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Will Rogers Funeral is Today
Famed Comedian and Round-the-World Flyer Die in Crash at Point Barrow, Alaska



Thousands pay tribute this morning to Will Rogers, internationally known humorist, actor and philosopher, as the bronze casket holding his remains lies in a chapel at Los Angeles.

The body of Post, noted for his round-the-world flights, was flown to Oklahoma City, from which place it will be taken to the ancestral home at Mayaville for interment.

STORY OF CRASH
POINT BARROW, ALASKA.—Will Rogers, beloved No. 1 comedian of the age, and Wiley Post, master aviator, were killed in a crash of their plane at Point Barrow, Alaska, 4,000 miles away.

Mussolini, who with an iron hand rules the Italian kingdom, is plain nuts about aeronautics...



Jim"
compared to his European preceptors, but a man of authority 'mongst denizens of the Louisiana swamps...

And it doesn't seem right... but of course it is! It's just another of those things that has to happen, sooner or later...

Men like Will Rogers are the ones that should be remembered in history. During wars and pestilences and panics his daily newspaper 'cracks' drove the blues away from a multitude...

'Dear Charley:
There ain't much news here to tell you. You know the big Boss gent sent a hand over and got you so quick Charley. But I guess he needed a good man pretty bad...

TYPHOID CLINIC DATES ARE SET MANY IMMUNIZED

Last Chance for Inoculation Against Typhoid Fever. Dates Are Given.

1,500 PEOPLE HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF CLINICS

New Clinics Organized for Northern Section of County. Five Hundred Children Vaccinated for Diphtheria. Importance Emphasized.

Clinics for typhoid vaccinations at the following points will be held in accordance with the following schedule. These will be the last clinics held during this year for typhoid vaccination.

Mondays, August 26, Sept. 2, 9 and 16; Middle Fork 9 a. m., Aho 10 a. m., Bamboo 11 a. m., and Triplett 1:30 p. m.

During the past few weeks some fifteen hundred people have taken advantage of the clinics being held for typhoid vaccination by completing their course.

Some five hundred young children have been immunized against diphtheria and it is highly advisable that every child should be immunized against this disease during the last six months of its first year of life.

Doctors Will Gather At Banner Elk Today

All doctors are cordially invited to attend the post-graduate assembly to be held at Banner Elk on August 22 and 23, the sessions being at 2 p. m. on the 22nd, 8:30 p. m. the 22nd, and 9:30 a. m. August 23.

Baxter Linney Tells Story Of Chat With Will Rogers

Baxter Linney, native of Boone who now lives in Lenoir, recalls with pleasure a conversation with Will Rogers, and this is the way it happened:
It was back in 1928, as the humorist filled a stage engagement in Durham. Young Linney, then a student at Duke University, with some companions, had dropped in at an inconspicuous lunch counter, near the theatre at which Rogers was to appear.

W. P. A. OUTLINED

Administrator Coan Explains Huge Works Program.



RALEIGH, N. C.—In an address before the North Carolina County Commissioners Association at Wrightsville Beach, State Administrator George W. Coan Jr., outlined in simple language the plans and purposes of the Works Progress Administration, that his message might be carried back to the citizens of the counties throughout North Carolina, that they have a complete understanding of the gigantic program to transfer workers from relief rolls to the security of a job for the next twelve months.

Every effort is being made, stated State Administrator Coan, to speed the program and begin work as early as possible. Organization of State and district offices has been completed, and over \$9,000,000 in projects has been dispatched to Washington for final review and approval.

District offices for the State have been located in Elizabeth City, New Bern, Raleigh, Fayetteville, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Charlotte and Asheville, with a district director and administrative staff familiar with problems confronting their respective communities.

E. R. A. TEACHERS HOLD INSTITUTE

Relief Tutors Asked to Gather at State College in Raleigh On August 26th.

Teachers of this section who are certified for work relief and have the approval of their county superintendent, are urged to attend the Emergency Education Institute at State College, Raleigh, August 26 to September 7, inclusive, according to a bulletin sent out by Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, State Relief Administrator.

THAD EURE HERE

Thad Eure, candidate for the Democratic nomination as Secretary of State, and Mrs. Eure were visitors here Thursday and Friday of last week. Candidate Eure is well known in Watauga where he has previously visited, and there is likelihood that his candidacy will receive considerable local support.

FIDDLERS MEET FINE SUCCESS

Many Musicians Enter Competitions Friday and Saturday. The Prize Winners

More than one thousand persons attended the fiddlers convention staged in the courthouse Friday and Saturday evenings, and an unusually fine group of musicians participated in the various competitions.

String Band: First prize, Appalachian String Band, M. G. Barnes, manager; second prize, Bald Mountain String Band, Raybourn Michael, manager; third prize, Cove Creek String Band.

Guitar: First, J. E. Ashley; second, Thomas Ashley; third, Ray Dowell.

Violin: First, Ray Dowell; second, Ben Miller; third, Raybourn Michael.

Banjo: First, Doc Walsh; second, Thomas Ashley; third, Randall Shook.

Buck Dancers: First, R. L. Harrington; second, Frank Church; third, Richard Bledsoe.

Charleston Dancers: First, Biddy Triplett; second, Beulah Ragan; third, Anna May Weaver.

Mr. M. G. Barnes, manager of the Appalachian Band, winner of first prize, donated two dollars of the prize money to the Legion to apply on their hut.

Junior Order Picnic Will be Held Sunday
The annual picnic of the local unit of the Junior Order United American Mechanics will be held next Sunday on the Watauga River near the home of Mr. J. M. Snull at Valle Crucis, it has been announced.

JURORS DRAWN FOR FALL COURT

Judge Hoyle Sink Will Preside Over Regular Term of Superior Court.

The following have been chosen for jury service at the regular fall term of Watauga Superior Court, which convenes on September 15th, with Judge H. Hoyle Sink of Lexington presiding:

Bald Mountain Township: Ari Parker, W. S. Miller.

Beaver Dam Township: Ira Scott, Lee Swift, Ward Billings, Alvin Hagaman.

Blowing Rock: Fred Andrews, H. G. Cook, N. C. Greene.

Blue Ridge: M. O. Coffey and M. W. Day.

Boone: G. W. Gragg, Cooley Glenn, Lennie Henson, W. R. Anderson, W. C. Greer.

Cove Creek: D. T. Brown, Russell Henson, H. A. Greer, G. M. Henson.

Elk: P. G. Carroll.

Laurel Creek: Zeb Harmon, V. D. Ward, D. C. Mast.

Meat Camp: C. C. Tugman, Boyd Norris, Henry Proffitt, H. C. Beach, M. C. Brown.

North Fork: Glenn South.

Shawneehaw: Earnie Triplett, Lloyd Welch.

Stony Fork: Walter Brown, A. N. Greene.

Watauga: Calvin Andrews, B. W. Farthing, C. W. Rowe, T. C. Baird, D. S. Love.

GRAND SECRETARY I. O. O. F TO ADDRESS MEMBERS HERE

Herbert A. Halstead of Mooresville, Grand Secretary, I. O. O. F., North Carolina, will deliver a public address on "Oddfellowship" and what it means to everyone some time in September in Boone, according to an announcement made Monday by W. A. Watson, secretary of Deep Gap Lodge.

Other Grand Lodge officers will perhaps be with him. The date will be announced later.

Prof. S. F. Horton of Sugar Grove, who has been employed for a few weeks with the N. C. School Commission in checking school bus routes etc. in the different counties, has completed in Caldwell and Wilkes counties and will likely start work in Avery county this week.

COUNTY LEVIES A TAX OF \$1.20 AT SPECIAL MEET

Delinquency of Taxpayers and Subsequent Defaults Are Cited by Officials.

INCREASED EXPENDITURES ARE SEEN IN GENERAL FUND

Establishment of County Agent's Office, Employment of Health Nurse, Etc., Add to Public Burden. To Overhaul County Home.

Taxpayers of Watauga County will this year pay their governmental due in the form of a considerably increased levy, it was learned last Thursday following a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, which set the tax rate at \$1.20 for 1935, as against the \$1.00 levied on the lists of 1934.

Officials explained that the rate was increased by twenty per cent in an attempt to catch up with defaults in the payments of bonded indebtedness, due to the laxity in tax payments through the depression. This delinquency on the part of the taxpayers still exists, it is stated, to a large extent, and much of the property sold in recent years has been bid in by the county, resulting in the receipt of no immediate cash revenue. The default in bonded indebtedness is about \$10,000.

Increased Operating Expenses
Furthermore, the commissioners were faced with increased operating expense due to the establishment of the County Agent's office, to the employment of a full time health nurse for the county, and to the increased expenditures which will be necessary this year for the maintenance of public buildings. A new and modern plumbing system is to be installed in the county home, the building is to be placed in an excellent state of repair throughout, it is revealed, and other projects of a minor nature are scheduled. While the government relief funds furnish labor for these projects, the county must provide the materials, it is understood.

The commissioners found little change in the amount of property listed for taxation as against 1934, only a matter of a few hundred dollars.

CHARLOTTE MINISTER TO PREACH TO METHODISTS

The Reverend William L. Sherrill of Charlotte, who is a guest of Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Perry for a few weeks, will preach at the Boone Methodist Church on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. Dr. Sherrill is the secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference, which position he has held for forty-one years. He is one of the best beloved ministers of the Methodist Conference.

Sunday School will be at 9:45; Epworth League at 7 and the evening preaching service at 8 o'clock.

ONE CASE HEARD BY RECORDER

Only one case was tried in Recorder's Court Tuesday, that of the State against James Arrant, who was charged with drunkenness and the carrying of a set of "knucks" fashioned from metal of some kind. Defendant was placed under a six-months suspended sentence and assessed with the costs of the action.

PRINCIPALS OF SCHOOLS TO MEET

Dr. Highsmith Will Be Present At Gathering in Boone Next Friday.

Principals of the various schools of the county are urged by Superintendent Howard Walker to be present at a meeting to be held at the Demonstration School building Friday, August 23rd, at 9:30 a. m., at which time Dr. Highsmith will be present, the textbook rental system discussed, and other pertinent matters come up for consideration.

At the same time it is announced that Dr. White, district health officer, had approved the opening of the schools as previously decreed by the board. The report that the infantile paralysis epidemic had postponed the opening was altogether erroneous. All schools in the county will open on August 29th, with the exception of Boone, Deep Gap, Miller and Green Valley. They will open on September 3rd.

To Meet With Superintendents
Mr. Egbert M. Peeler, secretary of the State Textbook Purchase Commission is to meet with County School Superintendents of Northwest Carolina and as many high school principals as possible at the Demonstration School on Saturday, August 24, at 10 o'clock, for a discussion of plans for renting books. It is believed that the rental system may be placed in effect soon.