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A WANDERER PASSES

An immaculately dressed gentleman, perhaps thirty-five years of age, wearing good store-bought clothes and slinging the king's English in rhetorical symmetry, passed through Boone on a bus bound for Bristol Tuesday morning...

Rorn in Winston-Salem, reared in Winston-Salem, and a resident of that metropolis for each and every one of those thirty-five years...

It's hard to imagine the feelings of the young fellow as he slid along paved highways, sniffed his first breath of good clean country air, saw his first mountain...

We hope he enjoyed his trip, we hope he returned safely home, and we trust that in a few more years he will again break forth from that case-hardened cocoon which has held him in so long...

MEET THE COLONEL!

Colonel Pinkney Baldwin, pal of G. Washington, Daniel Boone, Abe Lincoln and lesser dignitaries of bygone days, dropped in on the Democrat force a few days ago...

But the Colonel soon switched from Biblical subjects, and brought his audience up to the days when he and General George Washington, then a resident of Catawba County, soldiered together in various campaigns against the "Injuns."

Colonel Baldwin will be two hundred years old this fall, and he's still strong physically. He helped Daniel Boone blaze the "Wilderness Trail," saw a million redskins bite the dust as they matched their little bows and arrows with the long muskets of the frontiersmen...

Colonel Baldwin procured his quarter and trudged away to his cabin on Boone's Fork...

SUPERINTENDENT MAY BE NAMED BY BOARD MONDAY

Much Interest Being Manifested in Behalf of Suggested Candidates to Fill Place Left Vacant by Hagaman Appointment. Several County Men Being Sponsored by Friends, and Board May Act on Monday.

Speculation is rife over Watauga County at the present time as to who will be chosen as Superintendent of Public Schools to succeed Smith Hagaman, recently appointed Baptist Hospital head, and the problem is likely to be settled next Monday when the Board of Education meets in regular monthly session.

No candidate for the position is making a particularly active personal bid for the place, it is understood, but friends of at least three candidates are said to be seeking endorsement for their respective choices.

No intimations are forthcoming from the members of the board as to whom they might individually favor for the position, there appearing to be a disposition on the part of the officials to leave the naming of the new superintendent largely to the will of the people of the county, as expressed to them.

Messrs. J. B. Horton, Will C. Walker and Thomas Coffey Jr. constitute the Board of Education, which is inclined to the opinion that the resignation of Superintendent Smith Hagaman will be presented next Monday.

50 MORE STRICKEN FROM CWA FORCES

Second Reduction in Watauga County's Quota of Civil Works Employees Cuts Down List to 282. Other Reductions Expected to Follow.

Fifty more persons whose names have been on the payroll of the Civil Works Administration in Watauga County, were ordered dropped Monday, says Mrs. Smith Hagaman, county CWA administrator, which brings the total number now employed in the recovery program down to 282.

More than one hundred were let off with the original instructions from Raleigh last week, and a gradual disbanding of the workers is expected until by the first of May, at which time the Civil Works Administration is expected to be a thing of the past.

The workers to be laid off are picked according to their needs, other resources, etc., and every effort is being made to carry out the instruction in the interest of the continuations with the minimum hardship to all concerned.

W. A. Sydnor Taken By Death Last Friday

W. A. Sydnor, prominent citizen and pioneer resident of North Wilkesboro died at his home there Friday afternoon. His health forced him to give up his active business life in 1930 and his condition became serious several days ago. Death was not unexpected.

Coming to North Wilkesboro when the town was in its infancy, Mr. Sydnor established himself as one of the city's most public-spirited citizens and was throughout his career a leader in civic and church affairs. He was a native of Richmond, Va. and moved to North Carolina from Florida.

Mr. Sydnor was 69 years of age.

SMITHERMAN—MAYE

Married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Atkins on Saturday evening, February 24, Miss Ruth Smitherman to Mr. Charlie Maye, the Rev. G. W. Trivett performing the ceremony.

Following the wedding a delightful supper was given in honor of the newly-married couple by Mr. and Mrs. Atkins.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Young Smitherman of Peoria, while the bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Maye, Sherwood. Both are well and favorably known in their respective communities.

To Draft Platform



Hon. Jake F. Newell, who is chairman of the committee to draft platform for Republican State Convention. Mr. Clyde R. Greene of Boone is a member of the committee. Mr. Newell asks dry plank, for lower tax on tobacco and sales tax repeal.

LOCAL MEN NAMED ON GOP COMMITTEE

Hodges and Greene are Recognized in Republican Organization. Newell Heads Platform Committee and Seeks Adoption of Dry Plank.

Two Watauga County Republicans, Clyde R. Greene and Russell D. Hodges, have been named by Chairman James S. Duncan on important committees in connection with the holding of the Republican State Convention in Charlotte on April 4th.

Mr. Greene was given a place on the important platform committee, which will draft a chart of party policies to be submitted to the convention for approval. Hon. Jake F. Newell is chairman of this committee and says he will urge the inclusion of a dry plank in the platform, together with one calling for lowered tobacco taxes, economy in government and one pledging the party to the repeal of the three per cent. retail sales levy.

Mr. Hodges is a member of the committee on plan of organization, which is headed by Charles A. Jonas, of Lincolnton.

A meeting of the Watauga County executive committee is expected to be held in the next few days and the call for the county convention will likely be issued through the next issue of The Democrat.

JIM BROWN WINS BACK FREEDOM

Adams Man Held on Rape Charge Is Dismissed by Justice Thompson as State Witnesses Fail to Incriminate the Defendant.

Jim Brown, resident of the Adams community, was acquitted in Squire Charles Thompson's court last week of charges contained in a warrant sworn out by Mrs. Wade Stewart of the Silverstone community. Mr. Brown was jailed a few days ago after Mrs. Stewart had charged him with attempted rape.

Information is that neither Mrs. Stewart nor other State witnesses corroborated the charges as contained in the bill of indictment and the case against Brown was promptly dismissed on motion of the defense.

MOUNTAINEERS WIN CLOSING GAME OF CAGE SEASON

The A. S. T. C. Mountaineers closed a fairly successful season last Friday night by defeating Maryville College by a score of 36-31. It was the last game for three of the boys, namely Lackey, Deal and Allor. The local boys piled up an early lead and were never overtaken. McConnell, Appalachian center, was again high scorer with 18 points. This was the third straight game he has attained this mark. Lackey, playing his usual smooth passing game, greatly aided in the support offensive play. Mosteller, who has been out the greater part of the season with a leg injury, saw some action during the game.

The Mountaineers won twelve and lost seven of their hard 19-game schedule this year.

Score at half: Appalachian, 22; Maryville, 13.

NEW TELEPHONE BOOK

The Watauga Telephone and Telegraph Company last week placed in the hands of subscribers a new directory containing the names of the rural phone holders, as well as the list of Southern Bell subscribers in Boone and vicinity. The directory, which comes from the presses of The Democrat, is doubly useful.

WATAUGA BANK PROGRESSES, SAYS THE COMMISSIONER

Mr. Hood Compliments Local Institution on Progress in Collections. May Open Under Deposit Guarantee When Bills-Payable Cleared. Fourth of March Not Deadline as to Local Institution.

Commissioner of Banks Gurney F. Hood is pleased with the progress the Watauga County Bank has made in the last three months in collections of notes and paying off obligations of the institution, according to a letter recently received by one of the bank officials.

Mr. Hood states, says Cashier G. P. Hagaman, that when the bills-payable item is cleared up the bank should be able to open as a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Fund without any trouble. It had previously been announced from Raleigh that all banks not open as of March 4th would be liquidated by the Banking Department, but Mr. Hagaman states that this ruling does not apply to the Watauga County Bank, since it is proceeding toward an opening, according to the wishes of the Banking Commissioner.

The first of last December, says Mr. Hagaman, bills payable and discounts amounted to \$62,956.17. That amount has now been reduced to \$37,926.21. The Federal Land Bank has approved loans to farmers for the local bank of \$38,330.00, which will be coming in as fast as the abstracts for titles can be made and sent to the Land Bank. Many other applications have gone in that have not been passed on.

The bank has averaged collecting \$200 a day since January 1, 1934, it is stated, outside what has come through the Federal Land Bank. Collections are better so far in 1934 than in the year 1933.

If everyone who owes the bank will start making payments now the bank will soon be open in fine shape, says Mr. Hagaman.

Cove Creek Basketeers In Last Game Friday

The Cove Creek High School basketeers will play their last home game of this season on Friday night, March 2nd, when they will meet the fast quintet of Lees-McRae College. Howard Walker, coach of the team, will try to select a combination during this game to start in the tournament at Winston Salem which will begin March 7th. Eight players, the score-keeper and coach will make the trip. The eight most likely to go are David Horton, Earl Henson, Marvin Deal, guards; Fred Mast, center; Olen Combs, Jack Henson, Lonnie Isaacs and Joe Banner, forwards. The schedule has been long and hard, however very successful. Some of the best teams have been met. The record follows:

- Cove Creek, 51, vs. Fleetwood High School, 9.
Cove Creek, 49, vs. Fleetwood High School, 29.
Cove Creek, 27, vs. Blowing Rock High, 16.
Cove Creek, 37, vs. Bethel High School, 13.
Cove Creek, 45, vs. Newland High School, 11.
Cove Creek, 46, vs. Millers Creek High School, 8.
Cove Creek, 26, vs. Tipton Hill High School, 33.
Cove Creek, 34, vs. A. S. T. C. freshmen, 25.
Cove Creek, 24, vs. Bristol, Tenn., Tigh School, 41.
Cove Creek, 25, vs. Tipton Hill High School, 20.
Cove Creek, 34, vs. West Jefferson All-Stars, 37.
Cove Creek, 37, vs. Butler High School, 23.
Cove Creek, 17, vs. Crossnore High School, 25.
Cove Creek, 34, vs. West Jefferson All-Stars, 27.
Cove Creek, 31, vs. A. S. T. C. freshmen, 41.
Cove Creek, 43, vs. Blowing Rock High School, 8.
Cove Creek, 21, vs. Hampton High School, 41.
Cove Creek, 31, vs. Hudson High School, 18.
Cove Creek, 32, vs. Hampton High School, 34.
Cove Creek, 35, vs. Crossnore High School, 38.
Cove Creek, 27, vs. Newland High School, 5.
Cove Creek, 32, vs. Hudson High School, 30.
Cove Creek, 24, vs. Mountain City High School, 15.
Cove Creek, 45, vs. Lees-McRae College Reserves, 23.
Cove Creek, 38, vs. Spruce Pine High School, 11.
Total points scored by Cove Creek for season, 845; total scored by opponents, 581.

For home-made fumigating of a sick room, drop vinegar on a red hot shovel, one drop at a time, and wait for each drop to burn before repeating.

Wins High Post



Smith Hagaman, County Superintendent of Schools, who was unanimously named superintendent of the Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem.

FISH HATCHERY TO BE CONTINUED

Delegation Makes Successful Appearance Before Conservation Board. Rutherford Hatchery to Be Continued and May Be Enlarged.

A delegation of Wataugans headed by Senator W. R. Lovill and including Dr. E. B. Dougherty and County Game Warden H. G. Farthing, went to Raleigh Friday where they appeared before the Board of Conservation in the interest of the continuance of the Rutherford Fish Hatchery. Last fall the board voted to discontinue this enterprise, but finally local citizens secured a hearing. The facts were ably presented and the board agreed to continue the hatchery for an indefinite period, the promise based largely on obtaining more plentiful supply of water. Following the meeting, it was said, members of the board accompanied the local men to the CWA offices in the interest of projects intended to improve the hatchery grounds, etc. No action has yet been taken in this connection.

M'CRARY RESIGNS, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30

District Attorney Withdraws at the Request of Justice Department. Senator Bailey Backs Higgin for Post.

Washington.—Having been requested to do so by the Department of Justice, J. R. McCrary has tendered his resignation as district attorney in the Middle District, to take effect June 30th. It was said Saturday that no fault had been found with the manner in which Mr. McCrary had discharged the duties of his office, but he is a Republican. Senator Bailey has asked the department to appoint a Democrat, Carlisle Higgins, to take McCrary's place, and this will be done.

Barring politics and accidents, Mr. McCrary's term would not have expired until the spring of 1936.

Lees-McRae Work Plan Proves Very Successful

Banner Elk.—The new Lees-McRae work plan, which has been in operation a little more than one month has proved its success. Over 160 students are now on the college pay roll, receiving credit on their college expenses. Of these, 128 are paying this year's school account and 36 are receiving credit on next year's bill.

E. L. Lafferty is dean of labor. Each department of the college has a supervisor, who is a member of the staff of the Edgar Tufts Memorial College, Grace Hospital and Grandfather Home at Banner Elk. There is also a student foreman for each department.

New projects which will be begun within the next two weeks include the manufacture of wrought iron ware, under the direction of Daniel Boone, noted craftsman of Burnsville; weaving, under the direction of Howard Ford, of Penland, where some of the country's finest weaving is done; and an electric bakery, operated by the college staff.

Lees-McRae will announce for next fall a new curriculum, including a number of subjects not previously taught here, and built around the student work projects. Each student will select a major vocation, and learn it thoroughly during his years at Lees-McRae; at the same time, his class-room work will be co-ordinated with his outside work to make both an integral part of his education.

New milk curdles very readily, for which reason salt should never be added to milk preparations until the last moment.

SMITH HAGAMAN IS NAMED NEW HEAD BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Boone Man Elected Unanimously to High Position and Will Retire from Superintendency of Schools. Preference Came Without Solicitation on Mr. Hagaman's Part. Date Not Set for Taking Over New Duties.

Smith Hagaman, County Superintendent of Schools in Watauga County for more than twenty years, and one of the outstanding leaders in the Three Forks Baptist Association, has been chosen as Superintendent of the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem to succeed Rev. G. T. Lumpkin, who died several weeks ago. The appointment of the new hospital official came at a meeting of the board of trustees held in Winston-Salem last Friday and the Boone man won the appointment without a dissenting vote.

Mr. Hagaman is not prepared to state just when he will enter upon his new duties, but says that it is the desire of the trustees that he go to Winston-Salem as soon as possible. His resignation as County Superintendent will likely be accepted by the Board of Education at its meeting next Monday, and a successor appointed.

Honor Unsought Since Mr. Hagaman's appointment it develops that the movement to have him placed at the head of the denominational institution, was conceived in the minds of friends, and that he knew nothing of the movement until sentiment had begun to crystallize in his favor. It was said to have been a clear-cut case of the position seeking the man, and information is that Mr. Hagaman had not fully determined to accept the position if tendered until the time of his appointment.

Long Public Record Mr. Hagaman is the son of the late Hugh Hagaman, and was reared in the Beaver Dam section of Watauga County. When a young man he secured the necessary certification and was employed as teacher in the schools of the county for a period of twelve years. Five-months terms were standard for schools in those days and during vacation periods Mr. Hagaman dealt in livestock, sheep and cattle. In 1906 he was elected on the Democratic ticket as a representative in the lower branch of the Legislature and was returned to Raleigh again in the elections of 1910. In 1913 he was elected county superintendent of schools, and during the time up to the present, became known as a leader in educational activities in this part of the State. He was also county superintendent of welfare, having been named to this position when that function of government was established many years ago.

Active in Church Mr. Hagaman did not let affairs of state interfere with his church activities, as he was for fifteen years moderator of the Three Forks Association, and acted as clerk to the Association for a period of thirteen years. He has taught the man's Bible class of the Boone Baptist Church for ten years, being at the time in charge of a mid-week meeting at which other Sunday School teachers were instructed. He was chairman of the local Board of Deacons for ten years.

When the arrangement for the building of Watauga Hospital was completed some time ago, Mr. Hagaman was named chairman of the board of trustees for this enterprise. The superintendency of the Baptist Hospital is regarded as one of the best positions within the gift of the Baptist denomination, and Mr. Hagaman is being widely felicitated on his preferment.

Teachers May Enter A. S. T. C. on March 5

The State Department of Certification has stated that the last certificates of class C. to be issued by the State will bear the date as of July 1st, 1934. This means that the last credits that may be earned for this purpose are those of the school year 1933-34 and of the summer quarter 1934.

Because of this so many requests have come to the Appalachian State Teachers College that arrangements have been made so that teachers may enter for credit on March 5th or 6th. This will enable quite a number of teachers to secure their C. certificates, says Dr. J. D. Rankin, dean of the local college.

FEDERAL AID FOR LEES-MCRAE

Banner Elk.—Lees-McRae College has obtained Federal aid in giving employment to a number of students during the current semester, it was announced Monday by Edgar H. Tufts, president.

About seventeen students can be so aided. They will work in the various self-sustaining projects of the college. The funds were obtained through the office of Mrs. O'Berry, State Civil Works administrator, upon recommendation of Dr. A. T. Allen.