



VILAS VIEW.—Snow made a two-day stand in the Watauga county area last week as more than five inches of precipitation fell. Flat open areas, such as pictured above near Vilas, were quick to shed the white cloak, but hidden hollows remained white throughout the warm week end. Spring-like weather prevailed early this week.—Staff photo.

MOUNTAIN TRADITION FADES Masons Will No Longer Meet During Full Moon

For 85 years the Masons of Watauga county have held their meetings on Friday nights. The last stated communication to be held on Friday night was held March 1, 1963.

Since the inception of Masonry in the county in 1878 the brethren have managed to get out to lodge on Fridays. In the earliest days of Masonry meetings were held on the Friday nearest the full moon. This gave added illumination for the long trip home. With the coming of electric lights, the automobile, and sealed-beam headlights the meetings were held on the first and third Fridays of every month, come rain, snow or sleet.

The growth of Boone and the

community has placed extreme demands on Friday nights. The winning high school athletic teams hold their encounters on Friday evening. Many new organizations have also made demands for this evening.

The competition with Gunsmoke, Wyatt Earp, and other Friday programs on tv also contributed to the decline in lodge attendance.

In the future, starting Monday, March 18, Snow Lodge will hold its stated communications on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at the Masonic Hall.

It is the hope of the officers and members that the new date will greatly increase the attendance at meetings.

All Masons are urged to at-

Mrs. McConnell Resigns Post

The retirement of Mrs. Ruth McConnell, bookkeeper for the Watauga Board of Education, was announced this week by Superintendent W. Guy Angell.

Her retirement, which begins this month, marks an end of 20 years' service to the board, Mr. Angell said.

Replacing Mrs. McConnell will be Mrs. Lorene Barnes, a business education teacher in the Cove Creek High School. Mrs. Barnes will resign her position as teacher at the close of the sixth school month to accept the bookkeeping position, according to Mr. Angell.

tend the first communication on Monday, March 19. As another old mountain tradition gives way to progress it is hoped that more of Snow Lodge's 200-plus members will be able to attend.

When The Sky Is Blue As Grandfather Mountain

By DALE GADDY

When the clouds of a winter snow give way to the bright glow of a March sun—

When the grass that has turned brown, then paled as it lay stilled beneath a blanket of white begins to give a hint of green-tipped leaves—

When the sands of once icy streets are caressed by yet brisk breezes and dance in dusty circles along Main Street—

When cars begin to gleam again with washings and waxings—

When forecasts call for rain and the "old timers" predict more snow—

When policemen shed their heavy wool cloaks and eye the town's narrow canyons with shaded eyes—

When it is this—and yet more—then can spring be far behind?

Cove Creek 4-H Meeting

The Cove Creek 4-H Club met February 11.

Minnie Adams opened the meeting. Keeta Brown led the 4-H pledge. Nine Sue Henson led the games.

Officers are Minnie Adams, president; Donna Henson, vice president; Jane Shearin, secretary; and Keeta Brown and Linda Thomas, reporters.

Notes And Comments

Not many workers overlook the approach of a holiday.

The enthusiasm of a salesman is what costs you money.

Unless you are paid to do so, never argue with anybody over grammar.

The greatest builder of business that we know is what is known as education.

How's this for a definition? College-bred—a four-year loaf on father's dough!

No matter how little you pay you can always get something worse for less money.

You could end most quarrels if you could get people to define their words mean.

The prescription for most of the ills that beset the world is just plain, everyday honesty.

Think for yourself and act up on your judgment; whatever results will be what you deserve.

One of the best ways for sick people to get well is to become convinced that they can get well.

While half the population is trying to stamp out heart disease, the other half is going around saying "Drop dead."

Mrs. Rose Main Funeral Is Held

Mrs. Rose Allie Main, 80, of Boone, died Friday, March 1. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Wade Miller and Mrs. Dean Miller, both of Bristol, Tenn.; two sons, Marvin Main of Todd and Charlie Main of Boone; two brothers, Thomas Holman and James Holman, both of West Jefferson; 27 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. on March 3, at the Hopewell Methodist Church by Rev. R. H. Ballard and Rev. Ed Blackburn. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Marriage Licenses

The Watauga County Register of Deeds Office issued Marriage Licenses during the month of February, to the following:

James Dale Yokley, Rt. 8, Jonesboro, Tenn. and Patricia Ann Milhorn, Rt. 6, Jonesboro, Tenn.; Walter Perry Greer, Rt. 2, Boone and Cora Lee Coffey Gragg, Rt. 4, Boone; Sydney Allen Watson and Reba Jean Greene, both of Rt. 1, Deep Gap; E. J. Blevins and Geraldine Banner, both of Route 2, Roan Mountain, Tenn.; Gerald Lee Pierce and Carolyn Rae West, both of Elizabethton, Tenn.; Thomas H. Belcher, III and Lonna Jeanette Cooper, both of Maryville, Tenn.; Rufus Reginald Lutz, Rt. 4, Lenoir and Dora Jane Henson, Sherwood; James Daniel Bennett, Pineville and Julia Melvive Watson, Deep Gap;

William Howard Shipley and Pearlee Carlton, both of Rt. 2, Boone; Dennis Edgar Anderson, Rt. 3, Boone and Nancy Patricia Brown, Boone; Jones Tho-

mas Yount and Mollie Bowman Weisner, both of Winston-Salem; James Wesley Woods, Rt. 5, Lenoir and Geraldine Triplett, Triplett; Stanley Gordon Godsey and Joyce Kathleen Potter, both of Rt. 1, Sugar Grove; Coy Lee Sheets, Rt. 2, West Jefferson and Bonnie Mae Ray, Todd; Dennis A. Wynne, Clifton, New Jersey and Timmie Katherine Bostian, Rt. 1, Hudson; Thomas Shafter Wyatt, North Wilkesboro and Patricia Ann Martin, Wilbar; Jerry Richard Winebarger, Route 2, Boone and Barbara Sue Bentley, Route 1, Vilas.

CANCER EFFORT

Lansing, Mich.—The Michigan Health Department plans to seek a patent on an organic compound it says has produced good results in treating two dogs afflicted with cancer.

The dogs were brought to the department in December. They were given a week or two to live, but both are still alive and apparently healing.

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