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DR. ROBT. COFFEY FINDS HIGH PLACE IN MEDICAL WORLD

Former Caldwell Surgeon Now Hailed as One of the World's Greatest. Saves Lives of Two Western Citizens Through Operations He Devised Some Years Ago. Has Relatives in this County.

The Lenoir News Topic carried the following story which will be interesting to the people of Watauga county many of whom are bound by ties of kinship to the eminent Dr. Coffey:

Dr. Robert C. Coffey, one of the world's great surgeons, was highly lauded in Colorado newspapers early this month for the display of masterful skill in saving the lives of two Denver invalids through a major intestinal operation devised by the eminent surgeon in 1928. Dr. Coffey, a native of Caldwell county, is the son of the late P. V. Coffey, a third cousin of F. H. Coffey of Lenoir and the husband of F. H. Coffey's only sister.

The contributions Dr. Coffey has given to the medical world perhaps overshadow those of any native of North Carolina. He is 62 years of age and left Caldwell county 40 years ago, studying at Louisville. He is the father of three sons, two of whom are doctors.

At present Dr. Coffey is owner and chief surgeon of the Portland Surgical Hospital, a 300-bed clinic of Portland, Ore.

Concerning the operations which were performed at the invitation of the Western Surgical Association during the convention at Denver, the Rocky Mountain News had the following news item:

Two Denver invalids—both poor, neither able to pay for the services of even an ordinary practitioner—yesterday went under the knife of one of the world's greatest surgeons.

They will not be charged a penny. For the operations which they underwent were performed in the interests of science by Dr. Robert Calvin Coffey of Portland, Ore., whose contributions to surgery have made him world famous.

The operation on each patient was of the same type. It is one which Dr. Coffey devised and for which he perfected the technic to a point where it has become standard in the medical profession.

The operation is considered one of the most difficult pieces of major surgical work, and up until a few years ago, Dr. Coffey was the only surgeon in the world to have performed it successfully.

It is one credited with saving hundreds of lives and restoring health to thousands of invalids.

Dr. Coffey worked in the operating room of Denver General Hospital, while more than 100 Denver surgeons there to learn the technic of the operation so that they too, can perform it, watched his every movement.

The two invalids who underwent the operation were charity patients at the hospital.

Dr. Coffey devised the technic for the operation by animal experimentation, after discovering in 1928 the principle on which it is based.

Although difficult to explain in any but technical terms, the operation is one designed to save a patient in cases where disease, such as cancer or tuberculosis, necessitates the removal of the bladder.

The technic involves the submucous implantation of the ureters in the large bowel, so that organic functions of the patient can continue, Dr. Coffey said.

Dr. Coffey is owner and chief surgeon of the Portland Surgical Hospital. His papers on his surgical discoveries have been read by medical men in all parts of the world.

This week F. H. Coffey of Lenoir, received a letter from the physician's wife, his sister, informing him that they would leave Christmas day for a two or three months trip to the Orient, with a friend of Dr. Coffey's. The patient, who is extremely wealthy, entertained the King and Queen of Siam on their recent visit to America, and in turn they will be entertained by their Royal Highnesses when they reach Siam.

Error Cited in Story of Local Grade "A" Milk

Mr. Gordon Battle Sanitary officer for the Watauga County Board of Health calls attention to an error contained in a story carried last week purporting to show that there were several sources of Grade A milk supply in Boone. The portion of the story which contained the error was to have been printed as follows:

"Howard's Knob Dairy, operated by Mr. Tracy Council is the only one so far to comply with 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 have a cap on the bottle showing that it is grade D raw milk: R. A. Adams, S. M. Ayers, Dock Benfield, Clyde Eggers, L. H. Holler, J. S. Stanbury, Luther South, B. H. Watson."

Schoolgirl Disappears



Virginia Penfield, 19, Columbus, O., started a nation-wide hunt for her when she mysteriously disappeared while shopping in Philadelphia, where she attends a fashionable school.

BEECH CREEK BOY IN NEWLAND JAIL ON MURDER COUNT

Troy Ward Fires Fatal Shot as Claim Over Argument About Girl. Slayed Eighteen Years Old. Gives Self Up to Avery Officials. Youthful Prisoner Refuses to Give Details of the Killing.

Troy Ward an eighteen year old citizen of the Beech Creek section, residing near the Watauga County line, is a prisoner in the Avery county jail at Newland, charged with the fatal shooting of Robert Estep, 18 year-old neighbor youth on last Saturday night.

Reports reaching Boone indicate that the two boys were returning from church services when an argument was entered into concerning a young lady of the community. The quarrel became heated it is said, and Ward is alleged to have drawn a .25 caliber pistol and fired one shot into Estep's abdomen, which produced instant death.

Ward, accompanied by his father and another member of the family went to Newland and surrendered at the jail to a son of the deputy in charge.

After the boy was taken into custody he refused to discuss the shooting other than to say that it came about after he and Estep had engaged in a quarrel over a girl.

BOONE PARTY ATTENDS CONVENTION IN BUFFALO

Messes S. M. Ayers and Lindsie Waters, Miss Virginia Wary, Mrs. Paul Coffey, and Misses Louise Beam and Sadie Lassiter, left by motor Monday morning for Buffalo, N. Y., where they will attend an International Convention of the Students Volunteer Conference. They will be gone about a week and while in Buffalo will take advantage of the opportunity of crossing into the Dominion for a brief visit.

WIDOW OF FEDERAL SOLDIER SUCCUMBS

Mrs. Solomon Younce of Mabel, Dies At Age of 85. Last Widow of Federal Trooper in County

Mrs. Solomon Younce, 85 years old died last Thursday at the home of her son Charles at Mabel, where she had made her home since the death of her husband ten years ago. She had been ill only a week and death was due principally to ailments incident to her great age.

Funeral services were conducted from the Baptist Church Saturday by her pastor Rev. R. C. Eggers and interment was in the nearby cemetery. Surviving are two sisters, Mesdames Julia Shook of Heaton and Jake Fletcher of the Fork Ridge community, two brothers, Tom and James of Butler and seven children: Mesdames Ann York of Johnson City, Tenn.; Mary Reas of Beech Creek; Bob and James of Foley, Ala.; George of Hickory, Henry and Charles of Mabel. There are 44 grandchildren and 57 great grandchildren living.

Mrs. Younce had spent most of her life in the Mabel community and was the daughter of Andy Greer of Cove Creek. She was the widow of a Federal soldier in the Civil War, the last one in the county, so far as is recalled. She joined the Baptist church at the age of 34 years and was a devout member. She was a splendid lady and will be sorely missed in the community.

BACK FROM OKLAHOMA

Mr. H. E. Deal of Sherwood has returned from the states of Oklahoma and Arkansas, where he has been for the past several weeks working as collector for the Wrought Iron Range Co. Because of the extremely depressed condition of affairs in these regions, says Mr. Deal, his concern will not make further demands on the people at this time, and he will be at home perhaps until the middle of next summer.

MRS. V. C. HOWELL CLAIMED BY DEATH ON LAST THURSDAY

Wife of Local College Tutor Succumbs to Prolonged Illness. Funeral Christmas Day. Former Lenoir Citizen and Student Here. Later Held Position at College. Was Active in Religious Work.

Mrs. V. C. Howell, passed away at her home on the Blowing Rock Road last Thursday morning after having been seriously ill for more than a year with tuberculosis. She was 24 years old.

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon at 3:30 from the Boone Baptist church by the pastor Rev. F. A. Hicks, and interment was in the city cemetery. The church was filled with sorrowing friends and the floral offerings were profuse and beautiful.

The active pallbearers were: J. C. McConnell, Larra Bingham, R. D. Hodges, Grady Moretz, Fred Hodges, and A. J. Greene. The following were honorary pall bearers: Dr. J. B. Hagaman, Tracy Council, Dr. Triplett, Philo Elledge, Arlie Foster, B. B. Dougherty, Dave Mast, J. N. Norton, Smith Hagaman and J. A. Williams.

Flower bearers included Mrs. Wiley G. Hartzog, Miss Wilhelmina Triplett, Miss Aya Forester, Mesdames A. R. Smith, J. A. Williams, Fred Hodges, Grady Moretz, and Misses Mildred McDade, Floy Cannon and Maude Green.

Surviving are a husband and two small children, Rita Kate and Vance Gray; father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Walsh of Purlear, one sister, Winona; and one brother, Maurice.

Mrs. Howell was reared in Wilkes county, but was educated at the College here, where her husband is now a member of the faculty. She graduated in 1925, and took special training at Draughn's Business College, Knoxville. She returned to Boone and was named Secretary to the College Register which position she held until her physical condition became manifestly serious. She had been married five years.

Mrs. Howell was intensely interested in religious and educational work and had been most active in church affairs. She was a beloved teacher in the Baptist Sunday School, a lovable Christian character and had attracted a wide circle of admiring friends throughout this community.

Graham Teague Given a Parole for Christmas

Graham Teague, Boone boy, sentenced to a twelve months term in the penitentiary at the fall term of Watauga Superior court on a charge of larceny was given a parole by Governor Gardner last week in time to be at home for Christmas. Fourteen other state prisoners were handed out Christmas cheer by Governor Gardner in the form of paroles, and 30 petitions were rejected.

The fifteen paroles signed, it was said, represented worthy cause, and were issued for that reason rather than because it happened to be at Christmas time.

The longest termer paroled was Theodore Gilbert of Sampson county who goes free after serving nearly four years of a 12-year sentence for conviction on a second degree murder charge.

Gilbert's parole paper pointed out that he was only 18 when sent to prison and had made an excellent record by hard work and good behavior.

Wedding of Col. Z. A. Robertson Solemnized

The following announcement which appeared in a recent issue of the Johnson City Chronicle will be of considerable interest to friends of the groom in this community. He will be remembered as the father of Mr. W. O. Robertson and was a frequent business visitor here a few years ago.

Announcement of the marriage of Mr. Z. A. Robertson and Mrs. Anna Keller on Tuesday evening December 15, has just been made, to the surprise of their many friends.

The marriage was performed by Rev. John Martin, associate pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at his home.

Mrs. Robertson had just returned from a visit with her sister in Florida, and the ceremony was performed a few hours after her arrival in Johnson City from the southern trip.

Mrs. Robertson is widely known in this section, where she has a wide circle of friends. She is a daughter of the late Mrs. Amanda Franklin of 406 West Maple Street. Mr. Robertson is a leading real estate and business man, who has been associated with many progressive projects here for the past two decades.

The couple are living at 215 West Locust Street, which has been the home of Mr. Robertson for a number of years.

THURSTON OLIVER KILLED; RESULT OF WHISKEY QUARREL

Argument Over Whiskey Manufacturing Leads to Death of Matney Man. Ephriam Wallace, the Alleged Sayer Has Not Been Apprehended. Fatal Shooting Occurred Saturday Night. Inquest Held.

An argument which is believed to have originated over the ownership of the whiskey manufactured by two Matney men. Saturday night resulted in the death of Thurston Oliver, and Ephriam Wallace of the same community is being sought as the man who fired the gun which brought instant death to his alleged partner in the operation of a nearby moonshining still.

An inquest was held on the scene of the shooting at the midnight hour by Deputy Coroner H. A. Hagaman and from evidence introduced at the hearing it was deduced that the bad feeling between the two men originated at the Sherman Baird's home, earlier in the day, when an argument was engaged in over the disposition of whiskey, which had been manufactured. They parted however and Wallace went to his home. Later on, it is said, Oliver went on down the road in the same direction. Meantime, the information goes, Wallace had gone to bed, and was aroused by the cursing of Oliver. He arose, the testimony reveals, secured his 12 gauge shotgun and proceeded down the road until he met Oliver, about 200 yards away. It was there that Wallace accused Oliver of cutting his "gallus strap" in the previous encounter. Oliver retorted with: "If you think I did that, shoot me." The gun fired twice, neighbors say, but only one lead took effect in the body of the entire charge tearing into the heart and producing instant death.

Following the inquest, Deputy Hagaman found a distillery within about 300 yards of the home of Walter Church, where the inquest was held. The illicit plant was thought to be the one which precipitated the argument with the fatal ending.

The slayer is still at large and the sheriff's office has been unsuccessful in finding clues which might lead to his whereabouts. He has a wife and five children, while the slain man was single. No details as to the funeral are available.

Mrs. Reeves Pearson, of Lenoir, Shoots Self Sun.

Mrs. J. Reeves Pearson, 22 year-old bride of one month, shot and perhaps fatally wounded herself Sunday afternoon, while she and her husband were in their Lenoir home. The bullet, fired from a .38 caliber pistol, passed through her body just above the heart.

Mr. Pearson, a former deputy sheriff of Caldwell county and well known contractor and business man, was bathing at the time of the tragedy, he said. At the hospital, Mrs. Pearson attributed the act to worry over domestic troubles, the attending physician said. "I couldn't help it," she mumbled.

Monday Mrs. Pearson was yet alive, but little hope is held for her recovery. She is the daughter of the former Sheriff and Mrs. C. M. Rader.

Mrs. G. W. Shook Dies After a Long Illness

Mrs. G. W. Shook, 82 years old, died at her home in the Grandfather community last Thursday after an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted from the Watauga Baptist Church on Christmas morning at 10 o'clock, by Rev. S. E. Gragg and interment was in the McLean graveyard.

Surviving are several children, one of whom is Mrs. W. R. Gragg of Boone. Mrs. Shook was a native of Caldwell county but had made her home in the community in which she died for 48 years. During this time she had been a consistent member of the Baptist church and lived a life of unusual Christian devotion. She had visited with her daughter in Boone different times and has a wide circle of friends here and in her home community who find genuine sorrow in the news of her death.

Three are Arrested for Dynamiting at Deep Gap

Fred Greer, Charles Carroll and his brother, whose name could not be learned today, were arrested by the sheriff Christmas day, at Deep Gap, under warrants sworn out by C. C. Carroll of the same community. Mr. Carroll charges that the boys fired off charges of dynamite on the night previous about his house and that his windows were broken as a result of the terrific explosions. He is said to have secured his shotgun and sprinkled the marauders as they left his premises.

The three indicted men gave bonds for their appearance at a preliminary hearing before Justice Hahn tomorrow.

Hoover's Assistant



Congressman Louis T. McFadden, Pennsylvania Republican, who has accused the President of being denounced by both parties.

PAUL BUTLER DIES IN COLORADO WHEN STRUCK BY AUTO

Son of Late Dr. W. R. and Mrs. Butler of Boone Struck Down by Auto at Grand Junction Saturday—Succumbs Monday. A Soldier of World War. Body Will be Returned for Interment.

Paul A. Butler, 37 years old, son of Mrs. W. R. Butler, and brother of Mesdames Jim Rivers and J. A. Spoles of this city, died in Grand Junction Colorado Monday afternoon following injuries received the previous Saturday when he was struck down by an automobile on one of the streets of that city. Death was directly attributable to concussion of the brain.

The remains will be brought to Mountain City, Tenn., and interred in the community in which deceased lived as a lad.

Surviving is the mother Mrs. W. R. Butler of Boone; three sisters, Mesdames J. A. Spoles and J. C. Rivers of Boone, and Mrs. M. M. Baker of San Diego, Cal.; six brothers, Mark Roy and Herbert of Great Bend, Kans.; Chauncey of The Dales, Oregon; Don of Butler, Tenn., and Robert R. of Washington, D. C.

Mr. Butler had been a resident of the states of Colorado and Kansas for the past 18 years and at the time of his death was engaged in an automobile business. He was a soldier of the World War, having served with the first Marines, and received a citation for bravery following the fierce fighting at Chateau Thierry. He was severely wounded during this major encounter. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Mr. Butler was reared at Butler, Tenn., but was well known in this county, where his parents later established their home, and has a wide circle of friends throughout this region who deplore his tragic death.

SMITH IS ENDORSED FOR POSTMASTER

Incumbent Receives Endorsement of County Committee for New Term in Boone Office.

The Watauga County Republican Executive Committee gathered in Boone last Monday to recommend the appointment of a postmaster for this city to go into office when the present term expires in January and the incumbent for four years, A. W. Smith received an overwhelming majority of the votes cast. The recommendation will be forwarded to the President who in turn will make the appointment.

Of the 14 members of the committee, 13 were present for the session and Smith received 9 votes. O. L. Coffey and S. C. Eggers who had canvassed the field for the appointment received 2 votes each, it was stated.

Another Boone Man Goes on Cuban Cruise

Frank M. Payne and Gordon H. Winkler, local life insurance salesmen, left by automobile Christmas day for Miami, Fla., where they will go by train and boat to Havana, Cuba, as guests of the Pilot Life Insurance Company.

This honor comes to these young men on account of their large volume of business secured during a depression year, and all expenses incident to the cruise are paid by their company. While in the "Paris of the West" they will be guests at the famous Plaza Hotel. They expect to have completed the trip within about fifteen days from the start.

BANK CLOSED FRIDAY

Both banks of the city will be closed Friday, New Year's Day it was said by officials Wednesday, and citizens should transact their business of that day beforehand in order that the minimum of inconvenience may be experienced.

SURFACING BEING DONE ON THREE IMPORTANT ROADS

Work Being Pushed to Make Winter Thoroughfares of Main Cross Country Roads, Rock on Beaver Dam Road. Crew Surfacing the Cooks Gap Road and Gravel to go Down on Watauga River.

Three of the most important cross country roads in Watauga county are to be thoroughly reliable for winter traffic within a reasonable length of time, according to District Engineer Jim Council, whose forces are bending every effort to get the surfacing completed before the real winter weather sets in.

The road leading from the Boone Trail into the Beaver Dam section has already had a coat of crushed stone from Sugar Grove postoffice to the big curve beyond the Newton Banner home, and other work is being done on the top of the mountain. The entire road is described as being in good condition.

The machinery which had been engaged on the Beaver Dam project was at once moved to the New River bridge and a large crew of men are engaged in putting a stone surface on the highway from that point into the Cooks Gap section. This work will be pushed to completion as rapidly as is possible.

Meantime comes the information that work began Tuesday in dead earnest on the road from Valle Crucis to Shulls Mills. A steam shovel and trucks are already in operation taking huge quantities of gravel from Watauga River with which to do the surfacing, and the road will be made a substantial thoroughfare capable of withstanding the severe weather within the shortest possible time.

Still Captured in Yard of Rich Mountain Home

A gasoline barrel still, its operator and about a half gallon of apple brandy constituted the net results of a whiskey raid made by the sheriff's officers into the Rich Mountain section between the Silverstone and the Zienville communities last Wednesday.

Deputies Roby Green, Wiley Day and Joan K. Brown, composed the party which had spent several hours combing the mountainsides in search of distilleries, and officer Green became curious when he sighted smoke issuing from a newly-erected building in the yard of Carol Izenhour's home. The accompanying officers expressed the belief that it was another "cold trail" but Green followed out his hunch and upon entering the building, which had been erected as a wash house, found a complete brandy distillery in operation, and Rubin Pennell, its alleged operator. The outfit had just been set up and only a half gallon of apple brandy had come from the worm. The outfit had as its base a gasoline barrel, was equipped with a wooden cap and a worm of copper tubing.

Pennell was brought to the county jail and remains there for trial at the spring term of superior court, after having waived preliminary examination before Justice Hahn. The bond called for was in the amount of \$1,000, and was not filed.

Surgeon Removes Piece of Nut from Child's Lung

John, 7 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Winkler of the Poplar Grove section was taken to the Davis Hospital, Statesville, last Thursday, after a part of a chestnut which the child was eating, had found its way into a lung through his wind pipe. An operation was performed, and the kernel removed, and it was believed he was in a satisfactory condition. However later information is that the boy has contracted pneumonia and is seriously ill. Mrs. Winkler remains at his bedside.

"One Day After Date"

A little story reaches this office, which to us is pretty good and we pass it along: A Burley tobacco grower in Watauga (doubtless a novice in the raising, grading and marketing of the weed) took a load to a warehouse in a nearby Virginia town. The tobacco to be sure was handled in the most approved way, as it always is; was placed on the warehouse floor and in turn it was put up for sale to the highest bidder and was bought in by a representative, as we take it, of some big tobacco company. The farmer went to the desk of the cashier for his money and received for his trouble a statement from the aforesaid cashier showing that the load on which he had gloated, was short 60 cents of paying the warehouse fees. He looked at it in amazement, felt in his pocket for the necessary change with which to get even. He failed to find it, but remarked: "I will pay you fellers this if I live, and if I die and go to heaven I will send it; if I go to—I will just hand it to you. So long, I'll see you later!"