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## LEES-M'RAE READY FOR HOME COMING SATURDAY OCT. 31

Notable Speakers to Appear on Day's Program. Congressman Bulwinkle to Deliver Main Address. Barbecue and Basket Picnic. Football Game in Afternoon. Exhibit of Avery County Farm Products.

Banner Elk.—Plans have been perfected for Home Coming Day at Lees-McRae College on Saturday, October 31st.

The day's program will begin with a buckwheat breakfast for the trustees and guests of the college. At 8 o'clock the regular college chapel exercises will be held, conducted by Fred Dickerson, Lees-McRae '31, who is coming with the delegation from Davidson College where he is a junior and member of the football squad.

At ten there will be a meeting of the trustees of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association in the library. At ten-thirty representatives from the Grandfather Orphanage and student societies and activities will give a literary program in the college auditorium. Music will be furnished by the College Glee Club.

At 12 noon, the address of the day will be delivered by Major Alfred L. Bulwinkle, of Gastonia, Congressman of the Ninth Congressional District. Following the address, a barbecue and basket picnic will be held in the Maple Grove, to which everyone is invited to bring his own basket. The barbecue being furnished free by the college.

At three the day's activities will be brought to a close by the football game between Lees-McRae and Weaver Junior colleges. This should prove of great interest as both teams have been playing good ball and the results will have an important bearing on the Junior College State Championship.

In addition to the formal program there will be a "Live at Home" exhibit in the Tennessee Lobby, showing the variety of crops grown on the school farm and also from Avery County at large. This exhibit is being arranged by the class in Mountain Farming.

The various buildings in connection with the work of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association will be open for inspection and President Edgar H. Tufts and his associates are hoping for a large attendance of alumni and friends of the school not only in this vicinity but from a distance as well.

## Bowie Makes Race for Long and Short Terms

Raleigh, N. C.—Judge T. C. Bowie who some time ago qualified as an early bird by filing and paying his fee for the primary for the United States Senate, Tuesday filed for the second time, and David P. Dellinger, candidate for Lieutenant Governor, has obtained a blank on which to file with the avowed purpose of paying his fee.

When Judge Bowie first filed and sent his check for \$50 it was called to his attention that Senator Cameron Morrison's appointment from the Governor expires with the next general election, instead of March 4th, 1933, the end of the term for which the late Senator Lee S. Overman was elected. Accordingly, a United States Senator must be elected for both the short and the long terms. Judge Bowie was asked which term he sought. He replaced his \$50 check with one for \$100 and filed for both.

## HIGHWAY SHOPS EAST OF BOONE NEARLY COMPLETED

The District Highway shops at Winkler siding just east of the city limits, are almost completed. Mr. Carl Winkler having done the work. The buildings consist of one large tool and repair shop, four garages, and double offices for the officials of the commission. They, combined, have a very pretty appearance from Highway 17, only a short distance away.

## THE WEATHER

Weather report for week ending October 24, 1931, as compiled by the Co-operative Station at Appalachian State Teachers College:

Average maximum temperature, 71 degrees.

Average minimum temperature, 32 degrees.

Average temperature, 51 degrees.

Average daily range in temperature, 36 degrees.

Greatest daily range in temperature, 45 degrees; dates, 19th, 20th, 22nd.

Average temperature at 6 p. m. (time of observation), 57 degrees.

Highest temperature reached, 78 degrees; date, 22nd.

Lowest temperature reached, 22 degrees; date, 19th.

Number inches of rainfall, 0.

Number of clear days, 6.

Number of partly cloudy days, 1.

Direction of prevailing wind, west.

Dates of heavy frost, 19th, 20th, 22nd.

Dates of light frost, 18th, 23rd, 24th.

## Washington's Successor



John R. Voorhis, Grand Sachem of Tammany Hall at 103, to be made Great Grand Sachem, an honor first accorded Washington alone has held.

## OPINION IS GIVEN IN GUY-WHITING CASE

Commissioner Wilson Awards Small Compensation to Beneficiaries of Deceased Man. Case First Heard Last April.

An opinion handed down by T. A. Wilson of the Industrial Commission in the case of W. E. Guy, deceased, Mrs. W. E. Guy, widow, and Lona Guy vs. Whiting Lumber Company, wherein the plaintiffs sought to establish that W. E. Guy came to his death as a result of injuries suffered while in the employ of the defendant company, awards compensation to the heirs of deceased at \$8.10 a week for a period of two weeks, and stipulates that the defendant company shall pay the medical and surgical cost due to the accident of September 16, 1930. Each party will pay its own costs.

This case first came up for hearing last April, was reopened for additional evidence in July, and was later moved to Abingdon, Va., where it was referred to the Virginia Commission. Mr. Guy was injured in 1928 while at work in that state, later entered the employ of the Whiting company, and while working on Beech Creek received a second injury to the head from which he suffered for a period of three weeks. He later returned to his work, but died of apoplexy some two months later. The burden of proof, according to Wilson's opinion, was upon the plaintiff, and in this case the Commission felt that the plaintiff had not sustained this burden. Therefore, it was necessary to dismiss the death claim.

However, compensation was awarded for a period of two weeks, as the deceased was temporarily and totally disabled for three weeks, the first week being the waiting period.

## Rutabagas Grown Here Finding Ready Market

Rutabagas should take their place along with the leaders in Watauga County cash crops, in the opinion of L. S. Jones, manager of the local A. & P. Store, which concern has been providing a market for a considerable quantity of the product. Single orders have been placed with local growers for as many as 1,000 pounds, and the quality is pronounced as very fine. A. & P. officials state they are anxious to use as much Watauga produce as possible and that there is a possibility of their being able to use the rutabagas and other vegetables in enormous quantities, should the trial orders prove as satisfactory as is anticipated.

## Four Receive Injuries In Auto Collision Sat.

A near fatal collision occurred Saturday on Highway 60 one mile west of the city limits when a car driven by Miss Mary Kidd collided with a truck operated by Rose Hollar. In the car with Miss Kidd were her mother, Mrs. E. B. Kidd, and Miss Virginia Spencer of Charlotte. All three of the ladies received bruises and cuts, Mrs. Kidd sustaining injuries to her back which have kept her in bed since the wreck. Mr. Hollar suffered a broken nose, a deep cut over the eye and bruises. Both vehicles were badly damaged.

## Freaks of Nature Seen In Deep Gap Section

A rose bush in full bloom at the home of L. A. Watson, a cherry tree covered with blossoms in the yard of Alfred Watson, and a chestnut tree bearing its second bloom of the year, are freaks of nature reported from the Deep Gap section of Watauga County.

Superstitious individuals of the community gave varied opinions as to the omen borne by these unusual happenings. Some predict that disaster will follow; others believe that this year of plenty will be followed by famine; but the casual observers opine that Mother Nature picked out eastern Watauga as a spot wherein to break open her "bag of tricks."

## SPEAKERSHIP OF NEXT HOUSE IS STILL UNDECIDED

Independents Show Disapproval of Tilson and Snell. May Name Own Candidate. Five vacancies to Be Filled in November. Governor of New Jersey Seeks to Have Laws Changed So as to Permit Balloting.

Washington, D. C.—An independent's assertion that the outstanding candidates for the Republican speakership nomination were not satisfactory to his group added to the uncertainty today over which party will control the next House.

Representative Christgau of Minnesota, asserted that neither Tilson of Connecticut nor Snell of New York, suited the independents or other members from the West.

Calling upon the independents to "assert their leadership," the Minnesota member said that unless either the Republican or Democratic parties adopted a constructive legislative program, his faction would offer a candidate for the speakership.

Five of the vacancies are to be filled at special elections November 3rd. Three vacancies are normally republican districts and two democratic. If the Democrats fail to carry the usually Republican First Ohio and the Eighth Michigan districts, as they expect, each party will have 216 seats.

Governor Larson, of New Jersey, has called the Legislature into session Monday to change the laws so an election may be held to fill the vacancy in the First District created by the death of Representative Ernest R. Ackerman last Sunday.

Governor Winant, of New Hampshire, is expected to decide upon a special election next week, after the burial of Representative Hale at Laconia Sunday.

In the meantime, quiet campaigns are being made among the Republicans in behalf of Tilson, the party floor leader, and Snell, for six years chairman of the rules committee.

## Seeks Aid for Home For Crippled Children

Miss Florence E. Boyd, of Lenoir, was in Boone last week, visiting hurriedly with friends and outlining to them her plans for taking care of crippled children of the mountain region. She issues the following statement, addressed to the people of Watauga, relative to the work she is carrying forward:

"After a number of years experience in welfare work I became deeply interested in crippled children, and saw a great need for a home where these children could be taken and given special care, and at the same time given an education and vocational training. Very often after they have had treatment in a hospital they go back to homes in isolated sections of our mountains where they are unable to walk the distance to school and cope with normal children.

"Nearly five years ago I took a crippled child into my home in Lenoir and since that time I have cared for twenty-three, from Caldwell, Burke, Ashe, Haywood, Wilkes, Yancey and Watauga counties, five coming from Watauga.

"I am now planning to enlarge my activities along these lines. I am trying to erect suitable buildings between Blowing Rock and Linville, on the Yonahlossee road. I am asking the people everywhere to help. The citizens in the neighborhood are aiding me nicely. We can utilize labor, lumber, cabbage, potatoes, apples and almost anything that people eat. We are planning for a storage room in Boone. Supplies can be brought to Boone and we will receive them there. People who are willing to work will have an opportunity to do so. We can furnish living rooms and meals. We shall greatly appreciate any help from any one."

## Near-fatal Knife Wound Result of Sunday Brawl

Ambrose McLean of Banner Elk R. F. D., was stabbed in the back by Lawrence Griffen Sunday afternoon, following an argument which is said to have been precipitated by jealousy. The injured man was brought to Boone where medical examination by Dr. J. B. Haganman disclosed that the blade had pierced a large blood vessel near the left shoulder blade. He was in a weakened state due to the loss of blood, but was able to go to his home after the wound had been dressed.

Griffin, who is an employee of the Champion Fiber Company, was lodged in jail Monday. No date has yet been set for preliminary hearing.

## ATTEND FRATERNAL MEET

The District Meeting of the Junior Order was held in Morganton last Tuesday evening and a number of local members attended the sessions, including Messrs W. O. Robertson, W. M. Hodges, Luther Clay and Clyde R. Greene.

## MRS. TOM PHILLIPS DROPS ALIENATION ACTION SATURDAY

Lenoir Woman Makes "Satisfactory" Settlement With Rich Charlotte Widow. Judge Walter Moore Signs Order Dismissing Case. Suit Outgrowth of Death of Thomas Phillips on July 20th.

Lenoir, N. C.—Private settlement of the \$50,000 alienation of affection suit filed two months ago by Mrs. Beatrice Phillips of Lenoir against Mrs. Charlotte Yount of Charlotte, was reported at the Clerk of the Court's office here Saturday. The sum reached through the compromise was not made public.

Judge Walter E. Moore, presiding at the Lincoln term of Superior Court, signed the order dismissing the case when Spurling and Meekins, local attorneys for the firm, signed an agreement to the plaintiff, and Bailey Patrick and W. B. Council, of a Hickory law firm, signed an agreement to the "satisfaction" of both the plaintiff and defendant.

Mrs. Phillips, wife of the late T. J. Phillips, entered suit shortly after the tragic death of her husband at King's Mountain on July 20. A coroner's inquest returned a verdict that he met his death at the hands of an unknown person, although Mrs. Yount testified that he had threatened suicide. She was the only person with Phillips at the time of the tragedy.

The suit was based on allegations of long-standing friendship, love letters, letters and expensive gifts to Mrs. Yount. It was filed here in the superior court in August.

## College Girls Go A. W. O. L. and Visit Town

In celebration of Appalachia's victory over Catawba College Saturday afternoon, more than two hundred girls from the institution's dormitories went A. W. O. L. in the early evening hours and visited the business district en masse. Garbed in pajamas of chameleon hues, barelegged and bareheaded, velling at the top of their voices, happy and carefree, this horde of feminine loveliness took the town by storm. Bringing up the rear were some two dozen male students, worry written deep on their faces, trying to keep pace with the girls, and begging to be let in on the secret.

But on they came! Halting at a busy street intersection, they gave vent to a rousing yell that went something like this: "Are we sad, h—no; are we happy, h—yes! Rah! Rah! Rah!" And happy they were, for hadn't the Appalachian Mountaineers just a few hours previously beaten the Catawba Indians by a margin of one point?

Following their visit uptown, the young ladies made whoopee for a couple of hours on the campus, still wearing their bedtime habiliments, still raring to go places, and seeing things. But despite the beauty of the night, the forbearing matrons finally had their way, and the cuddlesome lambs were ushered to their rooms, all of them happy, "h—yes."

Those of the citizenry who possess aesthetic emotions were not in the least offended by the visit of these college girls. "H—no!"

## Five Negroes Hailed Before Mayor "Craps"

Five Boone colored boys were arraigned before Mayor Moretz Monday morning on a charge of gambling, after a crap game in which they participated in the furnace room of the Watauga Bank building had been brought to an abrupt halt by Officer Norris. Those who enjoyed the uncertain capers of the "gallipating dominoes" were Will Folk, George Gimes, Fisco Wright, John Henry Grimes and Misher Dolan. Each of the defendants was fined one dollar.

Joe Robinson was arraigned charged with an affray and assessed with the cost.

Heavst Hodges, charged with drunkenness and resisting an officer, was adjudged guilty and fined \$1.05 and the costs.

## Second Oil Treatment Being Given Highway

Forces of the State Highway Commission are now engaged in oil treating the Boone Trail Highway, west of Miller's Creek, for the second time, according to information coming to the Wilkes Journal. The first oil treatment was given a year ago and it is stated the second one is in preparation for the winter months. It is necessary, according to the engineers, that the surface be rendered absolutely waterproof, to minimize the danger of water freezing and causing the roadway to buckle.

Tom L. Crowell Jr. leaves Boone next week for Venice, Calif., where he will make his home with his brother, Alexander, and attend school at the University of Southern California.

## Warring Senator



The above is the first gallery photograph of William E. Borah that has been taken in many years.

## CIVIL COURT TO CONVENE MONDAY

Sixty-six Cases Docketed for Trial at Special Term. Judge McRae to Preside. Bodenhammer Cases on Calendar.

The special term of Watauga Superior Court will convene next Monday for a two-weeks session, with Hon. Cameron F. McRae, judge presiding. Sixty-six cases have been calendared for trial, all of them civil actions, and no State cases will be called.

The damage suits which are calculated to draw considerable interest are those brought by W. A. Bodenhammer, against C. H. M. Tulbert and son, Reno Tulbert; and W. D. Farthing, administrator, against the Seaboard Airline Railroad, on account of the death of F. M. Maliba of Boone. The first named suit came as a result of the fatal injury of Ernest Bodenhammer, in a collision with a car driven by the junior Tulbert.

## Gold-Bearing Ore Found In Zionville Community

Mr. D. M. Wilson of Zionville has brought to the Democrat office several specimens of gold-bearing rock, removed from his farm by laborees while cutting a drain ditch. The ore carries a quantity of quartz and is flecked with iron.

Since the discovery Mr. Wilson has cut several lateral ditches and finds that the vein is of unusual width. He has traced it for more than two hundred yards. The vein is covered with a blanket of slate and black muck which sparkles in the sunlight lies underneath. Specimens have been sent to an assay office to determine the exact content of the precious metal, and friends of Mr. Wilson are anxiously awaiting the outcome of the analysis.

The farm is just one mile from Zionville postoffice on a good road, and the owner is anxious for visitors to come and view the strange formation.

## Serious Water Shortage Reported from College

Reports coming from the State Teachers College indicate that the supply of water owned by the institution has rapidly failed during the prolonged dry weather, and officials are urging dormitory students to use every effort to conserve the supply. Meantime city water mains are supplying the deficiency at the college, but simultaneously comes the report of threatening shortage in municipal reservoirs. Total absence of rains in this section for a period of many weeks has weakened the normal abundant supply, and consumers are warned against useless drain on the dwindling reserve. Use of hydrants for street washing has been abandoned, and excessive use of water for other purposes is being curtailed in an effort to bridge over the fall drought without absolute inconvenience to consumers.

## T. E. Story Named as Official of Association

Professor T. E. Story, native Watauga and for many years superintendent of the Wilkesboro High School, has been named vice-president of the Northwestern Educational Association, which honor came to the educator at the close of the ninth annual convention of the organization in Winston-Salem Friday.

Guy B. Phillips, superintendent of the Greensboro schools, was named president of the Association, and Miss Ella Rae Carroll, of Burlington, secretary.

## WOMAN FOUND DEAD HANGING FROM LIMB

Hickory, N. C.—The body of Mrs. Josephine Teague Brookshire, 51, was found hanging from a limb of an apple tree at the Teague home at Petrie Mills, near Dudley Shoals, early Monday morning. At the coroner's inquest a verdict of suicide was rendered.

## JOHN JENKINS TO FACE CHARGES OF FEDER'L ROBBERY

Ashe County Man Arrested for Breaking into McNeil Store at Rutherford. Hailed Before State Court and Turned Over to Federal Authorities on Account of Postoffice Being Involved in Robbery.

John Jenkins, Ashe County citizen who for some months has been involved in the courts on charges of passing worthless checks and forgery, was again taken into custody about a week ago by Sheriff Wilson of Jefferson, this time on a warrant issued by Ellor McNeil of Rutherford, charging him with store-breaking. It will be remembered that last spring several hundred dollars worth of merchandise was taken from the McNeil store, located seven miles east of Boone, the entrance having been effected from beneath an elevated portion of the store room flooring, augurs having been used to cut the timbers. The postoffice was located in the same building and some of the moneys incident thereto were taken along with several hundred dollars worth of merchandise. No clues as to the identity of the robbers were left, however, when Jenkins was arrested at a later date, articles were found in his home which Mr. McNeil believed were taken from his store. He is said to have found further evidence which would implicate Jenkins.

Following his arrest on minor charges, Jenkins had filled bond and had been at liberty until the papers charging store-breaking were served. He was hailed before Judge Oglesby in Ashe Superior Court last week and turned over to the Federal authorities to be tried at the November term of court in Wilkesboro on a charge of entering a building in which a postoffice was located.

## Federal Seed Agent Has A Big Day in Watauga

F. B. Benson, federal seed agent, spent last Thursday in Boone looking after the collection of drought relief moneys borrowed by Watauga farmers. During the day he conferred with twenty-seven debtors, collecting thirteen full payments and fourteen partial payments, and received in cash \$1,725.87. Numerous borrowers have made their remittances direct to Washington.

Mr. Benson states that Watauga is showing up fine in her payments, and that Thursday was the biggest day he has had in his district, which comprises five counties.

## Prominent Cattleman Makes Assignment

Archie W. Brown, well known livestock dealer of the Laxon community, has made an assignment, and the necessary papers were filed with Clerk of the Court Austin E. South last Wednesday. According to the official statement, the assets would probably reach about \$18,000 which included notes and accounts to the amount of \$6,290, two farms totaling 208 acres, and known as the N. C. Brown and Proffitt lands; 62 head of livestock, including a saddle horse, one motor truck and one automobile.

The liabilities are reckoned at from \$60,000 to \$75,000, growing out of the buying and selling of beef cattle. Large herds are said to have been bought last year on a falling market, and sold on the lowest market of many years.

Smith Haganman was named as trustee, but states that he is not acting in that capacity. Whether or not another has been appointed to administer has not been learned. Reports that bankruptcy petitions have been filed by creditors in the Federal Courts are unconfirmed.

## Meat Market Added to Lower Carolina Store

A modern meat market has been opened in connection with Carolina Store No. 25, in the Hahn Building, and the various cuts of both western and native meats are now being offered the public. Large electric refrigerators and display cases have been installed, and Mr. G. J. Womack, expert meat cutter of Bessemer City, is in charge. An advertisement carried in The Democrat today gives detailed information.

## COLONEL HARRIS A VISITOR

Colonel Wade H. Harris, editor of The Charlotte Observer, accompanied by Mrs. Harris and daughter, Miss Cora, spent Sunday and Monday as guests at the Daniel Boone Hotel, leaving for their home Tuesday morning. Colonel Harris, always an ardent admirer of the Blue Ridge hills, made this trip especially in order to enjoy a peep at the frost-tinted woodlands, and thinks it probable that in future years he will occupy his own summer home in Boone.