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OUR MOTHERS

Those mothers of ours... living and dead... mothers of tender years, mothers with gray hair and palsied hands...

A man may lay his riches in the lap of an alluring mate to prove his deep-seated affection... a father may forsake an empire for baubles to please the fancy of a favorite daughter...

Maybe her son was borne without wedlock... maybe the neighbors called her "catty"... maybe society branded her as immoral...

GOODBYE, ROMEO!

A down-the-country cobbler for several weeks plied his trade at the bench of a local shop... an old geezer he was with romantic notions tucked back in his head...

BOB REYNOLDS... EDITOR

Senator Robert R. Reynolds, who during the past number of years has more than one time broken into the "hallowed precincts" of the Fourth Estate...

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WOODIN DIES AFTER A LONG FIGHT TO REGAIN HIS HEALTH

Former Secretary of Treasury Passes Peacefully at New York Hospital. Was Greatly Beloved. Left Business Enterprises to Join His Friend Frank Roosevelt in Mapping Out Road to Financial Recovery.

New York.—William H. Woodin, whose warm friendship for Franklin D. Roosevelt led him to take the helm of the Treasury in one of the nation's gravest crises, died Thursday night.

The industrialist and composer, whose health had been frail in recent years, died in a hospital of the ravages of a throat infection. He would have been 66 years old late this month.

For seven months, through the strain of the national bank holiday and the unprecedented monetary experiments of the New Deal, Mr. Woodin held to his post until last November when he finally obtained a leave of absence and finally, January 1st, resigned as secretary of the treasury.

The President, whom he called "Governor" and by whom he was in turn addressed as "Will," several times took occasion to acknowledge the value of the counsel and administrative ability of Mr. Woodin. Criticism—that Mr. Woodin was out of sympathy with what were popularly called "inflationary policies" of the President and that the appearance of his name in the J. P. Morgan inquiry was embarrassing—cropped out occasionally, but the friendship of the President and secretary was often publicly reaffirmed.

Not long before the end, one of Mr. Woodin's physicians related, he had talked affectionately of the President.

However, Mr. Woodin was confined to bed at the hospital at the outset and had been critically ill for at least 24 hours, unconscious five of them, until his death at 6:15 p. m.

Mrs. Absher Speaks At Legion Meeting

Mrs. W. R. Absher, president of the State American Legion Auxiliary, was principal speaker at a joint meeting of the local Legion post and Auxiliary Friday evening.

Mrs. Absher's address followed a bountiful supper served by the local unit and a program of service for the Legion and Auxiliary was outlined. One project is to be a canvass of the entire State, making a census of all children, physically handicapped, crippled, blind, deaf, dumb, etc.

Following the census, arrangements are under way for these children to be examined, treated and a cure effected where possible. This service will be free to the child, and co-operation on the part of the general public is requested so that no child may be overlooked in the survey. Further announcements will be made later in this connection.

Miss Adams of North Wilkesboro, State Auxiliary secretary, was also present, and a reading by Miss Mildred McDade of Boone was well received.

Officers Lees-McRae Named Last Week

Banner Elk.—Trustees of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association at their meeting here last week-end elected officers and an executive committee for the coming year. The association includes Lees-McRae College, Grace Hospital and Grandfather Home.

Dr. Robert King, of Johnson City, Tenn., was named chairman of the board, succeeding Dr. Frazier Hood of Davidson College. Charles A. Cannon of Kannapolis, vice-chairman, succeeding Dr. King, and F. H. Stinson, of Banner Elk, was continued as secretary.

Edgar H. Tufts, president of Lees-McRae College, was continued as president and treasurer of the association, consisting of the three institutions his father founded.

The executive committee of trustees for the coming year includes Dr. King and Mr. Stinson, and Sam R. Sells and James A. Summers, of Johnson City, Tenn., and A. A. McLain, of Lenoir.

The trustees adopted resolutions of respect to the memory of Mrs. Helen Hartley Jenkins, of New York, who died last week. Mrs. Jenkins was the chief single benefactor of Grace Hospital, which is named for her sister.

In Wayne County the chamber of commerce has started a movement stressing better quality crops. Large attendances have been recorded at meetings held to stimulate interest in better crops.

MAYOR COUNCILL TO WHITE HOUSE

Mayor Tracy Council left Tuesday for Washington City, where he was invited to attend a White House reception and banquet at the Shoreham Hotel in connection with the presentation of the Warm Springs Foundation to President Roosevelt.

Mr. Council was chairman of the President's Ball held here and the endowment of over \$1,300,000.00 came as a result of these enterprises over the country. Mayor Council is expected to return Thursday.

PRISON CAMP MAY BE BUILT SOON

North Wilkesboro Contractor Drilling Deep Well on State-owned Farm Near Boone. Work on Buildings Expected to Start by July.

The State prison camp, to be established on the property purchased last summer for the purpose in the Oak Grove community one mile west of the city, is expected to be constructed this summer, according to Resident Engineer James H. Council of the State Highway Department, who says that information is to the effect that work will start on the buildings about the first of July and that they will be occupied this fall.

Mr. R. E. Faw, of North Wilkesboro, is now engaged in drilling a deep well to furnish water at the camp, and Mr. Carter Farthing has been placed in charge of the tilling of the fertile fields adjacent. Already about 200 bushels of potatoes have been planted, and a considerable acreage is to be seeded to corn and soy beans.

Hon. Hugh Taylor to Speak at Bethel Church

The Honorable Hugh Taylor, brother of two ex-governors of Tennessee and private secretary to both during their terms of office, will deliver an address at Bethel Baptist Church, Beaver Dam, on Mothers' Day, May 13th. His subject will be "Mother," and the hour is eleven o'clock a. m.

Mr. Taylor was an outstanding figure in the "War of the Roses," when Eob and Alf Taylor, brothers of opposite party affiliation, sought the Governorship, and where the people of both organizations threw away politics and elected one for one term and the other for a following term. A son of one of the South's most aristocratic families and a polished gentleman, Mr. Taylor is said to be an orator second to none, and all mothers in western Watauga are urged to hear his address Sunday.

Mr. Taylor comes to Bethel through the courtesy of Mr. C. G. Cooke, of Elizabethton, Tenn., who in his way will pay tribute to his and other mothers of the community in which he spent his childhood.

Orphans Are Feted On Visit to Boone

More than sixty children, charges of the Grandfather Orphanage at Banner Elk, were guests of the Pastime theatre last Saturday morning at a special screening voluntarily arranged by Manager Hamby. While the show was in progress, Messrs. Dempsey Wilcox and Jim Rivers conducted a whirlwind campaign among the citizens of the town, and when the orphans assembled in Daniel Boone Park for their picnic dinner, several gallons of ice cold lemonade, quantities of ice cream, peanuts, fruits candies and the like were on the ground to contribute to the joy of the outing. After enough of the treat had been provided, with plenty to spare for a few of those who could not come to town, Miss Jane Russell, superintendent, was presented an additional twenty dollars from the people of Boone to be used for the further benefit of this section's orphaned children.

DWIGHT BEARD WILL DIE FOR MURDER OF VALDESE CITIZEN

Morganton.—Dwight Beard, convicted on charges of the first degree murder of Augustus Bounous, Valdesse merchant slain in a hold-up in 1932, was sentenced Saturday by Judge Wilson Warlick to be electrocuted on July 6th.

His attorneys immediately filed notice of appeal to the State Supreme Court.

"I hold no prejudice against anyone," the doomed man told the judge after sentence had been pronounced. Bounous, prominent Valdesian, was shot to death as he drove to his home. Witnesses had identified Beard and Alvin Ellier, the latter serving a prison term for conviction on charges of being an accessory to the crime, as the men seen near the house when the merchant was slain.

Throughout the trial Beard, who was captured several months ago in St. Paul, Minn., had protested his innocence.

FUNERAL FOR MRS. DOUGHTON IS HELD AT LAUREL SPRINGS

Mother of Congressman Doughton Succumbs Thursday from Effects of Stroke Suffered Week Previous. Was Almost 96 Years Old. Widow of the Late Horton Doughton. Two Sons Have Won Prominence.

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon from the Laurel Springs Baptist Church in Allegheny County, for Mrs. Rebecca Jones Doughton, the mother of two of Carolina's most esteemed statesmen, and the body was laid to rest in the Doughton family cemetery in that locality.

A vast concourse of friends and relatives gathered for the obsequies from almost all sections of the State, and many high officials in State and national activities were present. Several Wataugas attended the funeral, among whom were L. L. Bingham, A. E. South, G. M. Sudderth, Charles F. Zimmerman and W. R. Lovell.

Mrs. Doughton was the widow of J. Horton Doughton, well-known Alleghenian who died 28 years ago, and mother of Congressman Robert L. Doughton, veteran representative from the Ninth District and at present chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. Another son, Hon. R. A. Doughton of Sparta, has distinguished himself in governmental circles in Carolina, is a long-time legislator, former lieutenant governor and commissioner of revenue.

Other surviving children are: W. F. Doughton and Mrs. F. Miller, Laurel Springs; Mrs. T. J. Carson, Sparta, and Mrs. W. A. Fender, Washington. Her children were all present when death came, brought on by a stroke of paralysis a week before.

Mrs. Doughton would have been ninety-six years old should she have lived until next month, and was often complimented by President Roosevelt, who is in frequent contact with Congressman Doughton.

URGES COUNTY TO GET FARM AGENT

Representative of State College Before Commissioners Monday in Interest of County Agent Proposal of Especial Value Now.

Mr. O. F. McRary, district agent from the State College extension department, was in town Monday and went before the commissioners in the interest of a county farm agent. While the board held Mr. McRary that the budget would not at the present time take care of the additional expense involved, it was not altogether an unsympathetic ear that received his recommendations. The board is not described as being unfriendly to a county farm agent, provided it is shown that the people of the county, particularly the farmers, want the new position established.

Mr. McRary, in speaking with a Democrat representative, stated that the placing of beef cattle on the basic commodity list by the Federal government increases the importance of agent work in a livestock county such as this, and that there is an added incentive in the desire of the Tennessee Valley Authority to conduct their co-operative enterprises largely with the aid of the agricultural agents in this section.

Many Children Cared For at Health Clinic

More than thirty children had tonsil and adenoid operations at the child health clinic being conducted at the Demonstration school building on the first two days. Drs. J. B. Hagan and H. B. Perry of Boone and Dr. Baughman of Johnson City are conducting the clinic and operations are being performed at the rate of \$12.50 per child. Examinations for defective sight are also being made and glasses fitted at cost plus ten per cent.

COMMEMORATION AT BANNER ELK COLLEGE BEGINS MAY 19

Banner Elk.—Commemoration exercises at Lees-McRae College will be held May 19, 20 and 21, with L. L. Campbell, executive assistant to the Chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority, as the commencement speaker. Mr. Campbell will speak on Monday, May 21st at 3 p. m.

The baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, May 20th, will be preached by Dr. Charles R. Erdman, professor of theology at the Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J. Dr. Erdman has for several years planned to deliver the baccalaureate sermon at Lees-McRae but has been prevented each year until the present. He is a noted preacher and author of many books.

The program for May Day and class day exercises on Saturday, May 20, and the list of graduates will be announced later.

PARK FOLKS WILL RETURN MAY 18th

Information coming from Engineer James H. Council is to the effect that the national roadway officials who have been engaged in checking over tentative routes for the Park to Park Highway, will return to Boone on May 18th, after having assembled in Bristol on the day previous. Several weeks ago the proposed route through the Blowing Rock section was practically obscured by fog, thus the return trip.

Mr. Council states that two weeks ago Chairman Jeffress and Chief Locating Engineer Browning traversed a good deal of the route favored by Carolinians, and went on foot to many of the eminences along the way.

FUNERAL IS HELD FOR WEST CHILD

Small Son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy West Killed by Auto in Clarksburg, W. Va. Funeral at Advent Church. Burial at Trivette Cemetery.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon from the Advent Christian Church for Guy H. West Jr., 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy H. West, who was fatally injured by an automobile in Clarksburg, W. Va., on the preceding Monday. Rev. R. L. Isbell, Adventist minister of Lenoir, conducted the rites and was assisted by Rev. P. A. Hicks of the Baptist Church.

The active pallbearers were: Gurney Brinkley, Grant Hodges, Lee Stout and Joe Crawford, of Boone. Honorary: O. K. Pyles, C. J. Fesler, William Jay, Charlie Rose, E. W. Allen, J. D. White, of Clarksburg, W. Va.; D. H. Hann, of Charleston, W. Va.; Cliff McConnell and John Greer of Boone. A large number of friends gathered for the services and the floral offering was impressive.

Besides the bereaved father and mother, one brother, James Milton, survives.

According to information brought to Boone, the child was struck while playing inside the curbing in front of his home. A motorist seeking to avoid striking another car is said to have driven across the curb and directly onto the child, who succumbed later in a hospital in that city. The driver of the car was later charged by State police with manslaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. West are both natives of this section. Mrs. West being a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Trivette, of Boone, and they have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends in their bereavement. They have lived in Clarksburg since November where Mr. West is in the employ of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.

J. Lee Hayes Passes In Statesville Monday

J. Lee Hayes, 72 years old, a native Watauga and prominent contractor of Lenoir, died Monday in a Statesville hospital where he had been taken a week previous for treatment. Funeral arrangements were not contained in the information The Democrat was able to secure.

Surviving are the widow and five children: Hal K. Hayes of Charlotte; Misses Ella and Olena Hayes, Lenoir; Miss Vienna Hayes, Statesville, and Hubert Hayes, Boston, Mass.

Mr. Hayes was a member of one of Watauga County's most prominent and substantial families, and for many years made his home at Blowing Rock, where he was engaged in the general contracting business. He moved to Lenoir several years ago, where he had since resided. Mr. Hayes was well known throughout this section of the State where his fine traits of citizenship had attracted a wide circle of friends.

Younce Will Speak At Spruce Pine Meet

Charles L. Younce of Boone, former district commander of the American Legion, will be a principal speaker Thursday evening, May 10th, when the Seventeenth District convention is held in Spruce Pine. Mr. Younce, who resigned the command because of ill health, and who spent the winter in Florida, will talk about what the American soldiers encountered in France.

State Commander Tom Daniels of New Bern will be present as will Commander Honeycutt of Black Mountain, and others prominent in American Legion circles are expected. Music and other forms of entertainment are to be provided.

The meeting includes representatives from posts in Watauga, Mitchell, Caldwell, Burke and Avery counties. All members and ex-service men are urged to attend this meeting.

Water pipes made of a new alloy of tellurium and lead are said to have twice the resistance to bursting when frozen of lead pipe.

THE WAY OUT OF CHAOS IS SUBJECT EMINENT SPEAKER

Dr. Julian S. Miller of Charlotte in Address at College Commencement Exercises Says We Are Entering Upon Period of Complete Form of Democratic Government. Eighty-eight Receive Degrees.

The most constructive way out of the present chaotic condition was the general subject under which Dr. Julian S. Miller, associate editor of The Charlotte Observer, delivered the literary address at the thirty-first commencement at Appalachian State Teachers College last Friday.

Dr. Miller said that America is entering into the most complete form of Democratic government the world has ever experienced and in the subsequent development he looks to education to take the lead. Quoting Aristotle, "the body and mind is the chariot horse but the soul is the driver," the speaker emphasized the necessity of spiritual leadership as the driver under the expanded democracy.

The event was the sixth commencement since Appalachian College became a four-year institution. A graduating class of 88 young men and women received bachelor of science degrees and another group of 52 received diplomas for the completion of the two-year normal course in the fields of primary and grammar grade education.

Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of the college, in conferring the degrees stated that the institution is built on the theory that one should be specially trained to do a superior quality of work in some definite field. The success of the college depends upon its ability to furnish teachers of this character.

Finals Begin Saturday At Blowing Rock School

Commencement events at Blowing Rock High School begin Saturday May 12th, 8 o'clock, when the senior class, assisted by other members of the school will present an operetta, "The Gypsy Troubadour." An admission charge will be made for the cleverly staged play.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered Sunday evening, May 13th, at 8 o'clock at the Baptist Church by Rev. J. A. Youst, Lutheran minister of Boone.

Seventh grade graduation exercises will be held on Thursday evening, May 17th, 8 o'clock. Professor Guy H. Hill, principal of Boone High School, will deliver the address. Superintendent Howard Walker will present certificates of promotion.

High school graduation exercises will be the final program of the commencement, held on Friday evening, May 18th, 8 o'clock. The principal parts of this program will be taken by members of the graduating class. The diplomas will be presented by Superintendent Walker and certificates of award by the principal, Prof. G. E. Tester.

Five Cases Are Heard Before Judge Sudderth

Few cases came before Judge Sudderth in Records Court Tuesday. Following are those disposed of:

Marshal Coleman, violation prohibition laws; 60 days on roads.

Marshal Coleman assault with a deadly weapon and forcible trespass; 4 months on roads.

Hubert Winebarger, driving car while intoxicated; 60 days on roads. Driving license revoked for twelve months.

Tom Bumgarner, violating prohibition laws; dismissed.

Alfonso Hayes, violating prohibition laws; \$20 and costs.

Calvin Ragan, violating prohibition laws; case to be tried at next week's term.

THE WEATHER

Weather report for week ending May 6th, as compiled by the Co-operative Station at Appalachian State Teachers College:

Average maximum temperature, 71 degrees.

Average minimum temperature, 43 degrees.

Average temperature, 57 degrees.

Average daily range in temperature, 28 degrees.

Greatest daily range in temperature, 37 degrees; date, 5th.

Average temperature at 6 p. m. (time of observation), 65 degrees.

Highest temperature reached, 80 degrees; date, 5th.

Lowest temperature reached, 36 degrees; date, 2nd.

Total precipitation, 0.

Number of clear days, 6.

Number of cloudy days, 1.

All farmers who signed AAA contracts are being given books in which to keep accurate records of their production and expenses. This is an important step forward in better farming.