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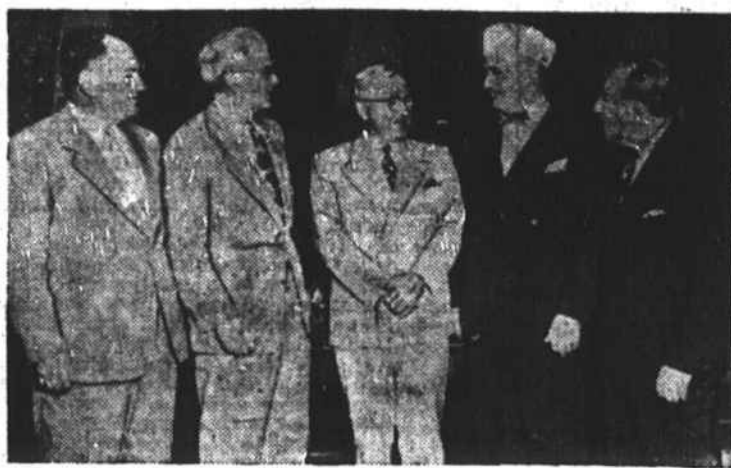
LINNEY WALKER takes time out from his work at his watchmaker's bench to point out to us the smallest-scale farming venture in the community—a single bean vine, which he has tended with meticulous care in a crack in the pavement right smack against the jewelry store. Watered and fertilized by Linney, the bean vine has thrived, the bugs didn't find it, and we have been given a sample of the vegetable, which didn't even have to be hoed, 'count of the spot in which they grew isn't larger than a boarding-house flapjack. Man standing along street slicing succulent Elberta peach, passing each morsel to his mouth on the point of a long-bladed pocket knife, reminiscent of the lean years, when visitors to the town always carried their sandwiches, and those who had dental trouble invariably sliced the generous-sized biscuits, with the rasher of streaked meat or the liberal application of jam, jelly, or what not. Hickories tell of the hot ABC election down in Catawba, which reaches a focus today. The vehicular congestion down at the demonstration school at noon-time as proud papas and mammas drive down to bring the six-year olds to lunch. Housewives discuss their home canning problems as they meet along the street. and vegetable gardeners complain as they fight the weeds, and squirt bug-dust on the blighted foliage. Dr. Wright has telephone session, trying to find an open date, on which to hold a meeting of the Wildlife Club.

AFTER BOASTING for some years about our visual ability, and the possession of a pair of slightly greenish orbs, which would be envied by an eagle, finally arrived at the point, where we couldn't quite get a focus on the smaller sizes of type, particularly the "agate" used in most want ad sections. . . and couldn't half the time be sure what a steer sold for in Chicago on the day before. . . Dr. Lawrence squared us up with a pair of bifocals, and now we can whiz right through the livestock market, scan the want ads, read the fine print on an insurance policy, the sort that excuses the company, in case anything happens. . . we are right back to our old status when it comes to seeing things. . . Just one trouble. . . the case, which must be used to protect the delicate lenses, the spectacles themselves, and we are most always at three different places. . . If we three ever get together without a widespread search of a business office, a composing room, a ten-room house and seven or eight pockets. . . we'll no doubt be so gleeful that we'll take about four fingers in an ice tea glass, without even waiting to twist an orange peel, or crush a bit of mint. . . or to call for a convivial companion!

AIR SHOW Sunday brought a lot of folks to the Blair Field area. . . Hundreds viewed the show "for free" from eminences of neighboring plantations, perhaps more than paid the dollar to get up close to the aerial gymnastics. . . The fleet machines went through all the tricks in the bag, and the folks had a good time. . . Uncle Jerome Presnell, 99, won the prize for being the oldest citizen in attendance, and besides the cash award, was given a free flight over the town. . . Uncle Jerome was interviewed over the address system, and his emphatic declarations brought general amusement. . . He brought along the family Bible for proof of his great age, and carried the sacred book with him on his initial flight to the blue. . . Governor Scott's against all the folks who failed to vote for him in the primary, ventured our visitor, who added, "Had these same folks been against him last November, his Republican opponent would have been Governor. . . but then he isn't governor of an orthodox politician to ever think of that!" . . . Blowing Rock gets ready for big horse show event, and lots of Boone folks lay plans to join in the fun. . . Heat wave gives up to plumb chilly weather in the mountains, and weather forecasters speculate as to whether there will be an "early fall."

MRS. MATTIE C. HARDIN, one of Boone's oldest citizens, comes to the end of the long journey, and sleeps on a portion of the ancestral farm, long since given the community as a cemetery plot. . . Mrs. Hardin was a big girl when the town was incorporated, and Watauga county had been in existence only nine years at the time of her birth. . . She was a connecting link between the colorful and legendary Old South, and the transplanted machine age, in which her latter days were spent. . . She had all the sterling characteristics of the fine old ladies of yesterday. . . and nurtured the (Continued on page 4)

GREET'S VETS



Officials of the Veterans of Foreign Wars as they were received by President Truman at the White House in Washington. Left to right are Omar B. Ketchum, director of the organization's national legislative service; Senator Spessard Holland of Florida; President Truman; Veterans of Foreign Wars' national commander, Lyall T. Beggs of Madison, Wis.; and Senator Claude Pepper of Florida. The president seems to have noted the veterans a joke, perhaps something reminiscent of his war days.

Henry Presnell Dies In Truck Collision

Sugar Grove Man Suffers Fatal Injuries When Thrown From Pickup.

Ralph Henry Presnell, 47 years old, a resident of the Sugar Grove section, was fatally injured last Wednesday in the collision of a pickup in which he was riding, with another truck, on highway 421, west of this city. Information is that Presnell was riding in the bed of the light truck, driven by Bert Wilson, and that the vehicle was struck from the rear by a heavier truck, driven by Glen Anderson, when Wilson cut down his speed, preparatory to stopping the vehicle. Witnesses said the impact threw Presnell to the pavement. Presnell was said to have suffered a fractured skull in the fall. Messrs. Wilson and Anderson were absolved of blame in connection with the fatal accident in a hearing Thursday before Coroner Richard Kelley, and E. N. Hahn, justice of the peace. Funeral services for Presnell were held Friday at 2 o'clock at Henson's Chapel Church. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Folger, was assisted in the rites by Rev. Mr. Parker. Interment was in the Swift cemetery. Surviving are the mother, Mrs. Maggie Presnell; three brothers, Glenn Presnell of Blowing Rock; Conrad of Colonial Beach, Va.; Bynum of Wilmington, and a sister, Mrs. J. C. Miller of Boone.

Dr. Y. Berryman Smith To Speak to Graduates

Commencement exercises for the summer graduating class will be held at Appalachian State Teachers college on the evening of Thursday, August 25. The speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Young Berryman Smith, dean of the law school of Columbia University, New York City. Dr. Smith, a native of Georgia, holds the B. S. degree from the University of Georgia, and the LL.B. and LL.D. degrees from Columbia University. He practiced law in New York City and in Atlanta, Georgia, before becoming a member of the law school faculty at Columbia in 1916. He has been Kent professor of law since 1930, and dean of the school of law since 1928. Dr. Smith has been a visiting professor at Yale University, a lecturer for the Bar Association of New York, a member of the New York law revision commission, and has held many other notable offices. He is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Delta Phi fraternities. The public is invited to hear Dr. Smith at these exercises.

Baptist Leader Is Coming to Boone

One of the nation's greatest preachers will be in Boone August 15th and 16th. Dr. Lee is pastor of one of the south's largest churches, Bellevue Baptist church in Memphis, Tenn. Dr. Lee has preached one of his sermons to more than a million people. Each year the municipal auditorium of Memphis is used to accommodate the crowd who come to hear his sermon, "Pay Day Some Day." Dr. Lee will preach at the Tabernacle in Boone, giving an opportunity to hosts of people who want to hear the president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

JOBLESS PAYMENTS
The Bureau of Employment Security has announced that unemployment insurance payments hit a record monthly level of \$154,696,000 in June, the largest previous total in the history of the law being \$152,096,345 in March of this year.

FARM AGENT



Dana F. Tugman, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Tugman of Boone, who has recently been named assistant farm agent for Ashe county, following his graduation from State College last spring.

Wiley H. Swift Dies On Sunday

Wiley H. Swift, native of the Cove Creek section of Watauga county, former superintendent of the Greensboro schools, and in recent years a resident of Montezuma, died Sunday in a Winston-Salem hospital of a heart attack. He became ill Friday, and was taken to the hospital Saturday, when it became apparent his illness was serious. He was 74 years old. Mr. Swift was graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1901, and became a teacher in Greensboro in 1903, where he served for many years as city superintendent of schools. He became concerned over child welfare and studied law so that he might do something constructive about the child labor problem. Though he never attended law school, he passed the examination and was admitted to the Greensboro bar, where he formed a law partnership with the late David Stern. He was special agent for the national child labor committee, then chairman of the committee of legislation and later general secretary of the national child labor committee with offices in New York. This position he held for 18 years. Mr. Swift retired several years ago, and lived at Montezuma, where he was serving as postmaster at the time of his death. He was the oldest son of the late Enoch and Martha McBride Swift of Sherwood, Watauga county, and is survived by the widow, Mrs. Bulus Bagby Swift. There are five sons and daughters: Wiley Swift, Jr., Montezuma; Thomas Swift, Winston-Salem; David Swift, Hickory; Mrs. Peter B. Olney of Sablerville, R. I. and Miss Bulus B. Swift of Montezuma. There are three brothers and three sisters: Scott, Don and Clark, all of Watauga county; Mrs. Rose S. Fuller, Mountain City, Tenn.; Mrs. Mary S. Harris and Mrs. Hattie S. Lewis of Sherwood. Funeral services were held at the home in Montezuma Tuesday afternoon.

Wildlife Club Holds Dinner Next Week

The Watauga Wildlife Club will hold a dinner meeting at Skyline Restaurant August 9th at 7 o'clock p. m. All members are asked to attend and be prepared to pay their dues at this time. Prospective members are also invited.

FLOWER SHOW RULES, OTHER INFORMATION MADE PUBLIC

Annual Women's Club Event To be Held at Daniel Boone Hotel August 11th; Rules of Show, Classification, Other Pertinent Facts Given.

The annual flower show, sponsored by the Worthwhile Club will be held at the Daniel Boone Hotel Thursday, August 11, from 3:30 to 8 p. m., and following are the rules and classifications under which the flowers may be entered:

- Rules**
1. An exhibitor is allowed one entry in each arrangement class.
 2. Flowers do not have to be grown by exhibitor, but must be grown in county.
 3. Entries are open to any person in the county.
 4. A fee of 25c for each entry or \$1.00 for four or more entries, will be charged.
 5. Entries shall be at the hotel from 9-12 the day of the show.
 6. All entries requested to be left until show is over.
 7. Containers are to be removed from the hotel after 8:00 p. m.
 8. Judging will be done by qualified persons. Judging is to be finished and awards on entries before show is opened to the public at 3:30 p. m.
- Prizes and Awards**
- Awards will be ribbons: 1st, blue; 2nd, red; 3rd, white. Sweepstakes, purple.
- Prizes will be given for most outstanding exhibit of show, 1, and 2; to one receiving most points in show (blue ribbon 3 points, red 2 points, white 1 point); most artistic arrangement 1/2; best man's exhibit 1/2; best child's exhibit 1/2.
- Specimen and Arrangement**
- The following are to be judged according to specimen and arrangement:
- 1.—Dahlias: Giant, Cactus, Ball, Pompon, three blooms of one kind, single specimen.
 - 2.—Gladiolus: arrangement one color, arrangement mixed color, single specimen.
 - 3.—Zinnias: arrangement giant, pompon or miniature.
 - 4.—Marigolds: arrangement giant, arrangement dwarf.
 - 5.—Roses: arrangement mixed colors, arrangement one color, single specimen (bud vase), float.
 - 6.—Asters: arrangement.
 - 7.—Petunias: double, ruffled, single.
 - 8.—Azaleum: arrangement.
 - 9.—Nasturtium: arrangement.
 - 10.—Sweetpeas: arrangement.
 - 11.—Snapdragons: arrangement.
 - 12.—Shasta Daisy: arrangement.
 - 13.—Lillies (any variety): arrangement, single specimen.
 - 14.—Pansy: arrangement.
 - 15.—Cosmos: arrangement.
 - 16.—Delphinium: arrangement.
 - 17.—Larkspur: arrangement.
 - 18.—Potted plants: Tuberoses, Begonias, African Violets.
 - 19.—Wildflower: arrangement.
 - 20.—Mixed flowers.
 - 21.—Porch arrangement.
 - 22.—Desk garden.
 - 23.—Miniature arrangement, 3 inches.
 - 24.—Small arrangement 6 inches.
 - 25.—Fruit arrangement.
 - 26.—Vegetable arrangement.
 - 27.—Men's arrangement, any kind.
 - 28.—Children's: arrangement, any kind.
 - 29.—Miscellaneous: any other variety not listed may be entered in the show!

Lutheran Church To Establish Latvians at Deep Gap; Others To Come.

Acting through the resettlement service of the national Lutheran council, two families of displaced persons, residents of Latvia, are soon to take up their abode in Watauga county, it is revealed by Rev. F. M. Speagle, pastor of the Watauga Lutheran Parish, who is being assisted in the preliminary work of locating these people by Rev. Roscoe B. Fisher of Lenoir. The first family is expected to arrive here during August and will establish residence in the V. L. Moretz home at Deep Gap. They are Latvian farm people, and the family consists of Arnolds Karlsons, age 40, Zenta Karlsons, 45, Martins, 14, Maija, 12, and Andreja, 9. Another family from Latvia to arrive here at an undetermined date, will establish residence at the old Coffey home near Old Mount Pleasant Church, which was tendered by Miss Edna Coffey of Lenoir. Members of the Lutheran congregation are repairing and refurbishing the home for the displaced family and August 12, everyone willing to help in the work is asked to come, and to bring such articles of furniture as they can contribute. Everything is needed, including furniture of all kinds, towels, sheets, rugs, blankets, mattresses and curtains. Those who have something to give and have no way of transporting it, should get in touch with the committee, which includes Jerome Coffey, Dean Norris, Willard Norris, Mrs. Susie Phillips, Boone RFD 2. The local movement is in line with the national program of the Lutheran church which is finding homes for 100 to 200 displaced persons each week.

Pears Are Secured For Co. Lunch Room

Watauga county is to receive one thousand bushels of California pears, to be used in the lunch room program, it is announced by W. H. Walker, county superintendent of schools, who states that the pears will need to be canned immediately on arrival. Patrons of the schools, or others, are asked to supply free labor at the Cove Creek and Boone canneries when the canning is done. The pears are expected to arrive about the end of August. Those willing to help are asked to notify their school principal in advance, so that he may know whom to contact when the fruit is received.

Largest Summer Sessions at College

The Appalachian State Teachers college is having the largest summer sessions in the history of the college. For the first six-weeks term, the enrollment was 1,069 students. The second term enrollment is 978. The enrollment in the graduate school for the first term was 283, and for the second term it is 245. The total enrollment for the summer of 1949 makes Appalachian one of the large graduate schools in the south.

FORMER BOONE WOMAN ENJOYS LIFE



(Photo by Gene Kerr, Courtesy Maryville, Tenn., Daily Times) Pictured underneath the old ox-yoke adorning the gateway leading into one of her latest projects—that of a woodland garden—Mrs. E. B. Dougherty arranges some garden flowers in an old copper lustreware pitcher, made in England, which has been in her family for 140 years. (See story on page four)

First DP's To Arrive In Watauga in August

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DEATH ENDS 40 YEAR CAREER LOCAL DOCTOR; RITES MONDAY

Dr. Robert K. Bingham Dies In Statesville Hospital; Son Of Late Major Bingham; Had Practiced in Boone for More than 40 Years.

Dr. Robert K. Bingham, 71 years old, a son of the late Major Harvey Bingham, and Mrs. Ann Miller Bingham, and for forty years a practicing physician in Watauga county died at a Statesville hospital Saturday, following an operation. Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon from the Boone Methodist church, by the pastor, Rev. S. B. Moss, who was assisted by Rev. Paul Townsend of Greensboro; Dr. G. T. Rowe of Duke University Divinity School, and Rev. Edwin Troutman of the Grace Lutheran Church here. Burial was in the city cemetery, with members of Snow Lodge no. 363, A. F. & A. M. conducting the graveside rites. The floral offering was in charge of members of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Robert Knox Bingham was born March 7, 1878 in Watauga county and the family moved to Statesville when he was four years old. His father Major Bingham, one of the most famous barristers of his day, conducted a law school there for many years. He was educated in the public schools of Iredell county, worked as a youth in the composing room of the Statesville Landmark, and received his pre-medical training at Davidson College. He was graduated from the medical college of the University of Tennessee in 1905, and practiced medicine in Statesville until 1909, when he moved to Boone, where he was actively engaged in the practice of his profession until the time of his brief illness. Dr. Bingham was active in church and social affairs in the community, was a member of the Boone Methodist Church, and of Snow Masonic Lodge. Dr. Bingham was married to Miss Jennie Norris November 7, 1911, and they have since resided in Boone. The widow survives with eight sons and daughters: Bill Bingham, Pineville, N. C.; Mrs. C. D. Smith, Macon, Ga.; Mrs. W. B. Thomas, Concord, N. C.; R. K. Bingham, Jr., Bristol, Tenn.; Mrs. Carl Smith, Decatur, Ill.; Mrs. Marvin Deal, John Bingham, and Richard Bingham, all of Boone. There are two sisters, Mrs. Annie Harwell, of Statesville, and Mrs. Dora Sherman of Wilkesboro.

MacBrayer Will Be Rotary Guest

Hon. C. B. "Pat" MacBrayer, Shelby, N. C., will be the speaker at the meeting of the Boone Rotary Club to be held Friday at 6:30 at the Skyline Restaurant, it is announced by F. T. Wagoner, program chairman. Mr. MacBrayer, who has been prominent in Rotary circles for many years, is known as a splendid speaker, and all members are asked to hear him.

Church Manager at Bare's Dept. Store

Fred C. Church, native Watauga, but for the past twenty years a resident of Chicago, Ill., has bought an interest in Bare's Department Store, here, and is now personally managing the popular store. Mr. Church succeeds Mr. Elbert Rhodes, who returns to his home in North Wilkesboro, where he resumes his employment with the Southern Bargain Store. Mr. Church is a son of Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Church of Brownwood, and was engaged in the cafe business, and the Carolina Store here before going to Illinois. For eight years of his residence in Chicago, he was engaged in buying for a number of Carolina stores, and for the past twelve years has been in the trucking business. Mrs. Church is expected to arrive soon, and they will establish residence in their recently purchased home on Ray Hill, east of the town.

BUY AIRPLANE
Messrs. Joe Hardin, J. D. Cooke, Hoyle Davis, and J. G. Wilson, Jr., have purchased an airplane, which is parked on Blair Field. Mr. Hardin, being a pilot of long experience, is expected to give lessons in flying, while passenger hopping, and charter flying will likely be featured.

AT 4-H CLUB MEETING
Among the local 4-H club members attending the annual 4-H club week in Raleigh this week are: Vance Vines, Clint Reese, Bob Wilson, Bobby Gene Norris, Owen Reese, and Janice Ray Swift.

'SUCCUMBS



Dr. Robert K. Bingham, popular Boone physician, who died in Statesville Saturday.

Kelly Osborne Taken By Death

Bynum Kelly Osborne, 61, retired lumberman, veteran of the first world war, and a leader in the American Legion, died Friday at Watauga Hospital, four and a half hours after suffering a stroke, at his home in the Green Heights section. Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 3 o'clock from the Boone Methodist Church by the Pastor, Rev. S. B. Moss. Assisting in the rites were Rev. Ernest Stevens, Rev. E. F. Troutman, and Rev. Mrs. Warman. Burial was in the community cemetery. Mr. Osborne was born at Fig. Ashe county, a son of the late David and Mrs. Osborne, and had lived in Boone thirty years, coming here following the first world war. He served for twelve months in the army as a private during the first war in the famous 81st division, and saw action in other engagements in France. He started working for the J. Walter Wright Lumber Co., at age 14, and operated a yard for this firm in Boone until three years ago, when he went into the lumber business for himself. A year later he retired due to ill health. Mr. Osborne was a leader in the American Legion, but had, on different occasions, refused the commandership. He was largely instrumental in the purchase of the Legion property here, and was also a member of the V. F. W. He was a member of the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church. The widow and one son, Charles Osborne, of Boone, survive.

The United States and Great Britain have announced plans for a sharp cutdown of the Berlin airlift operations early in September, after sufficient food and coal to support Berlin for three months have been stockpiled.