

**LOCAL AFFAIRS**

Dr. Anders has returned from Gastonia and resumed his practice in Boone.

Mrs. Delphia Moore and son Mr. Carey Moore of Washington, D. C. are visitors at the home of Mrs. E. H. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jenkins, of Sutherland, returned home Monday evening after a visit to Mrs. Jenkin's father, Atty. W. R. Lovill.

The schools of the county are now practically all in session, and County Supt. Smith Haganman, says the attendance is unusually fine.

Little Miss Ruth Allison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Allison, of Cranberry, was a weekend visitor to Miss Velma Rivers in Boone.

Mr. U. M. Bradley, formerly of Watauga, but now of Lime Stone, Tenn., returned home a few days since, after a week's visit to relatives in the county.

Mr. Manley Williams, the faithful and efficient carrier on Route 1, out of Vilas, was in the village a few hours Monday evening, and remained over for the telephone meeting which was held in the court house that night.

Mrs. J. M. Moretz returned from the Long Sanatorium in Statesville Monday evening, and it is a genuine pleasure to announce that she is rapidly improving from the trying ordeal through which she passed more than two weeks ago.

Old friend John H. Cook, of Johnson City, Tenn., has been spending the past month with his loved ones and friends in Watauga, will leave for his home tomorrow morning. He was a pleasant and appreciated caller at our office yesterday.

Ex-Sheriff J. L. Hayes, is in receipt of a letter from his son Walter, at St. John, Washington, in which he states that his yield of wheat will be from 30 to 35 bushels per acre, over his crop of 600 acres, and that the crop throughout the west is enormous.

When you fail to pay your honest debts you are doing your part to prolong the stringent times through which we are passing, as possibly your creditor is needing the amount with which to dissolve a debt of his own. This is no time to howl hard times with a roll clinched in your fist. If you owe a dollar, pay it, give the other fellow a chance to pay his.

The Boone Fork Lumber Co., put a crew of hands to work on the trackage of their lumber road from near the Winkler siding, back of the Rich mountain, Tuesday morning. They are getting everything in readiness for the re-starting of the big operation at Shulls Mills, which, Mr. Gilley tells The Democrat he hopes will not be farther in the future than ten days or two weeks.

Mr. M. E. Towson, of Lynchburg, Va., and Mr. N. C. Parsons, of Abingdon, both knights of the grip, were among our merchants Saturday soliciting orders for their respective houses. They were of the opinion that Boone was fuller of activities in many lines than any small town they had visited since the present wave of prosperity (?) struck the country. In fact, Mr. Towson suggested that the name of this metropolis be changed to "Boom Town."

**Dr. Speas' Infirmary**  
FOR EYE, EAR, NOSE,  
AND THROAT  
OVER HICKORY DRUG CO.  
HICKORY, N. C.

**CLARENCE A. ELLIS'**  
**Big Underselling Sale**  
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Mr. D. J. Cottrell has completed and is now occupying his new store building near the Baptist church. The store rooms are well appointed and with the splendid location we predict for Mr. Cottrell continued success, with a larger stock and better facilities.

**The Blowing Rock Tragedy.**

Last Saturday night the town of Blowing Rock, as well as this and surrounding communities, were stirred as possibly never before, when the news was heralded abroad that three negroes, Albert Gant, of Fayetteville, Walter Haith, of Burlington, and Will Shaw, of Red Springs, had assaulted and shot to death, as it was then thought, Donald McLain, a white jitney driver, residing at Baley's Camp. The negroes were all arrested by Sheriff Young and placed in jail the same night.

As the story goes, Haith and Shaw, two of the negroes, were out driving in the private car of Mr. Holt, who is spending the summer at his Blowing Rock home, when they met McLain, driving a jitney in which were three negroes, they claiming he (McLain) ran uncomfortably close to their car in passing. They went on but soon returned, bringing with them Albert Gant, who, the negroes all claim knew nothing of the trouble. McLain had some car trouble and was standing by his machine when the negroes returned. A few hot words were passed when Haith hit him on the head with a bottle of whiskey, which was immediately followed by two shots from Shaw's gun, one ball entering the left shoulder, passing entirely through the body of McLain and piercing his car. At first it was thought that McLain would die at once, but was treated by the Blowing Rock physicians, soon rallied; was sent to the hospital in Hickory, and up to the time of this writing, his physicians think he has a fighting chance for recovery.

The negroes will be given a preliminary hearing today (Wednesday), Judge Council appearing for Gant, who, it seems, is innocent to begin with; Linney & Coffey for Haith, and Attorney Chase Brenizer, of Charlotte, will appear for Shaw, the people for whom the negroes are working employing the lawyer in each instance.

LATER: The trial is over, and Albert Gant is freed, not one bit of evidence being developed against him. The other negroes, Haith and Shaw, were remanded to jail without bond, the evidence that Haith hit McLain with the bottle and that Shaw shot him was most conclusive. The large assembly of people who heard the trial are well pleased with verdict and all seem willing for the law to take its course with them. The wounded man this, Wednesday evening, is still alive but his condition is most serious.

**HOTEL ARRIVALS**

Following are some of the latest arrivals at Hotel Critcher:  
J. C. Lane, Morristown, Tenn.  
G. M. Warren, Bristol; W. T. Christian, Bristol; J. Case, Hendersonville; H. H. Case, Hendersonville; Dick Erwin, Charlotte; Gene Williams, Charlotte.

**Bank Directors Meet.**

Last Monday the Directors of the Peoples Bank & Trust Co., held a meeting in the Bank building, the main idea of the meeting being to transact business looking to the erection of their new brick building on the Lovill corner. The following building committee was appointed, who will push the work to completion just as rapidly as possible when the material can be procured, much of which is now in sight: A. E. South, E. S. Coffey, G. M. Sudderth, Ira Critcher, John E. Brown, and Roby Greer. It is hoped by the committee that the building can be, if not entirely completed, far enough advanced that it can be occupied by late fall or early winter.

**Tax Rate for 1921 Fixed at 90 Cents.**

The board of County Commissioners met in extra session last Monday for the purpose of making the tax levy, cancelling claims, etc. The tax levy was placed at 90 cents, which was divided as follows:

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| State school tax,       | 13c. |
| County school tax,      | 22c. |
| General county tax,     | 11c. |
| Special county tax,     | 7c.  |
| Tax for county home,    | 6c.  |
| Interest on road bonds, | 21c. |

Total.....90c.  
The poll tax rate was fixed at \$2.37.

**PINCHED FOR SPEEDING**

The following cases have been disposed of in the mayor's court this week:

Alfred Adams, speeding, fined \$15 and cost. Frank McGhee, speeding, fined \$10; appealed to Superior Court. William Sudderth was also arrested, charged with speeding, and will be tried today.

**NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND UNDER MORTGAGE**

Under and by virtue of a mortgage deed executed by C. C. Greer and Etta Greer on the 24th day of May 1921, and recorded in book 7, page 7, May 23, 1921, in the office of Register of Deeds of Watauga County, to secure four certain promissory notes to the undersigned, of several hundred dollars in all with interest from May 24, 1921, and whereas default has been made in the payment of said notes, or any part thereof, therefore I will on the 3rd day of October 1921, proceed to sell at public auction at the court house door in Boone, N. C. the land described in said mortgage deed lying and being in Cove Creek township, on the waters of North Fork of said creek and adjoining the lands of J. E. Burkett, G. W. Younce, F. M. Greer and John Isaacs, and containing fourteen acres, and for a more particular description reference is hereby made to the record of said mortgage as described above.

This the 10th day of August 1921.  
JOHN F. GREER, Mortgagee.

**Dr. E. M. Loyd,**  
JOHNSON CITY, TENN.  
PRACTICE LIMITED TO EYE,  
EAR, NOSE AND THROAT.  
Special attention to fitting  
glasses. Offices in Loyd  
Building, one block South of  
E. T. & W. N. C. Depot.

**R. D. JENNINGS**  
— DENTIST —  
BOONE, N. C.  
OFFICES AT BLACKBURN HOTEL.  
Office Hours: 9:00 to 12:00 a. m.  
1:00 to 4:00 p. m.  
Write or phone me for appointments. Will give you the earliest date possible.

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Dr. J. E. Brooks, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased, to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of July 1922, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 5th day of July 1921.  
T. H. COFFEY, Administrator.



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A Bank Account will help you in business in many ways, and your cancelled checks may be useful some time for reference. Small accounts are welcomed here as well as large ones.

**The Bank of Blowing Rock**

BLOWING ROCK, N. C.

**ARE YOU GOING TO BUILD?**

If so, we have the material, brick, shingles, lath, molding, ceiling flooring, siding, windows, doors frames, mantels, paints, oils, varnishes, etc.

We shall be glad to quote you prices on any kind of building material that you may want, and we believe you will find our prices as low as can be found in this section.

We also carry a complete line of coffins, caskets and supplies.

Phone or write us your wants. Come, look over our stock and get prices.

**Watauga Furniture & Lumber Company,**

BOONE, N. C.

**Midsummer Sale of Dress Goods**

We will close out at greatly reduced prices all voile, white goods and all summer goods, including big stock of gingham. Also closing out low cut shoes for ladies and men at big reductions. It will pay you to investigate our prices.

Furniture at special prices, clothing for men and boys, guaranteed, at prices you can't duplicate in town.

Plenty of Stoneware, Crocks and Jars. See us.

The store with Service and Quality.

**Watauga Supply Co.**