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## FOUR ASHE COUNTY BOYS ARE IN TOILS ON ROBBERY COUNT

College Man Caught Saturday Night Entering Barber Shop Placed in Jail. Tells Officers of Three Who Had Been Taking Merchandise and They Are Arrested Sunday. Arrests Made by Sheriff Farthing.

Carl Eastridge, Ashe county young man and student at the Appalachian State Teachers College here, was apprehended about 1 o'clock Sunday morning after he had been successful in opening a window at the Sanitary Barber Shop and had taken a bottle or so of scalp lotion from the establishment. Ralph Mast, an employee of the Hodges Drug Co., apprehended Eastridge and effected his capture. He was placed in the county jail, and Monday at noon had not yet arranged bond for his appearance at the spring term of court.

After Eastridge had been captured it is stated, he gave the officers the information which resulted in the arrest of Joe Eller, Joe Robinson Howard Grayben, neighbor boys and fellow students at the college here, who were alleged by him to have been engaged at different times in taking merchandise from the stores of this city. The arrests were made Sunday by Sheriff Farthing and the last three promptly executed bonds for appearance at Superior Court. All four of the men are said to be members of Ashe County's most substantial families.

The wholesale arrest of the young students came as an aftermath of a number of petty robberies which had occurred at intervals for the past several weeks, and merchandise is reported to have been taken regularly from different ones of the local retail establishments.

## FOOTBALL BANQUET IS HELD AT BANNER ELK

Banner Elk, N. C. Dec. 16.—The Lees-McRae football squad held its annual banquet last evening at seven thirty in the college dining hall. The tables were decorated with holly and red candles and places were set for forty. Under the direction of Miss Hill and Mrs. Lanning a most delicious dinner was served. Prof. Leo K. Pritchett, principal of the college acting as toastmaster. Toasts were responded to by President Edgar H. Tutts, Dr. W. C. Tate, head of Grace Hospital, Coach Charles Zimmerman, Prof. Lynwood Lafferty, Rev. Marion Murray, pastor of Banner Elk Presbyterian Church, Prof. Glenn Poole and Harmon Flynn, this years Captain of the team. Edgar Greene was elected Captain for next year.

Senator Earnest, of Kentucky, a guest at Pinnacle Inn last season, offered three prizes, one ten dollar and two five dollar ones to be awarded as follows: to those making the most improvement in their game and contributing most to the morale of the team. The first prize was voted to Cecil Williams of Appalachia, Va., the second to Edgar Greene of Leander, N. C. and the third was a tie between Jack Wilson of Micanville, N. C. and Robert Hoss of Elizabethton, Tenn.

Stars were awarded to Captain Harmon Flynn, Edgar Green, Jack Wilson, Charles Clarke, Robert Hoss and Cecil Poole. Letters were given to Clyde Cook, Harry Green, Ralph Nidder, Adrian Buchanan, Edison Howie, Cecil Williams, Robert Agle, Archie Dillon, Horace Silver, Murray McKinnon, Charles Stockley, and Manager Sam Lankford.

The banquet closed with the singing of the school song, "Away in a beautiful valley."

Miss Louisa Paucette and Miss Kathleen O'Neal entertained at a Christmas tree party in their rooms at the conclusion of the faculty meeting last evening. One room was decorated with red with Christmas green and the other glittered in white with tinsel and snow. The presents were drawn up in the old oak bucket from a well buried in snow and ice.

## HONOR ROLL, BAMBOO SCHOOL

Seventh grade: Dillard Kerley and Dillard Hampton.

Fifth grade: Boris Kerley, Orbie Hampton, Selma Critcher, Zelma Watson, Vilas Rogers.

Fourth grade: Dora Kerley, Anita Hampton, Genevieve Cook, Maxine Carroll, Rietama Hampton, Alma Bowles, Marie Rogers, Dorman Cook.

Third grade: Cleo Watson and Henry Taylor.

Second grade: Dave Bond, Vivian Bonds, Arthur Coffey, Herman Coffey, Mack Cooke, Junior Bowles.

First grade: Bill Critcher, Homer Watson, Geneva Hampton, Hamay Coffey, Herman Watson, Norman Critcher, Ed Coffey.

## CLAWSON-GRAGG

Married at Mountain City, Tenn. on last Wednesday Miss Fairy Gragg of Boone to Mr. Lee Clawson of Rutherford. The contracting parties are well known in this section and have the best wishes of a wide circle of friends. They are now established at their home in Rutherford.

## Bethlehem

(By Phillips Brooks)

O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary  
And gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars together  
Proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King,  
And peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently,  
The wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him  
still,  
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem!  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
Oh come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel!

## Republican Convention in Chicago Next June

The Republican National Committee selected Chicago for its national convention at a meeting last week that heard and applauded an endorsement of President Hoover's administration.

The Illinois metropolis won the convention on the first ballot in a contest with Atlantic City, the only other contestant for the place. The meeting took on the aspect of a Hoover rally as Chairman Fess, in the opening address, lauded the President's policies.

It was indicated that the 1932 convention will be held on June 14.

## Jim Rivers Remains Ill From Infection

Jim Rivers, one of the mainstays in the Democrat organization, has been rather seriously ill at his home here since the first of last week, following injuries received in an automobile accident a week previous to that time. A car driven by Jim figured in an auto collision near North Wilkesboro, and while he was considerably cut and bruised, it was not believed he was injured to any extent. He went along with his usual work, but a week later an infection developed in a cut on the back of the head, and since that time he has been seriously ill. It is now believed however, that the poison is under control, and that he is showing slow but steady improvement.

## NEWS FROM ROMINGER

Mr. Dewey Rominger is taking treatment in the Soldier's Hospital at Johnson City.

Mrs. Martha Mast has been confined to her bed for some time. She is some better at this writing and hopes of her recovery are entertained.

Our school is doing fine although our assistant teacher Miss Alice Mast had to resign on account of her health and the principal, Mr. M. E. Norris is out this week as he became ill, but his son is carrying on the work fine till Mr. Norris gets able to come back. Miss Bingham took Miss Mast's place.

The roads in this section are almost impassible. There has not been a bit of work done on them since the state took them over.

Mrs. Etta Rominger has been on the sick list for the last few days.

The sportsmen are having a good time chasing foxes, killing rabbits, and catching possums. It seems that some are interested in sport and protecting wild life while some who claim to be sportsmen do all they can to destroy everything. Beware of unlawful trapping boys.

Rev. Talmage Watson is putting up a new dwelling house.

Come on all ye old timers that used to write news items for the Democrat. Let's help make it the best paper out.

It has been a "hog killing" time here this week. Nearly everybody has butchered some.

## INSURANCE POLICIES ARRIVE

The life insurance policies recently purchased by building and loan shareholders to cover unpaid portions of installment stock, have arrived, and the secretary would be glad if those buying these policies would call at his office and secure them.

C. W. Henderson of Gness, Macon County, produced an average of 113.7 bushels of corn on two acres of land by using good seed and fertilizer.



## Merry Christmas

In keeping with the season and out of a feeling born of genuine good will and fellowship, the publishers of the Democrat wish to extend to their many friends, both business and personal ones, a sincere Merry Christmas.

Your patronage has provided us with the means of carrying on our work, the friendly contacts you have provided, have given us the encouragement which drives us constantly forward in our efforts to produce a first class newspaper. We sincerely thank you and hope there will be nothing to mar to the slightest degree the pleasure of your holiday season. Our pleasure will come with having been privileged to serve during the year about to close, and in the widespread evidences that that service has been acceptable to our friends.

This issue of the Democrat comes out early in order that the "force" may enjoy a bit of the festive season. It is hurriedly produced under most adverse circumstances, however it is not the purpose of the management to allow a week to pass without the Democrat going forth to inform and entertain its large family of readers.

## Saturday Buying Shows Christmas Spirit Present

Notwithstanding the depressed condition of general business activities the Saturday crowds were the largest to come to Boone in many weeks, and that Christmas is beginning to be felt by the folks in the town and region roundabout, was evidenced by a highly satisfactory sale of holiday goods. Parking space was at a premium in the business district and shop keepers generally are experiencing a very prosperous business. Ample sales help and heavy stocks will enable the last minute shoppers to receive the same degree of service right up until Christmas day that they have experienced during preceding weeks.

## Standard Grade A Milk Now Furnished in Boone

In July the city of Boone passed the standard milk ordinance as recommended by the State Board of Health. Since then, Mr. Battle, the local sanitary inspector has been working with dairymen in the county in an effort to bring this supply up to Grade A standards. The only absolute requirement of the ordinance is that all milk sold in Boone shall have its grade shown on the bottle cap.

Howard's Knob Dairy, operated by Mr. Tracy Council, is the only one so far to comply with all the necessary requirements for the production of grade A raw milk.

Milk from this supply will have a cap on the bottle showing that it is Grade A raw milk. Milk from the following supplies will carry a cap showing that it is Grade A:

R. A. Adams, S. M. Ayers, Dock Benfield, Clyde Eggers, L. H. Holler, J. S. Stanbury, Luther South, H. H. Watson.

In Blowing Rock Flat Top Manor and J. D. Brown are both preparing to produce Grade A milk during the coming year.

## Bailey and Morrison May Oppose Chas. Jonas

Word from Washington is to the effect that Senators Morrison and Bailey have resolved to prevent, if possible, the confirmation of Charles A. Jonas as district attorney for the western North Carolina district.

The nomination papers were sent to the judiciary committee and following the usual custom, the matter was referred to the North Carolina senators and inquiry made if they knew any reason why the senate should not confirm the nomination.

The Senators will reply in the affirmative, it is said, one reason advanced being that the appointee is not temperamentally fitted for the post for which he has been chosen.

Mr. Jonas is serving under a recess appointment, the senate having adjourned without his nomination being acted upon.

## OLD TIME SPELLING MATCH AT THE COOL SPRINGS CHURCH

The six months term of the Cool Springs elementary school in Blowing Rock township closed December 18th with an old time spelling match a nice entertainment and Christmas tree.

The old time spelling match was given by parents; words being pronounced from the old blue back spelling book, and was enjoyed by all. Also the school rendered a nice program which

## CAMPUS DESERTED AS HOLIDAY TREK HOMEWARD BEGINS

Appalachian Teachers College Closes on Friday and Most of 800 Students Return Home for the Holiday Vacation. City Schools Close; Six Months Schools of County Out for Good. Others Close Wednesday

The Appalachian State Teachers College closed for the holiday period last Friday and the campus of the institution took on an air of desolation as practically all of the 800 students enrolled hurriedly gathered their personal effects and sallied forth to all points of the compass to spend the season of Santa Claus with home folks. A good many of the instructors likewise sought enjoyment and relaxation among relatives in other regions.

The Boone High School and the graded or Demonstration School also closed Friday as did the College and students of the three institutions will return to their scholastic duties on January 1.

The various schools of the county which operate only for six months closed last week, the terms having been finished and will not reopen until next summer.

The High Schools at Cove Creek and Blowing Rock, it is stated, will close on Wednesday and open again on January 4th.

## YOUNG TAR HEEL FARMERS IN SESSION AT COVE CREEK

The Cove Creek chapter of Young Tar Heel Farmers met in the agriculture room at the High School December 18 in its regular weekly session. The program was interesting and well gotten up. It consisted of two talks, one by Jack Henson, entitled "We are all Dotted Up" and the other by Mervin Deal, entitled "The Boys and their Baby Bees." These talks were about showing and training animals for the show. The largest part of the animals shown in a large fair were raised by 4-H club members, especially the baby beef projects. While feed and cattle are at a low price it is a good time to buy and the best time for making money. The purebred cattle are just as cheaply kept as the scrub cattle and they make much larger return when selling time comes.

## NEWS ITEMS FROM TODD

Miss Laura Miller's third and fourth grades of Elkland school are completing their study of birds. They are still collecting nests to give Miss Theodosis Watson of Boone to be used in her nature study classes in the College. The following have furnished interesting nests for the collection: Anna Mae Cook Annie Davis Geneva Grogan, John Winkler, Junior Graham, Ross Worley, Junior Michael, Buster Worley, Royce Dean Blackburn, Joe Bill Cox and Sam Cox. The collection consists of robin, bird, sparrow, humming bird, vireo, and other nests not yet identified. In addition to the birds nests there are a number of hornet, yellow and black jacket nests and moth cocoons.

Mrs. Davis, first grade entertained the school with a most delightful chapel program Friday morning. Their program consisted of songs, stories and selections by the toy orchestra. The whole program was excellently rendered, and gave evidence of careful training that Mrs. Davis is giving her pupils.

The Writers Club elected officers for the month of December as follows: James Clawson, president; Lawrence Graham, Vice-President; Jas. Krider, Secretary; Avery McGuire, Treasurer.

## Waives Examination; is Held on Two Charges

R. E. Porter waived examination, Saturday when apprehended with a small quantity of whiskey, and was remanded to jail in default of bond on charges of possession and subsequent resisting of the city officers. At press time an appearance bond had not been posted.

Rot Hayes was recently brought before Mayor Moretz to answer a charge of public drunkenness, and was assessed with the costs.

## PENALTY ON CITY TAXES AFTER FIRST OF THE YEAR

W. C. Norris, City Tax Collector, gives warning to the taxpayers that unpaid 1931 taxes will be assessed with an additional 1 per cent per month after the first of the year. The officer urges the people to make prompt payments and save the added penalty.

With Davidson County farmers harvesting the best and largest crop of lespedeza in history, about 100,000 pounds of seed has been saved