local sauer kraut factory, operated by the North State Canning Company, reports an increase in sales with the coming of cooler weather, and although this year's output of the commodity will be scarcely more than one-third that of last year, President W. F. Miller believes that business this winter will be favorable. The short pack is due to the fact, says Mr. Miller, that the 10 acres contracted by his company yielded only about fifty per cent. of a good normal crop.

The cannery has been operating at full blast for about thirty days and ten 25-ton vats have already been filled with cabbage for fermenting. Twelve people are now employed.

It is stated that orders for kraut juice are showing a steady increase and that a number of these are filled, to be filled when canning is started.

Pastors Confer to Meet With Willowdale

On October 12-13 the Pastor's Conference of Three Forks Baptist Association will convene at Willowdale Church. Unusual interest is being manifested in the approaching meeting and the following interesting program has been worked out by the committee:

Devotional by Rev. L. A. Wilson at 10 o'clock a. m.; 10:20 a. m., "The Every Member Canvass";

"What Is the Every Member Canvass For?" P. A. Hicks; "What Is the Plan of Organization in the Churches?" J. G. Greer; "How Can the Laymen and Women Help to Put It On and Make it a Success?" R. C. Eggers; "Who Has the Greatest Responsibility for Making It a Success in the Local Churches?" J. A. McKaughn; "Why Should a Christian Give, and How Much Should a Christian Give?" Smith Hagaman and A. J. Greene.

Features of entertainment have been worked out, and Roy Dotson, secretary, urges a full attendance of members.

SINGING WELL ATTENDED

The semi-annual county singing convention was held at the courthouse last Sunday, and the occasion was, as usual, greatly enjoyed by the hundreds who came. The music rendered by the various classes was of a fine order, and the attendance was heavy.

ODD FELLOWS TO BUILD HALL

Next week members of Deep Gap Lodge I. O. O. F. will start the building of a hall for the order. This is the only lodge of the order now functioning in Watauga, and all old members are invited to join there as members. Meetings are held twice a month, the second and fourth Saturdays at 7:30 p. m.

70 Students Work for Degrees at A. S. T. C.; Seniors Elect Officers

Twenty-seven Hope to Complete Course in Grammar Grade Education. Claude Pyatte Is President of Seniors.

In Appalachian State College there are seventy young men and women who expect to secure degrees this year. Of these, ten will graduate in Primary Education; twenty-seven in Grammar Grade Education, eighteen in Physical Education and Science, five in Physical Education and Mathematics, and sixteen in Science and Mathematics.

The Senior Class recently elected officers for the year. Claude Pyatte, of Avery County, who came to this college three years ago from Crossnore School, is president.

JURY DRAWN FOR SPECIAL TERM OF SUPERIOR COURT

Two-weeks Term Will Convene on November 2. Jurors Drawn Tuesday Afternoon, List Given. More Than 75 Cases Have Been Calendar for Trial. Judge McKee Is Preside.

Tuesday afternoon the jurors were drawn for service in the special term of Superior Court for Watauga County, which will convene on November 2, for a two-weeks session with Judge McKee presiding. Only civil cases will be tried next month, it is stated, the term having been fixed by Governor Gardner, after the Bar Association had made demands for more time in which to clean up a congested docket. Clerk of the Court A. E. South states that there are about seventy-five cases which will be tried during the two weeks.

Those whose names have been drawn for jury service, are as follows:

First Week—George Austin, Roy Adams, M. D. Miller, A. T. Parker, John E. Greer, J. C. Hodges, Roger McGuire, Lester Carroll, John B. Steele, J. Allen Gragg, J. L. Wilson, C. C. Triplett, Thomas Arnette, Rudney Greene, Joe Presnell, Calvin Andrews, F. R. Bumgarner, Dean Reaves, Clyde Robinson, R. P. Miller, E. B. Hagaman, M. D. Brown, J. W. Hollifield, Sidney Wilson.

Second Week—J. F. Jackson, A. Y. Howell, Paul Narris, Roscoe Cook, Charles Houck, Boyd Norris, W. D. Lookbill, Dock Edmisten, Carl Ruppert, E. F. Norris, D. M. Edmisten, Dave Heason, Fred C. Norris, Coy Love, H. C. Shook, James B. Mast, Joe C. Norris, J. R. Hendrix, George Edmisten, J. E. Maliba, G. W. Church, R. L. Wallace, R. F. McDade, W. M. Wallace.

Appalachian Scores Win Over High Point, 20 to 0; Meet King College Sat.

Panthers Fail to Break Down Defense of Teachers, But Get 20 First Downs. Aerial Attack Paves Way to Victory.

The Appalachian State Mountaineers proved too powerful for High Point College here Saturday and captured a 20-0 victory. Time and again High Point's Purple Panthers fought goalward but could not break down the State Teachers' defense, and twenty first downs failed to produce a score.

The Mountaineers launched their first touchdown march in the opening period and after a series of line bucks and a short pass, Baucum, State halfback, broke away for ten yards and the score. A dazzling aerial attack in the second period paved the way for the second touchdown when Triplett passed to Fitzgerald for fifteen yards and the marker Mahoney, Teacher tackle, kicked goal after both of these scores.

The third and last score came in the third period when Red Walker galloped 12 yards through the High Point team for a touchdown. Mahoney missed this try for point. The Panthers gained at will in midfield but the Teachers' lawys braced in their danger zone, stopping one drive on the four-yard line. Coach Johnson of the Mountaineers used all of his second-string men in the final quarter.

Appalachia meets King College in Bristol Saturday in what is expected to be one of the toughest struggles of the season. The game will be called at 2 o'clock Eastern time.

Local Negroes Figure In Fatal Auto Accident

A car belonging to the Teague Taxi Service of Boone and hired out to Burrell Horton, colored, employee of the Central Tire Company, blew a tire near Darlington, S. C., Tuesday, and a North Wilkesboro negroess, Catherine Ridgel, was killed, according to meager information reaching Boone. The three other occupants of the car were injured, according to the report.

The taxi was hired to Horton and he, in company with Leon Wright and wife of Boone, it is understood started to Winston-Salem. However, it seems that in North Wilkesboro they were joined by the deceased woman and proceeded into South Carolina. R. L. Teague, owner of the car, has received information to the effect that the machine was literally demolished. The extent of the injuries received by other members of the party is not known here.

NOT A TRUE BILL

Some time ago in a report of Justice's Court it was stated that Ira Pennell had been bound to Superior Court on a charge of larceny. The young man's father tells The Democrat that the charge was undoubtedly a frivolous one, for the case was thrown out in the grand jury room, there being insufficient evidence to warrant the returning of a bill.

NISWONGER SAYS POTATOES SHOULD BE MOVED EARLY

Extension Horticulturist Visits in Boone and Converses on the Farm Situation. Believes that Potatoes Should Be Marketed Early to Avoid Further Possible Decline in Market. Avery Growers Get 60c.

H. R. Niswonger, extension horticulturist for the State College, visited briefly in Boone last Thursday. When asked for an opinion as to the potato market, the farm authority expressed the personal belief that mountain potatoes should be marketed as rapidly as is possible, to avoid chances for further market deflections, and incidentally had a word of praise for the Mountain Growers Exchange, in their efforts to induce the farmers to sell their spuds. Mr. Niswonger was returning from Avery County and called attention to the fact that farmers there are now receiving 60 cents per bushel for number one potatoes on the cars, which he points out is only seven cents below the 1928 low price level.

Mr. Niswonger believes that the farmers are now confronted with a serious proposition of "getting by" the same as has been experienced in every other line of industry. He sees little hope of any large profits this fall, but thinks that opportune marketing will allow producers to make considerable above an "even break" on their crops of this season.

He states that so far as he has observed Yellow Globe onions have enjoyed the most stable market condition of any vegetable adapted to the mountains, and is intensely interested in the initial attempts of local farmers to produce the vegetable on a commercial basis.

J. Roby Isaacs Bound to Court on Rape Charge By Justice Edwin Hahn

Conflicting Evidence of Prosecuting Witness Noted by Court. Bond of \$1,000 Named. Defendant Proved Good Character.

J. Roby Isaacs of the Mabel community was bound to Watauga Superior Court Saturday afternoon by Justice E. N. Hahn, after an all day hearing on a charge of rape brought by Virginia Greene, a resident of the same section. Bond was fixed at \$1,000.

Miss Greene's evidence indicated that force had not been used in the alleged crime, but attorneys for the State, Messrs. Bingham, Linney and Bingham, urged a hearing before the higher court on a statutory rape charge, alleging that the plaintiff had been under 16 years of age. Attorney W. R. Lovell conducted the defense, argument and an cross-examination the prosecuting witness several times made conflicting statements as to the charge.

Since the swearing of the warrant an affidavit had been signed by her to the effect that the charges were false, and she branded this document as false. The afternoon court session was largely taken by the examination of character witnesses and many of the most prominent citizens of the Mabel and Zionville sections took the stand to testify as to the good character of the defendant. Several of these testified as to statements made to them by the plaintiff absolving Mr. Isaacs from guilt of any kind. Testimony as to the girl's character revealed nothing besides an alleged reputation for speaking falsely and for theft of petty articles.

The case was one of the most hotly contested ever known in a lower court here. The hearing began at 10 o'clock and lasted until after midnight, and here was a considerable crowd in attendance all through the day.

County Jail Is Now Lonely; No Occupants

Since nine o'clock Monday morning the Watauga County jail has been deserted in so far as prisoners are concerned, says Deputy Sheriff Clint Norris, who further states that this is the first time in his more than two years experience as Watauga jailer, that there has not been one or more persons incarcerated. To add to the good news, there had not Tuesday afternoon been a violator brought before the Mayor of the town since the last issue of The Democrat came from the press.

BANNER CHILD SUCCEUMS

Edith Katherine Banner, the four-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Banner, died at her home on Cove Creek Sunday morning, Sept. 27th. She had been in ill health for two weeks and her death was not unexpected. She is survived by her parents, seven sisters and four brothers. The little body was laid to rest in the family cemetery following brief funeral services at the residence. Rev. H. M. Wellman and Rev. J. A. McKaughn had charge of the service.

Dwight W. Morrow



New Jersey solo, whose sudden death occurred at his Englewood home early Monday afternoon.

DWIGHT MORROW PASSES IN SLEEP AT JERSEY HOME

Cerebral Hemorrhage Proves Fatal to U. S. Senator. A Forerunner of Dry Laws. Was Elected to the Upper House in 1930, Previous to Which Time He Was Ambassador to Mexico.

Englewood, N. J.—Senator Dwight W. Morrow died in his sleep Monday at the peak of a career which carried him into international prominence as a financier and diplomat. He was 58 years old. A secretary tried in vain to awaken the New Jersey Senator late in the morning and then called physicians. Although Mr. Morrow lived for two more hours, he never regained consciousness, and died at 1:52 p. m. of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 3 p. m. in the First Presbyterian Church of Englewood. The Senator was a member of the church of which Dr. Carl H. Elmote is pastor.

The news of his death was intensified by its unexpectedness. The father-in-law of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, who was a partner in the Morgan banking house until he resigned to become ambassador to Mexico, appeared in excellent health on the evening previous to his death, as he addressed a large gathering in New York and was cheered by 1,200 men and women for his advice about welfare work.

The passing of the man who had poured oil on the troubled waters of Mexico with his doctrine of courtesy, patience and understanding between nations, removed one of the country's foremost advocates of prohibition repeal, a man who frequently had been mentioned as a possible candidate for President or Vice-President in 1932, and a leader upon whom New Jersey Republicans had expected to lean heavily in the turbulent campaign now being waged for the office of Governor.

His death placed in the hands of Morgan F. Larson, Republican Governor of New Jersey, the power to preserve the Republican one-vote margin in the Senate. He will name a successor who will hold office until the general election in 1932 or until a special election is called. Senator Morrow's death leaves 47 Republicans, 47 Democrats and one Farmer-Laborite in the Senate.

Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh are on a vacation trip in the Orient.

FINGERS BADLY MANGLED BY AN ENSILAGE CUTTER

Mr. J. B. Horton of Vilas was in Boone early Thursday morning to secure medical attention for a badly injured hand, the result of an accident with a feed cutter which he was operating. The ends of two fingers were badly mangled in the machine, which was being used in filling silos on the Horton farm.

Bounties to Be Offered For Predatory Animals And Birds Until Feb.

County Game Warden Asks That Permits Be Secured Before Pests Are Killed. Bass Season to Close Nov. 1st.

County Game Warden H. Grady Farthing announces the following bounties which will be paid by the State Department of Conservation and Development on predatory birds and animals between October 1st and February 15th: Cooper and Sharp-shinned hawks, 25c; crows, 15c, and wildcats, \$2.00.

Those who desire to kill any kind of game for the committal of depredations are urged by the warden to first secure written permits from their nearest deputy warden, thereby avoiding the embarrassment of possible arrest.

The open season on bass fishing will continue until November 1st. Fine catches have been reported from Watauga and New Rivers, and sportsmen are enjoying to the fullest what is said to be the most successful season in recent years.

BARGAIN CARNIVAL EXPECTED TO DRAW CROWDS TO BOONE

Merchants Join Together in Co-operative Effort to Stimulate Home Buying and "Pep-up" Fall Trade. Cash Prizes to Be Given. Thirty-three Stores and Shops Offer Special Inducements to the Thrifty.

Lots of people will be coming to Boone next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, for on these days the city's business men are joining together in a great Carnival of Bargains. Stores have applied the knife to prices, shops have agreed to do work cheaper, showhouses have reduced admission fees, and cafes will serve luscious meals for "a song."

It will truly be a carnival, and the people of Watauga should be in gala mood, for these days are in celebration of the return of pre-war prices. Thirty-three business houses are sponsoring the event, advertising matter is being liberally scattered over this and adjoining counties, free cash prizes are being offered and visitors will be presented proof-positive that Boone is the logical shopping center for Northwestern Carolina.

With winter fast approaching, bringing along its stringent demands for warmer clothing and the other necessities for cold weather, the Carnival of Bargains will allow shoppers a rare opportunity for thrifty buying. Sox, navy underwear, coats, ladies' dresses and coats, men's suits, shirts, hats, etc., furniture and equipment for the kitchen, foodstuffs, feed and grain; seasonable hardware, dishes and cutlery; pots, pans and tinware; shotguns, rifles and ammunition; jewelry, from diamonds to the necessary cuff links; automobile accessories, motor oil, gasoline, tires; drugs, drug sundries, school supplies; coal and kindling wood—these and hundreds of other items will be sold on next Thursday, Friday and Saturday at prices a great deal lower than in former days.

Bring along the "lizzie" and have her tuned up for the cold days at specially-reduced prices; have last year's suit and overcoat renovated for a fee that won't put wrinkles in your pocketbook; and then take all the kids to the theatre, see a good picture for a "little of nothing" and enjoy yourselves. And every time a purchase is made, the merchant will pass out a coupon which entitles the holder to a chance at valuable cash prizes to be given away on the closing night of the carnival.

All through the years the cry has been to "buy at home." From time to time merchants of Boone have offered individual inducements in the way of bargain sales, and the values they offered met the approval of the shopper. But the Carnival of Bargains offers an innovation—every store, representing every line in the merchandising profession, will throw its wares on the counter at reduced prices. The three-day event in its scope will have the appearance of one gigantic store, carrying everything from hardware to the latest fashions, declaring "big reductions in all departments!"

The attractive appearance of the stores and shops in Boone and the

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J. Polk Todd, Native of Watauga, Writes of Conditions in Northwest

No. 1 Wheat Sells for 39c Bushel in Washington. Most Bountiful Crops in History. Enjoys Reading The Democrat.

With No. 1 hard wheat selling for 39c a bushel, fat hogs bringing \$5.75 per hundred, and cattle the lowest in forty years, times are hard in the State of Washington, says J. Polk Todd, former Watauga, in a letter to his brother, Will G. Todd, of Boone. But crops, he further states, are the most bountiful in history, and the folks have plenty to eat, including fresh salmon, which are now heating the water into snow-white foam as the make their run up Snake River to spawn.

Mr. Todd has been in the Northwest for over thirty years, and much of his time has been spent in the grain business. During September he sold fifteen cars of wheat, he states, one of which had been in the elevator since 1925, accumulating charges of \$8 per ton besides insurance and taxes.

The letter states that Mrs. Epsie Moretz, Watauga woman who has lived in Caldwell for two years, spent a part of the summer with her brothers, J. R. and Roby Hagaman, who also reside near Colfax. The former is in very poor health, is confined to a hospital, and on account of his advanced age, little hope is entertained for his recovery. Reuben Greene, a son of the late Ben Greene of Blowing Rock, also resides near Mr. Todd.

In closing his interesting letter the writer says: "Tell Bob Rivers that The Democrat improves with every issue, and I read every copy with great interest."