

Watauga's New Road Law Now In Effect.

Watauga's new road law which was ratified by the people of the county at the late election, became effective on last Monday, when all power that pertained to the laying out, construction or upkeep of the public roads within our borders, passed from the board of County Commissioners, and was vested in a Good Roads Commission composed of Messrs. W. W. Stringfellow, C. D. Taylor and Roy M. Brown. This Commission was named in the original bill, and naturally the honors belonged to them, but in the absence of Mr. Stringfellow, the remaining two were a bit reluctant about assuming the burden and so informed the Chairman of the Board, and they were very promptly notified that unless they assumed their responsibility at once the Board would proceed to appoint another Commission in their stead. And it is useless to say that they acquiesced right quickly. The gentlemen are of the very best the county can afford, for each and every one of them are good roads men to the core, and there is no danger of any graft in their administration. The Commission will be in session at the court house on the first Monday in each month, at which times all matters pertaining to the public roads must be brought before the body in the same way and manner that it has heretofore come before the Board of County Commissioners. They will also receive and disburse all road finances, and it is at their discretion how and where it is expended. The tax of 20 cts. on the \$100 valuation will create an annual road fund of approximately \$8,000, and, when properly expended, will, after so long a time, make decided improvements on our public highways, but, it seems to us, a rather slow process, when our very urgent road needs are considered. The much congested condition of our limited space of late has forbidden the publication of the voluminous act, but we hope, in the very near future, to give our readers at least a lucid synopsis of the wordy document, prepared by a member of the Good Roads Commission.

Possibly the largest crowd that ever assembled in Boone to attend a justice's court, was here on Monday as witnesses and spectators in the case of the State against Mrs. John Henderson, her brother, Fred Andrews, and mother, Mrs. Robt. Andrews, who are charged with being accessory to, or guilty of the killing of John Henderson, who died from the result of knife wounds in his throat, last September. As our readers remember an inquest was held, and it was generally believed that it was a clear case of suicide. But a little later on, suspicions of foul play became prevalent, and Mrs. Henderson and Fred Andrews were arrested but were soon released, for lack of evidence. But, a strong chain of circumstantial evidence began to develop, and on Wednesday of last week warrants were issued, not only for the wife of deceased and her brother, but also their mother, Mrs. Robt. Andrews.

The three were brought to Boone jail for safe keeping until their preliminary trial, which was set for last Monday, but was postponed until today, Thursday, owing to the absence of some important witnesses. The State is represented by Attorneys F. A. Linney, E. S. Coffey and T. E. Bingham, while Attorneys W. R. Lovill, John E. Brown, and W. C. Newland, of Lenoir, will appear for the defense. It is going to be a hotly contested trial, and what the outcome will be it would be hard to predict.

BLOWING ROCK BREEZES

Brother Adams preached a very interesting sermon in the Baptist church on Thursday evening. A collection was taken after the sermon, amounting to sixteen dollars and ten cents (\$16.10) for the Thomasville Orphanage.

Rev. George Hodges, assisted by Edmond Robbins, has been conducting a series of meetings at Boone's Fork church, resulting in the conversion of five or six. The meeting closed last Friday. Among the converts was the Hon. Blaine Coffey, our next representative in the General Assembly.

Rev. Mr. Hodges preached at Skyland last Friday night. He tells us that he contemplates moving to the village in the near future.

Mr. I. O. Rich, of our town, who has been on the sick list for the past week, is convalescing, we are glad to note.

Dr. R. K. Bingham, who has been living in Boone for some time, has moved to Blowing Rock. We are glad to welcome him to our little village. The Dr. was out at Sunday school and preaching. He says he has been brought up in the Sunday School. The wise man Solomon says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Rev. George Hodges preached at Skyland, Sunday night, and Rev. Edward Robbins preached in the village.

Success to The Democrat.

W. M. F.

Another Wataugan Loses Out on Election Bet.

Some time just preceding the election, "Big Ed" Miller, was so certain of Judge Hughes election to the Presidency, that he waged one of his Watauga farms, valued at about twenty-five hundred dollars, against three city lots, in Johnson City, Tenn., with a "wise" traveling salesman who makes his monthly rounds in Watauga. Last week the aforesaid salesman came over to make settlement. Mr. Miller, having been in poor health for some time, possibly worked somewhat upon the sympathy of the winner, and a compromise was effected, Miller paying \$250 cash and "Prince," his trusty saddle horse, and, we suppose, was glad to get off at that price. Ed has always been a very smooth business man when it came to buying land, and we are indeed surprised that he was caught in this trap, especially so when he had been told time and again that Wilson was going to sweep the country, almost expressing the same belief himself.

For comfort, Mr. Miller, you are respectfully referred to Tom Watson, Esq., of Virgil, who also had too much confidence in the election of the Judge and was the loser of fifty "bucks" and his hat. "Misery loves company."

Farmer's Union Meeting.

The next County meeting of the Farmer's Union, will be held with Mabel Local, Dec. 23rd, 1916 to open at 10 a. m.

1st. Song, and prayer by the county chaplain, E. J. Norris.

2nd. Address of Welcome by J. E. Combs.

3rd. Marketing the products produced on the farm, by H. H. Greene.

4th. One hour for dinner.

5th. What has the Farmers E & C Union of A. done for the people, by M. H. Norris.

6th. How to enlist and protect the Farmers, by J. J. T. Reese, and all who will have something to tell us will be expected to speak.

Dear Brethren, as the year is drawing to a close, we hope to have this meeting largely attended, from all the Locals of the county. Let's try to do more the coming year than we ever have.

Fraternally,

JOHN R. ISAACS,

JOHN E. COMBS,

S. M. GREEN, Com.

Valle Crucis News.

There will be a Christmas sale at the Valle Crucis Mission School on Friday, Dec. the 8th. Supper will be served from from six to 8, p. m. Public cordially invited.

Under the auspices of the Women's Club of this place, an oyster supper was held at the public school house on Saturday night last. A large crowd was present, the amount taken in reaching thirty dollars, which goes for charitable purposes, principally orphanages.

Mrs. Charles D. Taylor, who has been in the Charlotte Sanatorium for the past five weeks, returned last week her condition somewhat improved.

The girls of this place, who are students at Boone spent the week-end at home, a number of their girl friends accompanying them, also a number of their gentleman friends came over. Their visit was much enjoyed by our people, and we hope they will come again.

A Garage, modern and up-to-date in every detail, has been begun here, and will be completed this winter and ready for work when the automobile season opens in the spring.

Mr. W. H. Wagner, who is Henry Ford's representative here, has sold a number of cars to our people.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Mast, their son, C. L. Mast and wife, and Remus Bland, went to Gastonia last week to attend the Conference of the Methodist church.

Rev. Guy Hauilon, who has served the churches of this circuit for the past few months, was returned to this work at the conference, to the delight of not only his church members, but every one who knows him was truly pleased to have him come back.

Took the Hurt out of Her Back.

Mrs. Anna Byrd, Tusculumbia, Ala., writes: "I was down with my back so I could not stand up more than half the time. Foley Kidney Pills took all the hurt out." Rheumatic pains, swollen ankles, backaches, stiff joints, and sleep disturbing bladder ailments indicate disordered kidneys and bladder trouble. Sold everywhere.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.

North Carolina, Watauga County. Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Alfred Moretz, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are notified to present them to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of Nov., 1916, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please come forward at once and make settlement. This 18th day of Nov., 1916.

V. L. MORETZ, Administrator.

BANK STATEMENT.

Following is a report of the condition of the bank of Blowing Rock at Blowing Rock in the state of North Carolina, at the close of business Nov. 16, 1916:

RESOURCES:

Loans and discounts	\$57,504.30
Overdrafts unsecured	238.21
Banking house and lot	2,750.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,298.00
All other real estate owned	190.34
Demand Loans,	100.00
Due from national banks	801.21
Due from b'ks and b'krs	14,167.08
Gold coin	1,665.00
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency, and national bank notes	3,406.20.
Total.....	\$82,120.34

LIABILITIES

Capital stock	\$16,000.00
Surplus Fund	900.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	681.58
Bills payable	5,000.00
Deposits subject to check	29,563.88
Time Cert. of Deposit	27,880.78
Cashier's c'ks outstanding	1,985.10
Certified Checks	100.00
Total.....	\$82,120.34

State of North Carolina, Watauga county, s s: I, G. M. Sudderth, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief

G. M. SUDDERTH, Cashier.

Correct—Attest: W. C. Lentz, J. A. Lentz, J. D. Brown Directors

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of Nov. 1916.

J. H. GREEN, J. P.

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W. L. BRYAN.

Boone, N. C. Dec. 6.

Special Notice.

I am authorized by the Board of County Commissioner to take all outstanding county claims on taxes until Jan. 1, 1917. All who have claims are requested to present them before that time, as I cannot take any claims issued after that date. All privilege taxes must be paid by Jan. 1, as I have to settle for the 1916 taxes by that time.

W. P. Moody, Sheriff.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as administrator of the estate of John Henderson, dec'd., all persons having claims against said estate are notified to present them to the undersigned on or before the 18th day of November, 1917, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please come forward and make settlement. This Nov. 18, 1916.

W. L. HOLSHOUSE, Adm'r.

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Respectfully,

A. D. BLAIR.

Boone, N. C., Aug. 22.



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