

Town and County.

—A nice suit of clothes, did you say? Blackburn has it, and at the right price, too.

—Little Miss Elizabeth Moretz, of Hickory, is a visitor at the home of her uncle, Mr. J. M. Moretz, in Boone.

—Mr. H. Neal Blair, of Route 1, had the misfortune to lose one of his fine black driving horses as a result of colic on Monday night.

—During the dry weather the brick-makers have been making splendid time, the first kiln now being put up.

—George A. Bryan has taken a position in the office of his brother-in-law, Title Inspector, J. C. Fletcher who now has headquarters at Asheville.

—Little Louise, the precocious little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. G. Farthing, was right unwell several days last week, but is now much improved.

—Nice fresh groceries always on hand at Blackburn's. Canned goods, evaporated peaches, etc., just opened.

—Your money works while you sleep if you have it in the Savings Department of the Watauga County Bank. Interest compounded quarterly. Better open an account today.

—A pie party will be given by the Woman's Club at Valle Crucis public school building on Saturday night May 20, at 8 o'clock. Proceeds to be used in behalf of the M. E. Church.

—The extremely dry weather of late has interfered materially with plowing and as a result much corn is yet unplanted. And it seems that the end of the long protracted drought is not yet in sight.

—Rev. M. A. Adams, the newly elected pastor of the Baptist churches in Boone, Blowing Rock and Cove Creek, with his family, arrived here Tuesday and is now snugly ensconced in the Baptist parsonage, Mrs. Payne and family having moved to the Day property near the school.

—Our aged friend, Mr. John C. Brown, of Bristol, Tenn., arrived at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. L. Bingham, on Monday afternoon, and will spend some time here, hoping to regain his somewhat run down health, and we trust his hopes will be realized to the fullest.

—Attorney John E. Brown, recently moving to Boone, will hang out his professional shingle here, with office with Lovill & Lovill. The young man has spent much time and means in preparing for his profession, is well equipped, and we bespeak for him splendid success here.

—The North Carolina Conference of the Tennessee Synod decided at its last meeting, held in Catawba county, to hold its next regular meeting at Mt. Pleasant church, near Sands, this county, beginning on Thursday before the 5th Sunday in July and continuing through Sunday.

—Messdames W. C. Coffey and R. C. Rivers attended the commencement exercises at Davenport College in Lenoir the first of the week, Mrs. Coffey and daughter, Miss Henry, going on to Wilkesboro for a few days' visit to relatives, Mrs. Rivers and daughter Velma, returning to their home yesterday afternoon.

—Another beautiful line of Ox-fords for men, women and children just in at Blackburn's.

A Card of Thanks.

To our friends: We wish to thank you for your kindness at the funeral of our daughter and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Moretz, Arthur Mikel.

—The grass crop promises to be extremely short owing to the continued dry weather.

—If in need of automobile repairs of any kind write or see Banner & Richards at Banner Elk. They also conduct a general repair business.

—The work on the Critcher Hotel is progressing nicely, and the building when completed will be one of the best appointed hostleries in the mountains.

—Sunday services at St. Luke's church: Morning prayer and Holy communion at 9 a. m.; preaching services at 11 a. m.; children's service 3 p. m.; evening prayer, 5 p. m.; preaching service 7:30 p. m.

—Mr. Thomas L. Critcher, of Bamboo, one of our most enterprising and public-spirited citizens, with a goodly number of enthusiastic citizens of the Cook's Gap section of the county, are now engaged in the preliminaries necessary to the construction of a well graded road from there to the foot of the mountain, or possibly on to Darby.

—Some time ago we stated that ex-Sheriff J. L. Hayes had gone west, but our informant was never worse misinformed in all his life. He only made a short visit to Johnson City, and just now he is chasing a political bee with considerable energy—in fact he is a candidate for the Republican nomination for sheriff, and really it seems now that he will be the winner.

—On last Friday morning Attorney Frank A. Linney received a telegram calling him to Washington, D. C., and at 11 o'clock he left in his car for Hickory and reached the Capitol city that night. He spent the day there, Saturday, leaving for home at 7 p. m., and arriving here at 2 p. m., on Sunday. This, beyond any question, is the best time ever made from our village in the mountains to Washington, the automobile, of course, being responsible for the same, it almost eliminating the distance between here and the railroad.

—Two negroes, man and wife, hailing from Alabama, but just now from the new rail road near Foscoe, were lodged in jail here on Sunday last, in default of the required bond for their appearance at the next term of court. The two negroes became involved in a difficulty, and "hubby" stabbed "wifey" in the right breast, and inflicted an ugly wound in her shoulder. In return for this conduct, which the woman took as insulting, the devoted wife knocked her assailant down with a rock. They were arrested, given a preliminary hearing and bound to court. And all this over a little family row!

—One Mr. Ellison, of Arkansas, but later a construction boss on the Whiting railroad, who has served a twenty-days sentence in Boone jail for fine and costs for an affray, threats, etc., will now have to serve a term of 6 months longer as he has failed to fill the peace bond required by the justice before whom he was tried. Ellison claims to be a veteran of the Spanish-American war, and came to Watauga from the Soldiers' Home at Johnson City, Tenn. He says he was a "Rough Rider," and exhibits many scars on his person from wounds received in the memorable battle of San Juan Hill. He is a very interesting talker and is sadly bemoaning the hard luck which has overtaken him.

FOR SALE!—Thorough bred and registered Short Horn Durham bull. One year old and weighs 600 pounds. Price reasonable. G. C. Winkler, Boone, N. C.

King Spears.

The celebrated saddle stallion, King Spears, will be in Watauga again this Spring, and will make the circuit from the Finley farm on Meat Camp.

HARRISON BAKER.

Sheriff Moody and the Stills.

Up to date, our worthy Sheriff, W. P. Moody, during his short term of office, extending over a period of only 18 months, has captured and turned over to the board of county commissioners eleven blockade distilleries, captured within the borders of our county. With this number to his credit, it was thought here that this vigilant official was through with his work of destruction on these plants of damnation, but not so. On last Friday he received word that one other illicit plant was in operation near the county line in Elk township. He, on receiving the word, immediately left in search of the plant, and by noon on Saturday, he deposited in the county jail the best one yet captured. The still, when found, was yet full of slop, but the men who operated it had made good their escape, but if they are successful in escaping the argus eyes of Pres Moody and his efficient deputies, they are, indeed, pass-masters in the art of evading officers. At this dispenser of the ardent, Sheriff Moody and his deputies overturned more than 400 gallons of beer, destroyed many bushels of meal, malt, etc., together with a lot of "backings" and a keg of the real product, which was found near the site where the still was captured. The still, worm and cap are of pure copper, and, from appearances one could easily decide that it has seen long service. All this to show what a very efficient and tireless worker we have in the person of Sheriff Moody, and to let the people know that he can always be depended upon to run down law breakers and see that they get their just deserts. It is indeed doubtful if the State of North Carolina could produce another sheriff who has done as much work along this line as Sheriff Moody, and all of our people, without regard to past political affiliations, should praise him for the noble work he has accomplished.

BANK STATEMENT,

Following is the report of the condition of the Watauga County Bank at Boone, N. C., in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business May 1th, 1916.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$188,048.91
Overdrafts	93.51
Banking house	2,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,000.00
Due from Nat. banks	13,988.73
Due from State Banks and Bankers	10,941.40
Cash Items	520.00
Gold coin	4,217.00
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency	1,339.16
National bank notes and other U. S. notes	4,218.00
Total	\$226,366.71
LIABILITIES:	
Capital Stock paid in	17,000.00
Surplus fund,	15,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and tax paid	4,302.36
Bills payable	22,500.00
Deposits subject to check	64,316.43
Time certificates of dep.	100,234.31
Cashier's cks. outstanding	1,015.70
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State of North Carolina, Watauga county, ss: I, G. P. Hagaman, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

G. P. HAGAMAN, Cashier.
Correct—Attest:
N. L. Mast,
W. C. Coffey,
L. A. Greene, Directors.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 15, 1916.
W. D. FARTHING, C. S. C.

L. D. LOWE, President.

As the time draws nearer for a vote the people should not lose sight of the constitution amendments proposed, and particularly the one that will take from out of the grasp of the Legislature the making of local laws. This will not only give the Legislature more time for the consideration of State-wide propositions and less incentive to make "swaps," but really give to the counties a better brand of local self-government.—Wilmington Dispatch.

NOTICE.

Robert Greer is appointed the Judge of Election in Elk Township in the place of Joel W. Hayes resigned.

J. M. MORETZ,
Chm. Co. Board of Elections.

NOTICE.

North Carolina, Watauga County. The undersigned, having been appointed and duly qualified as administrator of the estate of Thos. Coffey, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are notified to exhibit the same before him on or before the 6th day of April, 1917, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 4th day of April, 1916.
JOHN W. HODGES, Adm'r.

NOTICE.

The undersigned having been appointed and duly qualified as administrator of the estate of Landrine Eggers, deceased all persons having any claims against said estate are notified to exhibit the same before him on or before May 1, 1917 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment This 27th day of April 1916.
E. R. EGGERS,
Adm'r of Landrine Eggers.

FOR SALE.

Farm containing 80 acres in Carter county, saw and grist mill, good dwelling, good barn and all kinds of out buildings. Land is practically level creek bottom. Will sell for \$5,000, a part down and balance on easy terms. For further information call on or write

LEE COFFEY,
Watauga Valley, Tenn.

To the Voters of Elk Township:

It is ordered by the Board of Elections that the voting place be changed from the present site to the Mt. Ephraim school house. Done by order of the Board of Elections April 9, 1916.

J. M. MORETZ, Chm.,
JOHN W. HODGES, Sec.

May 30-July 7 July 11-August 18

The Appalachian Training School will offer special advantages to public school teachers during the two summer school terms. There will be more courses in instruction and more lectures than ever before. A platform address every day will be a popular feature. Write for booklet to

B. B. Dougherty, Boone, N. C.



The Jack

with the reputation is the jack to breed to. The famous "Blair jack" is standing at Blairs. Season \$7.00.

H. NEAL BLAIR.

H. B. PERRY, Vice-President
L. M. FARTHING, Cashier.

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We solicit the accounts of all persons in this new Bank, and we will do our best to accommodate the people and render the greatest service consistent with sound banking.

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F. M. RICHARDS, Jr.

Automobile Passenger Service

Any time after May 1st, our passenger cars will meet passengers at Elk Park, N. C., or any other points on the East Tennessee and Western North Carolina Railroad for transportation to any points in Avery or Watauga Counties.

DAY AND NIGHT SERVICE.
Telegraph: Elk Park, N. C. Telephone: Banners Elk, N. C.
We especially solicit the commercial traveler's business.
New Cars Good Drivers Reasonable Rates

Automobile Repairing

We will maintain a public garage at Banners Elk, N. C., especially equipped for repairing all makes of cars—rebuilding, repainting and general overhauling.

A full line of parts for Ford Cars will be kept in stock at all times and a special mechanic for this particular car will be ready to serve you both day and night. State Regulated Gasoline Station will be maintained. Polorine Oil, transmission oils and greases kept in stock. The famous Diamond Tires will be in stock for you at all times.

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A Complete Line of Automobile Supplies.

I solicit your business on any of the above lines. Please see Mr. John W. Hodges at once and place your order for a Ford Car with him.

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N. L. MAST, Pres. W. C. COFFEY, Vice Pres.
G. P. HAGAMAN, Cash. J. T. MILLER, Ass't Cash.

The Bank

That Appreciates and Protects its Customer

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It has been the policy of this bank to render the greatest service possible to the citizens of Watauga county. We appreciate the confidence the people have shown in us, and the success they have helped us to achieve in building up a strong banking institution. With our improved equipment we are better than ever prepared to serve them.

The Watauga County Bank

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If so, don't stop until you reach our store, where you will find a well selected stock of General Merchandise, especially such lines as

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