

## The Watauga Democrat.

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### Committee for Fourth of July Celebration Meets.

The general committee for the "Home Coming" celebration to be given in honor of Watauga's soldiers of three wars, held an interesting meeting in the court room Monday afternoon, the township committees being very well represented, either by members or proxies, and the greatest enthusiasm for the success of the big day was rife on every hand. A number of Confederate veterans were present, and in short talks gave their hearty approval to the scheme of blending their annual reunion with the celebration, as had been planned. In addition to the general committee a local committee on arrangements, composed of the following was appointed: Messrs. R. C. Rivers, E. S. Coffey, M. B. Blackburn, J. W. Hodges, F. A. Linney, D. J. Cottrell, A. L. Cook, H. W. Horton, B. J. Councill, R. L. Bingham, J. D. Councill, and Messdames E. S. Coffey, F. A. Linney, R. C. Rivers, B. J. Councill, D. J. Cottrell, J. F. Hardin, and J. D. Councill, the same being given the power to appoint all minor committees that may be needed on the day of the celebration. The matter of finance was taken up, and it was decided that at least \$200.00 be raised for incidentals, each township to raise its quota, the three ladies previously appointed in the various townships to look after this matter. Light refreshments will be served to the soldiers in the afternoon at the expense and under the auspices of the Red Cross, but there are many other expenses to be met. Prof. I. G. Greer was appointed chief marshal for the occasion, who will appoint three additional marshals from each township in the county. The arrangements for a band have not yet been perfected, but we feel safe in saying positively that there will be a good brass band in Boone on July 4 to dispense music to the largest audience ever assembled here.

### Blowing Rock Breezes.

Rev. John Ingle, one of Blowing Rock's best citizens is back home again. He is 84 years old and is still hale and hearty. He will preach for us on the third Sunday in June, D. V.

Corporal Glenn W. Francum arrived home last Saturday from Camp Jackson. He has been discharged.

Joseph Teague, son of H. J. Teague, of Blowing Rock arrived home last Saturday. He was with the American Expeditionary Forces in France and went "over the top" twelve times, but fortunately he did not receive a wound. Quite a number of people are coming to the Rock this warm weather. The hotels all expect to be filled to overflowing this summer.

Mr. G. M. Suddreth, of Winston-Salem, formerly of Blowing Rock, spent the week end at the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. George Blair, near the village.

### Dinner Given in Honor Of Soldiers.

Privates Marvin Norris, Wilson Norris, and Cloyd Norris, all of Boone, R. F. D. who recently returned from overseas, were given a sumptuous dinner last Sunday by relatives and friends, at the home of J. L. Norris. A number of other soldiers and sailors were present, as well as a host of their civilian friends who had gathered to welcome the returned soldiers. The bountiful dinner was enjoyed by all.

ONE PRESENT.

### Watauga's Greatest Tragedy.

The burning of the main building of the Valle Crucis Industrial School at an early hour last Sunday morning, in which two young ladies, Miss Adalade Miller, of Lenoir, Domestic Science teacher in the institution, and Miss Clyde Philomon, of Lincoln, a student, lost their lives, is the worst tragedy that ever occurred in Watauga. The term of school had closed only a few days previous; the big building had been put in order for the summer, and the two ladies were the only inmates of the building, with rooms on the third floor. Three young men, Miss Philomen's brother, Mr. Alonzo Greene, son of the matron, and another, whose name we have not learned, were in rooms in an adjoining building and they were all up until a late hour Saturday night, the ladies packing and preparing for an early start to their homes Sunday morning. At 2:30 the boys were aroused, presumably by the glare of the light, and seeing the building was on fire, rushed to and finding the kitchen door unlocked, gained entrance, rushing up the first and second flights of stairs, hoping to reach the rooms occupied by the ladies, but were confronted by a solid wall of smoke and flame, that forced them back down, never hearing a word or a sound from the doomed ladies. The people gathered rapidly, but the flames had gained such headway that they were powerless to do anything, save to stand and watch the raging flames devour the building, knowing, to their horror, that the bodies of two choice young ladies were being cremated. The heat was so great that it was in the afternoon before anything like a search for some trace of the incinerated bodies could be made. A few fragments of bones were found, some almost immediately under where the girls had roomed, the others some distance away, showing that one of them, at least, had left the room before being overcome by the heat. The origin of the fire will ever remain a mystery, for there was none in the building, so far as is known, at midnight Saturday, and, as it evidently started on the third story, it has been suggested by some that an electric wire was responsible for the fearful conflagration. The property loss is considerable, as the building alone cost \$16,000 when it was erected several years ago, and it is said that the same building erected now, would cost easily twice that amount. The fearful happening has cast a deep gloom over the people of the entire county.

### Gap Creek News.

Mr. Earl Metz who has been in declining health for some time is very low at this writing.

Miss Thelma Storey is quite ill with appendicitis and we are informed that an operation will be performed at once.

We are sorry to learn that Miss Myrtle Watson had the misfortune of breaking her arm and getting badly bruised up in an automobile accident while visiting at Lenoir.

Private Joe Wellborn who has been overseas has returned to his parents, having been discharged from the army.

Postoffice Inspector W. D. Edwards has recently visited the postoffice at Yuma relative to the appointment of a postmaster for the above office.

The Deep Gap Co-operative Cheese Co. will soon be ready to begin work. We are informed that they will pay 20 cents per gallon for milk.

Sheriff Young and one of his Deputies destroyed about 200 gallons of beer in the Virgil section some days ago. It seems to us that the "snake-bite cure" will always be in demand and some one ever ready to manufacture this famous liquid for the thirsty.

### Road Commission Reorganized.

The Road Commission was in session Monday. The most important business, perhaps, of a very busy day was the reorganization of the commission. M. B. Blackburn was elected chairman for the next two years, and Prof. Roy M. Brown, secretary. Mr. Brown agreed to work for at least a month or two.

### In Memoriam.

Sister Junie Foster was born Nov. 28, 1877, and died Dec. 19, 1918, at the age of 41 years. She professed faith in Christ at the age of 13 years and united with Howard's Creek Baptist church, after which she was transferred to different churches of the same faith and order until death found her a consistent member of Howard's Creek Baptist Church. May the sorrowing husband and children find comfort in a loving Savior who is keeping the souls of their loved ones with the expectation and hope of meeting them again. May the bereaved ones gather consolation from the fact that the same Savior who wept over Lazarus and sympathized with the weeping sisters of Bethany will never leave nor forsake them.

Willy Brown,  
Manly McBride,  
Alfred Eller, Com.

### Mrs. Oscar Hardin Entertains.

Mrs. Oscar Hardin entertained the Sewing Club Thursday evening, May 29th from three to six o'clock at the home of her mother Mrs. H. McD. Little. The members responded to roll call with current events. As the work progressed both vocal and instrumental music was furnished by those present. The charming hostess then served delicious fruit salad garnished with lettuce together with coffee.

Those present were Messdames F. A. Linney, M. P. Critcher, J. W. Jones, Austin South, J. T. Hendrix, and Misses Allye Henry Penn, Ruth Coffey, Esther Stanbury, Ruth Taylor, Beatrice Hardin and Josephine Lovill.

Mrs. M. P. Critcher invited the club to hold the next regular meeting at her home.

### NOTICE.

North Carolina, Watauga County, in the Superior Court before the clerk, R. S. Swift, Administrator of T. A. Cable, deceased, vs. George Cable, Roby E. Cable, Nancy Eggers, Sarah A. Spencer, Pearl C. Russell, Mary L. Roberts, Taylor Cable, Mrs. Wilson Boyd, Mrs. Charlie Stinger, Mary Trotters, Myrtle Wright, Taylor Cable, Susan Cable, Luther Cable, and Roy Cable.

The defendants above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Watauga County before the clerk for the sale of a certain tract of land situated in Beaver Dam township, Watauga County, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of Conley Greene, C. T. Williams, Ross Campbell and R. S. Swift, and being all the land the said T. A. Cable owned at the time of his death; said sale made to make assets to pay the debts of said estate, and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear before the clerk of the Superior court of Watauga county at his office in the courthouse in Boone, N. C. on the 5th day of July, 1919, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

O. L. COFFEY, C. S. C.  
F. A. LINNEY, Atty.

### NOTICE.

North Carolina, Watauga county. By virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage deed executed on the 25th day of July 1918 by A. W. Ray and wife to J. F. Puckett to secure the payment of the sum of \$300.00 with interest and cost, the undersigned will sell at public auction, for cash to the highest bidder, on the 7th day of July at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m. at the court house door in Boone the following described tract of land lying and being in the county of Watauga, Laurel Creek township, on the waters of Beech Creek and bounded as follows: Beginning on a stake at a sugar tree, Farthing's corner of the 40 acre tract, and runs North with the line of it 206 poles to a stake in the Miller line; thence East with 20 poles to a stake in McGinnis' line at or near his corner; thence South with said line 232 poles to a stake in the Dave Gwyn line, thence North with said line 26 poles to a stake in the line of the Farthing tract, thence east with said line 80 poles to the beginning containing 42 acres, more or less. In accordance with the terms of the said mortgage a one half undivided interest in the above described tract will be sold at the said sale. This May 31st 1919.

J. F. PUCKETT, Mortgagee.  
F. A. LINNEY, Atty.

### Notice To Threshers.

A law enacted by the last Legislature requires all persons who thresh grain of any kind to procure a license from the Register of Deeds of his county. I now have the license and necessary blanks on hand and it is a misdemeanor to operate a threshing machine without license.

W. R. GRAGG,  
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### NOTICE.

By virtue of power and by authority given me as mortgagee by D. B. Miller and wife Florence Miller in a mortgage deed which was executed to us on the 17th day of February 1917, to secure the payment of \$600.00 and interest on the same, and default having been made in the payment of the same as well as the interest on the same, now therefore we will in compliance to the power and authority vested in us, sell to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door in the county of Watauga on the 7th day of July 1919, it being the first Monday in said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 2 o'clock p. m. the following described piece or parcel of land: lying and being in Watauga Township, Watauga county, N. C. and bounded by the lands of J. H. Brinkley and others and begins on a Spanish oak above the grave yard, the corner of the grave yard lot, and runs S 108-45 W 200 feet to a stake E corner of the grave lot and J. H. Brinkley's lot then S 56-45 288 feet to a stake on the east side Taylor Street, J. H. Brinkley's corner, then down and with Taylor's Street 45-45 East 325 feet to a stake opposite the intersection of the west line of the Watauga Street, thence N 45-45 E 731 feet to a stake in the J. F. Coffey line thence N 28-45 W with the old original line 565 feet to a stake J. H. Brinkley's corner, thence S 31-45 W 440 feet to the beginning and contains 7 and 24-100 of an acre and all of tract no. 11 as shown on the map of the subdivision of the Joseph Phipps farm made by Dunlap and Rogers, civil engineers, and to the purchaser we shall execute in accordance to the terms and stipulations in said mortgage a good and sufficient deed in compliance to us by said mortgage. This May 17, 1919.

J. H. TAYLOR,  
W. H. BYRD, Mortgagees.

### NOTICE.

North Carolina Watauga County, in the Superior Court, before the clerk Charles E. Vannoy and wife Winnie Vannoy; Russel E. Vannoy, Florence Vannoy and Dale Vannoy, the last three by their next friend, Ida Vannoy vs. John A. Vannoy, James F. Vannoy and wife Mamie Vannoy, Wiley C. Vannoy and wife Josie Vannoy, T. H. Vannoy, and wife Tate Vannoy, Hoyt L. Vannoy and Larrie Vannoy. The defendants above named will take notice that a special proceeding entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Watauga county, North Carolina for the purpose of partitioning real estate in Watauga county, North Carolina and the said defendant will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior court for Watauga County on the 30th day of June 1919 at the court house of said county, in Boone, North Carolina and answer or demur to the petition in said action or the plaintiffs will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said petition. This 24th day of May 1919.

O. L. COFFEY,  
Clerk Superior Court.

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