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ANOTHER OLD-TIMER PASSES

Gill Grayson, drummer of the old school who for twenty-odd years packed a satchel through the hills of North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee, passed away Sunday near the place of his birth at Trade, Tennessee.

Gill Grayson, Fin Richards, Will Price, Jim Harmon, Lon Hendrickson and Gus Donnelly... representing as many jobbers of hardware, groceries, dry goods and feedstuffs...

There was Captain Lovill, dearly beloved by a thousand souls, and Manley Blackburn, with his heart of pure gold, pouring out pro and con arguments on sixteen-to-one silver...

And somehow we feel mighty sad... those of us who recall Boone in that quiet, restful, enjoyable period that preceded the war and normalcy and Huey Long and the Blue Eagle...

RELIEF EGGS!

A couple of janes... ladies, if you please, who scowlingly accepted the scanty "Hoover dole" and, thus far, have managed to live quite contentedly on the prodigious offerings of F. D. R....

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NINETY PER CENT BURLEY GROWERS TO SIGN CONTRACT

District Extension Agent McCrary Reports Progress in Western Carolina. Many Meetings Held With Farmers, Baird to Handle Contracts in Watauga and Avery Counties. County Agents Helpful.

Approximately 90 per cent of the Burley tobacco growers in Western North Carolina are expected to sign acreage reduction contracts in the near future, according to O. F. McCrary, district extension agent at State College, Raleigh.

Mr. McCrary, who recently returned to the Capital city from a trip to the western part of the State, said that the only thing standing in the way of a rapid sign-up is the lack of facilities for explaining the contracts to the growers.

Many of the Burley growers have less than a quarter-acre in tobacco cultivation, he said. He pointed out that a grower with one-eighth of an acre in cultivation, producing at an average rate of 900 pounds to the acre, would receive approximately \$2.90 for reducing one-third, or \$4.70 if he reduces one-half.

While in the Burley section, he held a number of county and community meetings to explain the contracts to leading growers. He also assisted the county agents iron out various difficulties and authorized agents to help growers in counties which have no agent of their own.

C. B. Baird, Avery County agent, will probably sign contracts for farmers in Mitchell and Watauga counties. E. D. Bowditch, former Clay County agent now residing in Mitchell, will assist Mr. Baird with the campaign.

BUILDING & LOAN EARNS HIGH RATE

Annual Report of Local Institution Shows Healthy Condition. Stevens Says Earning Good and Institution Stands Well in State.

The Watauga Building and Loan Association earned its usual dividends during 1932 and was able to set aside a contingent reserve fund of \$3,300, it was revealed Monday evening, when Public Accountant Stevens of Lenoir, made his report to the board of directors.

Mr. Stevens called particular attention to the excellent manner in which the local association had been conducted and stated that its condition was highly pleasing and above the average of building and loans in the State. He pointed out that property owned by the Association was practically paying its way, and that the reserve fund was created from profits above the usual dividend and would take care of any deflation in realty values, not at the present anticipated. The statement of the Association is published today.

Mill Owners Warned Against Stream Pollution

County Game Warden H. Grady Farthing stated Tuesday that several complaints from Watauga sportsmen have been lodged recently against mill owners in this section who are allowing sawdust to enter trout waters. The Department of Conservation and Development is urging strict enforcement of the statute against this practice, and Warden Farthing urges that offenders take precautionary measures before it is necessary to cause indictments.

It is pointed out by experts that dust from one mill, if allowed to enter a trout stream, will cause the death of more fish in one season than an ordinary hatchery could produce. Hence, conservation officials expect to use every means possible to rid streams of this menace.

EXHIBITS ANCIENT RECEIPTS FOR TAX

Mr. W. G. Coffey was exhibiting at The Democrat office the other day some tax receipts made out to his grandfather, Caleb Coffey, and yellowed with the ravages of time. One of the coveted papers was in the amount of 24 cents, in full for taxes of the year 1854, and was signed by L. C. Estep as Sheriff. Another bearing the date 1868 was signed by the late Sheriff John Horton and was for \$2.60 1/2. Another in 1866, collected by the same sheriff, was for \$1.75. Mr. Coffey states that his grandfather was a large landowner, and that when his taxes reached the high water mark, he owned more than 300 acres of land. Taxes, in those days, he says usually ran something less than one cent an acre. The receipts were written in long-hand on ordinary ruled paper, printed forms having never been adopted in those days.

Seeks Governorship



Los Angeles.—Mrs. C. S. Foltz, sister of former Senator Shortridge of California, announces herself a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor of California.

A. G. GRAYSON DIES AT TRADE SUNDAY

Well Known Citizen Returned Short Time Ago from Salt Lake City for Daughter's Funeral. Had Been Resident of Utah Many Years.

A. Gillam Grayson, 72 years old, died at the home of a nephew, Roscoe Grayson, at Trade, Tenn., Sunday afternoon, after an intermittent illness of several years.

Funeral services are to be conducted Friday afternoon at Mountain City, and interment will be in that community.

Survivors are the widow and seven children: Mesdames Charles Ward, Orlando, Fla.; Mary Stallings, Focelle, Idaho; Clara Mitchell, Salt Lake City; Richard, Edward, Hugh and Rudd Grayson, of Salt Lake City. A sister, Mrs. W. R. Butler of Mountain City, also survives.

Mr. Grayson was born in Johnson County, Tennessee, a son of the late Colonel J. W. M. Grayson and, was quite as well known in Watauga as on his native soil. For perhaps twenty years he rode horseback over this mountain section as grocery salesman and gained the acquaintance and friendship of the people.

About twelve years ago he moved to Utah where he was engaged with the Oregon Cattle Co. and later with a number of years, later going into the retail grocery business. He returned to Tennessee three weeks ago on account of the death of a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Mulvaney, and the condition of his health grew gradually worse.

Mr. Grayson was educated at the University of Tennessee, a class mate of Senator William G. McAdoo, was a Presbyterian, a Mason and a Shriner. He was held in high esteem throughout East Tennessee and Western North Carolina.

HAYDEN BURKE IN RACE FOR JUDGE

Taylorsville Attorney Announces His Candidacy to Succeed T. B. Finley. Action Follows Meeting of Leading Politicians of District.

Taylorsville.—J. Hayden Burke of Taylorsville, outstanding Western N. C. attorney, Saturday announced that he will be a candidate for superior court judge in the Seventeenth Judicial District.

Judge T. B. Finley of North Wilkesboro is now resident judge of the district, but he has reached the retirement age and will not be a candidate for re-election.

Since Judge Finley announced he would not be a candidate for the office again, Mr. Burke's name has come into prominence as a candidate, but he declined to make any announcement until Saturday, following a caucus Friday night of leading Democratic representatives of a majority of the counties in the district, at which resolutions were passed urging him to become a candidate.

These resolutions were enthusiastically endorsed by representative members of the bar associations of the six counties in the district. Counties in the district are Alexander, Avery, Davie, Mitchell, Wilkes and Yadkin.

Mr. Burke has for years been one of the outstanding attorneys of the State and his name is often linked with those of Clyde Hoey of Shelby and James H. Pou of Raleigh as the leaders of the North Carolina bar.

This is the first time Mr. Burke has sought public office.

STINSON NAMED SUPERVISOR OF SOIL EROSION CAMPAIGN

F. H. Stinson, of Banner Elk, has been appointed supervisor of an extended campaign for the prevention of soil erosion in Avery and Watauga Counties, conducted by the CWA.

One hundred men will be employed in stopping gulleys and providing proper drainage. In each case permission of the landowner will be secured before commencing operations.

TRAINING CLASSES FOR TEACHERS TO OPEN JANUARY 29

New Project Looking to the Re-employment of Teachers in Emergency Capacities. Applicants Must Be Approved by County Superintendent and Director of Relief. College Does Not Guarantee Positions.

Training classes for teachers are to be opened at the Appalachian State Teachers College January 29th, it is announced, and will continue until February 12th, during which period unemployed teachers will receive additional tutorage, calculated to place them in line for emergency employment.

All applications for this training, it is explained, must be approved by the county or city superintendent and by the local director of relief on a regular application blank, which application must be approved by the State Department of Public Instruction. If teachers should present themselves Monday morning without the proper credentials, they may be allowed to stay with the clear understanding that they do so upon their own responsibility and at their own expense unless the application is duly made and approved.

The Appalachian State Teachers College does not guarantee a position at the end of the training period, but it is understood the local relief offices will make an effort to absorb as many of these emergency teachers as possible. Teachers are to be paid at the rate of \$12.50 per week and expenses will be about a dollar a day.

DOUGHTON WILL STAY IN HOUSE

Eighth District Representative Punctures Rumors of Other Ambitions. By Saying He Will Run Again. May Later Seek Governorship.

Washington.—Representative Robert L. Doughton of Laurel Springs Friday night disposed of various reports that have been circulated in North Carolina that he would be appointed by the President a member of the U. S. Tariff Commission, or become a candidate for governor, by declaring that he proposed to be a candidate to succeed himself in Congress.

Publication in State newspapers for some time that the Ninth District congressman would relinquish his congressional post soon to accept the tariff commission membership, and the later statement that he would contest for governor, have developed possible candidates in the Ninth District.

Among those mentioned is Walter Woodson of Salisbury, Zeb V. Long of Statesville, and Tam C. Bowie of West Jefferson, contingent, of course, upon whether Mr. Doughton will ask for another term in the House.

Te Stay in Congress. In his earnest and frank style, Mr. Doughton said:

"The only plan I have is again to be a candidate for Congress. I have had no other. I know nothing about the vacancy on the tariff commission if one is to take place, being filled, and have not discussed it with anyone in official circles. It has not been offered me, and I do not know whether I could get it if I wanted it."

"In regard to the governorship, the nomination does not take place until 1936, and that is too far away for anyone to reckon upon. No one can say definitely what he can do that far away."

"Just at this time, I am working day and night in an effort to carry out our President's program. The meetings of the Ways and Means Committee, of which I am chairman, have been continuous and arduous, and requires every moment of my time when I am not serving the people of the district. I am deeply sensible of the honors that the people of the district have bestowed upon me, and my duty is first to represent them, which I have earnestly endeavored to do in season and out since I first came here a member of the sixty-second Congress."

COVE CREEK WEED BRINGS HIGH PRICE

T. H. Williams, of the Cove Creek section, Monday marketed 7,000 pounds of Burley tobacco at Johnson City, Tenn., which brought him an average price of \$18.50, or a total of nearly \$1,300.

One of his crops, which was a part of the 7,000 pounds, was of such excellent quality that the entire crop of approximately 1,000 pounds averaged \$20 per hundred.

The Johnson City Chronicle stated in a news story Tuesday that Mr. Williams' crop was one of the best marketed in that town this season, showing that good quality tobacco is bringing a good price.

Roosevelt Bride



New York.—Miss Grace Green Roosevelt (above), only daughter of Col. and Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt and granddaughter of the former president, "Teddy," is soon to become the bride of William McMillan of Baltimore.

TAX PENALTIES ARE ON FEB. 1ST

Wilson Calls Attention to State Laws Providing One to Four Per Cent Penalty for Those Delinquent in Tax Payments.

County Tax Collector A. D. Wilson Tuesday called attention to the State laws regulating the payment of taxes and specifically to the section providing penalties of from one to four per cent for those who postpone payment of their governmental due. During February, Mr. Wilson says, he must add a penalty of one per cent, which increases monthly until May when the total penalty shall have become four per cent. Of interest will be sections 4, 5, 6 and 7, Chapter 428, Public Laws of North Carolina, Session 1931, which provide:

4. After the first day of February and on or before the first day of March next after due and payable, there shall be added to the tax a penalty of one per cent.

5. After the first day of March and on or before the first day of April next after due and payable, there shall be added to the tax a penalty of two per cent.

6. After the first day of April and on or before the first day of May next after due and payable, there shall be added a penalty of three per cent.

7. After the first day of May and on or before the first day of June after due and payable, there shall be added a penalty of four per cent.

Mr. Wilson reports a fair increase in the rate of tax payments lately and insists that citizens make an exceptional effort to secure their receipts before the time he is compelled to invoke the law as to penalties.

Nursery School Has Auspicious Opening

The Emergency Nursery School at the Demonstration School of the college opened Tuesday morning, January 23, with an initial attendance of fourteen. There is already a waiting list of eligible children registered, who will be admitted to the Nursery School just as soon as equipment sufficient to care for them can be secured.

Professor Wilson, director of the Demonstration School, is anxious to have every child between the ages of four and six years in reach of the school enrolled, if it is possible to secure equipment and teachers to take care of them. Mr. Wilson will be glad to enroll on the waiting list any child who is eligible. It is hoped that it will be possible to admit a few more into the Nursery School in a very short time.

The requirement for Nursery School is one teacher for each ten children. So far only one teacher has been assigned to this school. However, a number of the ladies of the town are giving volunteer assistance. Mrs. Tracy Council, Mrs. Chappell Wilson, and Mrs. D. J. Whitener, all of whom have had experience in working with pre-school children, gave some time to the Nursery School Tuesday. Others have offered to give time later in the week.

All of this assistance is most highly appreciated by Miss Fawn Watson, who is in charge of the Nursery School. Miss Watson is making every effort to secure a full-time assistant, so that more children may be admitted. She urges all parents of children from four to six to enter them on the waiting list, and sincerely hopes to be able to admit them to the Nursery School soon.

The month of November was 11 per cent less crime-ridden in New York City than November, 1932.

CWA EMPLOYEES REDUCED TO 15 HOURS PER WEEK

Money Runs Short and Workers Cut Down to One-half of Former Shifts Last Thursday. May Work 24 Hours a Week in Towns of Over 2,500 Population. Future Course of CWA Depends on Course of Congress.

Workers on Civil Works Administration projects in Watauga County are now working a maximum of fifteen hours per week, as against the thirty-hour shift which had hitherto been in vogue, according to Mrs. Smith Hagaman, CWA administrator. Last Thursday Mrs. Hagaman received word from Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, CWA administrator for North Carolina, to the effect that Federal authorities had ascertained the work was running higher than anticipated, and although the rate of pay was not reduced, the working hours were cut to keep within the appropriation.

Highway and other crews had been reorganized under the new system, and the work is going on uninterrupted. The action of Congress in supplying additional funds will perhaps decide the future of the program. Mrs. O'Berry's message follows:

"The average weekly payroll is in excess of the original estimated weekly payrolls. Reduce the hours worked per week on local, state and federal projects to keep within the money available. Effective January 19th, all per diem workers are limited to 24 hours per week in cities over 2,500 population; under 2,500 population and in open country, the limit is 15 hours per week. All clerical, supervisory and professional workers have a maximum of 30 hours per week with proportionate wage adjustment.

"This does not include administrative workers in administrators' offices. All Civil Works Administration and Civil Works Service employees are included.

"From this date (January 18th) no name shall be added to any payroll except in actual replacement of workers fully terminated and finally paid off."

Committee to Hear Complaints is Set Up

A committee on complaints, composed of members of both the local Civil Works Administration and the National Reemployment Service, was set up Tuesday, pursuant to instructions received from Raleigh. It shall be the duty of this committee to pass upon any complaints made as to the execution of the government program in Watauga County. Some such complaints are being forwarded from Raleigh, and will be acted upon, and others may be heard when they have complaints to offer.

Mrs. Wade Vannoy Succumbs Saturday

Mrs. Wade E. Vannoy, 34, of West Jefferson, died in a Charlotte hospital late Saturday afternoon, after an illness of several months with a stomach ailment. The remains were returned to Ashe County where burial took place Monday. Survivors include the husband and a small son.

Mrs. Vannoy prior to her marriage was Miss Mabel Greene, daughter of the late Calvin Greene, and received her education at State College here, where she made a host of friends, who will hear of her passing with genuine sorrow.

Mrs. Thos. Sutherland Dies Tuesday Morning

Mrs. Thomas Sutherland, aged more than eighty-five years, died at her home at Sutherland, in Ashe County, Tuesday morning, after an illness of short duration.

Funeral services are to be held this (Wednesday) afternoon from the Methodist Church in that community and interment will be in the family graveyard. A number of friends from Boone and vicinity will be present for the obsequies.

Surviving are three sons, John, Tilden and Charles, of Sutherland, and one daughter, Mrs. Julia Robertson, of Creston. One of the four children who have died was Mrs. W. R. Lovill of Boone, who succumbed many years ago.

Mrs. Sutherland was the former Miss Mollie Grant and was reared near Shouns, Tenn. She was a member of the Methodist Church and a leading figure in religious and other worthy movements. A kind neighbor, a Christian lady of unusually charitable disposition, the life of deceased has been a benediction to the people of this region.

Nuts used for candies, frostings, etc., should be broken instead of chopped. Chopping releases many small particles that give a cloudy color.