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ON GRADUATES

Fifty-four boys and girls, as fine a looking group as ever assembled, stood on the stage at College Auditorium last Thursday evening...

A TATTOO, IF YOU PLEASE

For the benefit of those who know not the gentle art of expressing "Friendship," "Love," "Patriotism" and the other beautiful sentiments...

SOMETHING NEW!

For years and years and years the human race has been forced to grovel at the feet of science...

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HEALTH CLINIC FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN TO BE HELD HERE

Drs. Hagaman and Perry to Be in Charge. Work to Begin Tuesday at Demonstration School Building.

On next Tuesday, May 8th, and for a day or two following, a clinic, conducted by Dr. H. B. Perry and Dr. J. B. Hagaman, will be held in the Demonstration School building at Boone.

Both physicians will be equipped to remove tonsils and adenoids at the rate of \$12.50 per child; all work done will be on a cash basis.

P. T. A. to Aid in Work. Members of the local P. T. A. are assisting the physicians by providing cots or small beds, and other necessities.

Those who wish their children's tonsils removed will bring with them two sheets, one pillow and case. The child whose tonsils are to be removed should eat a very light supper, such as milk and toast or a poached egg and toast, the evening before the operation is to be performed.

Professional services will be rendered in order of arrangements made. The quicker a parent sees his physician, the more intelligently he can plan to do the work.

JOSEPH LINNEY ENDS OWN LIFE

Nephew of Late Col. R. Z. Linney Drinks Poison in Alexander County Sunday. Ill Health Blamed for Tragic Death.

Joseph T. Linney, 50, resident of Gwaltney Township, Alexander County, committed suicide Sunday evening by drinking a bottle of carbolic acid.

He attended church and Sunday School Sunday morning and in the afternoon was present at a religious gathering in Stony Point.

Mr. Linney was unmarried and for a number of years lived alone at the Linney homestead.

Mr. Linney, who was well known by many Watauga County people, was a nephew of the late Colonel R. Z. Linney.

MRS. DOUGHTON IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Hon. Robert L. Doughton returned to Laurel Springs Wednesday morning, having been called from Washington on account of the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. Rebecca Doughton.

Mr. Doughton came to North Carolina Friday when he was advised of his aged parent having suffered a paralytic stroke, and returned to Washington Tuesday when an improvement in her condition had become apparent.

Mrs. Doughton is 96 years old and was felicitated on her last anniversary by President Roosevelt.

City Manager Expert



New Rochelle, N. Y.—Irving C. Brower (above) is a city manager expert on a wholesale plan.

SMATHERS ASKS WATAUGANS TO RESTOCK STREAMS

Manager of Fish Hatchery Says Only Four Applications for Trout Have Been Received from Local People and Asks Speedy Action to Aid in Program Here.

One million brook, brown and rainbow trout are now ready for distribution in the mountain streams, says C. E. Smathers, manager of the Ruthewood Fish Hatchery.

Mr. Smathers calls attention to the fact that the Ruthewood Hatchery serves nine counties, and believes that with equal distribution all of these could be well taken care of from his annual output.

Mr. Smathers states that he is exceedingly anxious for this county to share in the trout, but says that before it may be must have applications from individuals, and that no deliveries are made by him.

Mr. Smathers tells The Democrat that he is anxious for the people to visit the hatchery, observe the workings and make the grounds a recreation spot.

WOOTEN DIRECTOR RE-EMPLOYMENT

Wilkes Man in Charge of Office Which Controls Emergency Employment in Watauga and Four Other Counties.

Mr. R. L. Wooten of North Wilkesboro has been named as manager of the National Re-employment Office in that city, which handles the administrative affairs of Watauga and four other counties.

The five counties which comprise the North Wilkesboro district are Wilkes, Watauga, Ashe, Alleghany and Alexander.

No other re-employment offices will be maintained in this district, Mr. Wooten's office to take care of re-employment work in all five of the counties.

No announcements have been made as to the details of the duties of the new office, but it is presumed the work will be carried on largely as heretofore.

Seed Loans Are to Be Made Until 15th

Federal seed loans may be made up until May 15th, according to word coming from Mr. D. M. Hale, manager of the local seed loan office.

AGNES HARTLEY KILLED AS TREE CRUSHES AUTO

Fourteen-Year-Old Blowing Rock Girl Receives Fatal Injuries in Unusual Accident. Death Comes at Caldwell Hospital. Timber Cutters Fell Tree as Car Approaches. Occupants were En Route to School.

Agnes Hartley, 14-year-old high school student of Blowing Rock, died at Caldwell Hospital on Friday from injuries received Thursday as a falling tree crushed the automobile in which she, her father and two sisters were riding.

Mr. Hartley was driving along the Hughes road en route from his home at Aho, and was near Blowing Rock when a tree, felled by sawmill workers, crushed the light vehicle in which he was carrying his children to school.

The impact of the falling timber was so great that Mr. Hartley was rendered unconscious for the time being. Sawmill employees succeeded in extricating the entrapped occupants of the car within a few minutes.

The wounded girl was taken immediately by Cecil Critcher to Caldwell Hospital for an emergency operation, but never regained consciousness.

The deceased girl was a popular member of the eighth grade at the Blowing Rock school and the family, which resides about a half-mile from Blowing Rock, is well known in Watauga County.

The funeral services were conducted from the home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock and were largely attended. Floral offerings were profuse and beautiful, and bore testimony to the esteem in which Agnes was held by her friends.

Rev. Sexton Buchanan, pastor of Blowing Rock Presbyterian Church, conducted the rites and the body was interred in the Reformed Church cemetery.

Surviving are the parents, one brother and five sisters.

Registration Books Being Distributed

Registration books to be used in connection with the primary on June 2nd are being distributed to the various registrars this week by R. S. Swift, chairman of the election board, and will be open next Saturday and on two subsequent Saturdays for the registration of new voters.

Little interest develops locally in the June voting, since only one contest is submitted to the electorate in Watauga County.

Loyal Member Day to Be Observed Sunday

Loyal Member Day will be observed at Boone Methodist Episcopal Church South on next Sunday, May 6th.

Special programs for the Sunday School hour and regular service hour have been prepared.

LITTLE GUY WEST IS KILLED BY AUTO

Telegraphic information reaching Boone Tuesday tells of the death of Guy B. West Jr., who was killed by a passing automobile in Clarksburg, W. Va., where the family lives.

The deceased child is remembered as a son of Mrs. Mary Annie Trivette West and Mr. West, and a grandson of Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Trivett of this city.

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Visitor Here Today



C. W. Snyder of Winston-Salem, field secretary for the Junior Order United American Mechanics, who is attending a district meeting of that organization here today.

JUNIORS HOLD DISTRICT MEET

Dozen High Officials of Order Gather in Boone Today with Delegates from Three Counties. Public Meeting at School.

More than a dozen high officials of the Junior Order United American Mechanics are in Boone today (Wednesday) in attendance at the semi-annual district meeting of the organization, scheduled to begin at 3 o'clock with a business session at Junior Hall.

A minimum of twenty-four delegates from the counties of Avery, Mitchell and Watauga, representing eight councils, will be present, and the evening session is to be held at the Demonstration School and is open to the public.

State Councilor B. C. Siske will be the principal speaker at the evening session, while Gurney P. Hood, State Treasurer, and W. M. Shuford, superintendent of the Junior orphanage at Lexington, will make some remarks.

STATE CONVICTS ARE RECAPTURED

Sheriff Howell Jails Buret Presnell and Howard Hardin on Advice from Raleigh. 27 Apprehended for Outside Authorities Thus Far.

Buret Presnell, Watauga County man who was serving a sentence of from three to five years in the State penitentiary for the larceny of a car, and who made his escape from the Perquimans County State Farm, was captured by Sheriff Howell last Saturday near the old West End Garage, after he had attempted concealment in the body of a truck.

Howard Hardin was also taken by Sheriff's forces last week at his home on the Yonahlossee Road. He had escaped four months ago from the Hudson Prison Camp where he was sent at the fall term, 1933, for six months.

Two Boone Students Win Unusual Honors

Two students of the Boone graded school, members of Miss Eula Todd's class, took first and second place in the seventh grade examination for Watauga, Ashe and Yadkin counties, it was learned Wednesday.

Papers for all seventh grade tests were forwarded to the Boone Demonstration School for grading, when it developed that Miss Imogene Norris of Route 2 had secured the highest average grade for the three counties, and that James Norris of Boone was second high.

Imogene is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Norris, while James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Norris. Friends of the students and of the families are extending congratulations on account of the high honor, and Miss Todd, their teacher, takes justifiable pride in the accomplishments of her pupils.

One-fourth, or 70,000,000 acres, of the farm area of the South is in forest or woodlands.

RUFE LEWIS GETS 30 YEAR STRETCH ON MURDER COUNT

Slayer of Police Chief Hagaman Given Maximum Second Degree Term After State Fails to Make First Degree Case. Violet Adams Gets 2 to 3 Years. Fred McDaniel Sentenced to 18 Months on Roads.

Rufe Lewis was sentenced by Judge Oglesby to a term of thirty years in the State Prison in Superior Court last Thursday, after the State had accepted a plea of second degree murder in connection with the slaying of Police Chief Hill Hagaman last September, and Violet Adams, young Caldwell County woman, was sent to the penitentiary for a term of 2 to 3 years as an accessory after the fact.

Lewis went on trial for his life Thursday morning after a jury had been completed the previous evening from two venues of 75 men each, and the evidence of the State was completed in early afternoon.

The State's evidence consisted principally of testimony on the part of officers who were with Mr. Hagaman when the raid on the Blue Goose filling station in Boone caused his death.

Defense attorneys took advantage of every detail in the cross-examination and especial emphasis was laid on the testimony of Sheriff Howell to the effect that the fatal bullet had been lost in the gun battle which fatally wounded Officer Hagaman, the raiders used lead bullets, while the automatic in the hands of Lewis carried jacketed missiles.

Violet Adams was at the Blue Goose at the time of the raid, and attorneys were unable to veer Robert Norris, 11-year-old witness, from the statement that the defendant had told him that she handed Lewis the death-dealing automatic.

Fred McDaniel, lessee of the Blue Goose at the time of the fatal shooting, received a road sentence of 18 months after he was adjudged guilty of possession for the purpose of sale the twenty-odd pints of whiskey which precipitated the raid on the place.

Following are the other sentences of the court:

- Ralph Culler, seduction, to pay the cost and be of good behavior.
Roe Greer, Glenn Greer, Alex Parlier, larceny of meat. First two named sentenced to 12 months on roads, while Parlier was given 8 months. All to wear stripes.
Charles Green, assault with deadly weapon, 6 months on roads.
Charles Green, larceny, 6 months on roads. Two sentences to run concurrently.
Com Green, larceny, four months on roads.
Charles Walser, assault on female. Pleads guilty to forcible trespass. Four months on roads.
Lonnie Ward, assault with deadly weapon, four months on roads.
Boone Grimes, assault, and violation prohibition laws. Thirty days on roads to begin in 30 days.
John Johnson, possession of whiskey, 60 days on roads. No stripes.
Joannie Tester, larceny, 60 days on roads.

TEN PRISONERS BEGIN SENTENCES

Large Group Taken to Road Camps as Criminal Court Ends. Two Yet to Be Taken to Penitentiary. Seven Untried Cases in Jail.

Ten prisoners, sentenced to road terms from Judge Oglesby's court, were taken to the Hudson prison camp to begin their terms last Monday. Prison Superintendent Laney came for the men and they will be worked under the direction of the State Highway and Public Works Commission.

Rufe Lewis and Violet Adams, who are to serve their sentences in the State penitentiary, will be taken to Raleigh Thursday. Seven others are in the county jail, having been incarcerated after the grand jury had been dismissed, and some of them after the departure of the solicitor.