

LOCAL AFFAIRS

Do you take your home paper? If not, why not?

There will be services in the Episcopal church Sunday, Feb. 11th. Eld. S. E. Grogg will preach at 11 A. M. and in the evening at 7 o'clock.

The Board of Education was in session Monday.

Commissioners Court next Monday.

Mr. O. G. Winebarger, of the Meat Camp section, was a brief caller at our office yesterday.

Mr. Hugh Williams, of Blowing Rock, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Williams, of that town, was in town early in the week having some dental work done.

Ex-sheriff, Young tells the Democrat that he is succeeding very nicely in collecting taxes. He says that collections are much better than they were last year at this time.

Since the flurry of cold, the first of the week the weather is again beautiful, the snow rapidly disappearing under the warm rays of the sun, but the roads from reports, were never much worse.

LATER. We are asked to say that there will be a number of three-minute speeches made by some of our leading business and professional men, during the evening, which will be quite interesting and to be sure, will add much to the occasion.

Messrs J. W. and A. N. Greene of Brownwood, were in to look after their accounts on the Democrat book yesterday. Just here we would say that we have quite a nice little list of subscribers at Brownwood, and no more puntual bunch, when it comes to paying, can be found.

Mr. James Todd and family have moved from the old printing office building and are now occupying rooms on the second floor of the Drug Store building, recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Loin Harrison, they moved to the Mr. Walter Johnson property in East Boone.

Dr. J. W. Jones, who has been very unwell for the past three weeks was taken to a Knoxville Sanatorium last Tuesday for treatment. He was accompanied by Mr. J. D. Council of Boone. It is earnestly hoped that the popular physician will soon return to his family and practice entirely recovered from his seemingly rather serious illness.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Hill Farthing will leave for Knoxville within the next few days where they go to purchase a new dry goods line for their store when it opens in the bank building. The Farthing Store has always handled merchandise of the better kind, and the owner is going to "spread out" when he gets to the new location. The leaders will continue to be ladies wearing apparel and men's furnishings, with the addition of an up-to-date millinery department.

The bill was introduced in the legislature of North Carolina, by Representative Coffey to enlarge the incorporate limits of the town of Boone. It has caused a little rife among our neighbors just without the present limits, but it is hoped that no hard feelings will be engendered. So far it has moved along very nicely, though some have taken a firm stand against the measure, and it may be killed in the Senate.

The new plant of the Watauga Furniture and Lumber Company, is almost completed. The big boiler and engine are in place; the brick steam dry kiln is ready for use and the big order for machinery was shipped some two weeks ago, and is expected to arrive daily. One flooring machine on the way, works 125 lineal feet of flooring per minute. The plant will be amply equipped with almost every kind of the best wood-working machinery.

Mr. James Bingham, Prohibition agent was in town Monday on business. Mr. Bingham, who really has his great work at heart, has been moved from Watauga, his work now being in Avery, Mitchell, McDowell, Burke and Caldwell counties. His services are in demand in Watauga if all reports about the whiskey traffic in Watauga are true. Mr. Bingham says he and two other agents working with him have gotten in some real work in the counties named, during January.

A GOOD LADY PASSES

A telegram from Mr. T. H. Hine, of Johnson City, Tenn., to Capt. Lovell on Monday, announced the death of his sister, Mrs. Sallie Hine Edmisten, which occurred in that city on that day. Interment was made on Tuesday. Mrs. Edmisten is a widow of the late Mr. John Edmisten, of Blowing Rock, and was truly a good woman. After the death of her husband, she went to Johnson City, where she remained at her home until the end came. This leaves only one of the splendid trio of sisters, Misses Mary, Sallie and Sadie, who for many years lived near Boone, Miss Mary having passed to her reward some time since. The step-mother and two children, Mr. T. H. and Miss Mattie, survive. Miss Sadie being the only one left of the original family, and there was never a better one lived in or near Boone.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Saturday afternoon of last week Miss Mary Edith Hahn was hostess to about 20 of her friends, the occasion being her eleventh birthday. After an afternoon of music and games the guests were invited into the dining room where delightful refreshments were served by Miss Louise Coffey and Miss Margaret Hahn. Valentine decorations were carried out. The hostess received many nice gifts.

THE GROUND HOG

And now we want to see the color of the man's hair who doubts the veracity of the ground hog when it comes to weather prognostications. Until he saw no shadow Friday morning, the weather had been rainy, and what else we had since. The big snow of the winter, the coldest and most disagreeable weather of the entire winter. It is wonderful how superstitious some people are when the ground hog, as a weather prophet is questioned.

OFF TO COLORADO SPRINGS

Mr. John A. Sproles, who remains in a weakened condition since a recent attack of pneumonia, left Tuesday for Colorado Springs, where he will remain awhile, hoping to recuperate his health at that famous health resort. He was accompanied by his wife and father-in-law, Dr. Butler. The Dr. to return soon. Mr. Sproles is one of our popular and progressive business men and we hope ere long he will return enjoying his former good health.

BAPTIST CHURCH

10 A. M. Sunday School. 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sermon by Pastor. Subject of morning sermon: The Spiritual Message of Radio; Evening: Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

B. Y. P. U. at 6 P. M. Prayer meeting; Thursday at 7 P. M. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

REALLY A GOOD RECORD

A good citizen, residing now just East of Boone, has been summoned as a juror for the spring term of court. The good man is The Democrat that he has never been in court, never heard a witness examined, or heard a judge's charges, and seems to be rather at a loss how to perform his duties when court comes in fact, he says he may make an effort to get excused. He is an intelligent man and an upright, honest citizen, but seems to be ignorance boiled down when it comes to court proceedings, in fact, he is a man who has attended to his own business and had nothing to do with courts etc.

MR. COFFEY PAID FOR HORSE KILLED BY FORD AUTOMOBILE

The case of Mr. McNeill, charged with killing the horse of Mr. Will Coffey, with his Ford car some time ago, came up for trial last Saturday, but a compromise was effected, the case never being tried. McNeill paid Coffey \$175.00 for the horse and all expenses of the trial.

Our readers doubtless remember the circumstances. Coffey was riding home from town on a splendid horse; heard a car coming up to his rear. He pulled his horse quickly to the right of the road, but the car struck him, breaking one of his hind legs, and throwing Mr. Coffey flat of his back on the rock road. The driver never stopped to see what damage was caused, but suspicion pointed to Mr. McNeill, with the above result.

LIST YOUR INCOME TAX

There will be a federal and state income tax man in Watauga, to assist the taxpayers in making out their returns for income taxes, at the following times and places:

Thursday, Feb. 15, Blowing Rock, Friday, Feb. 16, Shulls Mills, Saturday and Monday, Feb. 17-19 Boone, N. C.

TO PROVIDE FOR BURIAL OF FORMER SERVICE MAN

The senate military committee is considering a bill sponsored by the North Carolina American Legion and introduced by Senator Emmett Bellamy, of New Hanover, which would authorize county commissioners of any county in the state to appropriate out of the general funds a sum of not more than \$25 to provide for the burial of any former member of the army, navy or marine corps, dying within the county without estate or relatives able to provide proper disposal of the body.

"The general assembly of North Carolina do enact:

"Section 1. That the county commissioners of any county in North Carolina are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to appropriate out of the general funds of the county a sum of not more than \$25.00 to provide for the burial of any former member of the army, navy or marine corps, who served in the recent World War, who shall die within the boundaries of the said county, and whose estate or relatives are unable to provide for the burial of said veteran.

"Section 2. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

WANTED: We are in the market for all kinds of produce: Chickens, eggs, country butter, etc. Write us for prices. CATAWBA CREAMERY CO. Hickory, N. C.

A GOOD-BYE VERSE

Farewell to Editor and Staff. All beginnings have their endings. Friendship should exist forever, And its ending never come to pass.

Onward to the Rocky Mountains, Almost touching to the sky; The mysterious forces of nature, So enchanting to the eye.

I hope to return again; It may be in snow or rain; It may be when the birds Are caroling the forest with Their music, in the gentle spring. When the twilight deepens 'round Me the katiedids will sing. —Dr. W. R. Butler

THANKS

I desire to express my sincerest thanks on behalf of those Armenian orphans to those who have responded so liberally to the appeals that have gone out. I have not yet heard from all, but those from whom I have heard have responded so liberally that we look forward to a goodly offering.

If hindered from making an offering thus far, you may make it yet. Make check payable to Robert A. Brown and send to him at Raleigh, N. C., or to me at Boone. If you send to him or your church treasurer, be sure to write me the amount. With very best wishes, I am, Yours faithfully, J. M. DOWNUM.

NOTICE

All persons who feel interested in the protection of wild game and game fish, in Watauga county, are earnestly requested to meet in Boone, at the Court House at 1 p. m. on the 12th day of February, 1923. I have already placed in many of the streams of Watauga county several hundred thousand fish and will this spring place about 200,000 more, all of which is useless, unless vigorously protected. We have some deer, also which must be protected, as well as our fur bearing animals. At this meeting an organization will be framed to be known as Watauga Game and Fish protective Association, and a bill will be drafted to have enacted into law by the present general assembly of North Carolina. This 2nd day of Feb. 1923. Wm. R. LOVILL.

BIRTH DAY PARTY

Little Misses Ruby and Marcetta Cook entertained twenty five of their little friends at a double birthday party Saturday evening, February. Sent kinds of candies and cake, apples and lemonade were served. Many nice little birthday presents were given and a good time was enjoyed by all.

THANKS

Congressman, R. L. Doughton, in a private letter tosses this much appreciated bouquet in our direction, and we take the privilege of publishing it:

"I certainly enjoy your splendid paper. I regard it as one of the best weeklies in the State, as it is clean and full of interesting news matter all the time."

Mr. J. F. Critcher, of Hampton, Va., who has been a visitor to his brother, Mr. M. P. Critcher (for the past two weeks, has decided to remain in his native county, and will take a position as machinist with the Watauga Furniture and Lumber Co.

GOVERNOR ENTERTAINS FOR THE LEGISLATORS

Governor Morrison and his sister Miss Ida Morrison and Mrs. Ada Nuttall, entertained at the mansion Thursday night in honor of the members of the general assembly. Several hundred passed through the receiving line. Dancing followed.

Many of the legislators brought their wives to the city for the reception, and in addition many prominent men and women from Raleigh and over the state were present. The mansion was charmingly decorated.

The reception for the general assembly has been among the crowning social events of the capital city, and Governor Morrison and his sisters have made those of this administration most delightful occasions for the lawmakers.

OPPOSE FLEMISH RULE

A demonstration opposing the changing of Ghent university into a Flemish university brought together 100,000 manifestants of both sexes, according to police estimates.

The procession marched through the streets for hours. Occasionally the marchers met with counter demonstrations by groups who unsuccessfully tried to interfere with them. There were several encounters with the police and about 100 persons were arrested. A few policemen were injured.

The demonstration was organized by the National League for the Defense of Liberty of Language. Special trains brought thousands upon thousands of persons from every province of the country, Flemish as well as Waioan.

Friend T. G. Greene, formerly of Stony Fork, now of Kings Creek, N. C., is introducing in Boone and Watauga, the Home Laundry Machine, manufactured by the New World Washing Machine company. Mr. Greene has arranged for storage here and will make Boone his headquarters until his present territory is thoroughly canvassed. Tom says it is the best machine of its kind ever put on the market.

SETTLING those Old SCORES

HAVEN'T you an old score or two that you have never settled with yourself? Haven't you promised yourself things in the past—and failed to keep the promise?

N. L. Mast, President; L. A. Greene, Vice-Pres.; G. P. Hagaman, Cashier; W. D. Farthing, A. Cashier; Austin E. South, Teller; Miss Pearl Hodges, Bookkeeper



Let a savings account be the means of settling those old scores with yourself. You will find that almost anything is within your reach if you but save for it systematically.

WATAUGA COUNTY BANK BOONE, N. C.

INCOME TAX FACTS

Revenue officers are visiting every county in the United States to aid taxpayers in the preparation of their income tax returns for the year 1922. Information concerning the date of their arrival and the location of their offices may be obtained by writing the collector of internal revenue for the district in which the taxpayers live.

Forms for filing returns of individuals net income for the year 1922 are being sent to taxpayers who filed returns for the year 1921. Failure to receive a form, however, does not relieve the taxpayer of his obligation to file a return and pay the tax on time, on or before March 15, 1923. The forms, 1040A for filing returns of net income of \$5,000 and less and 1040 for filing returns of net income in excess of \$5,000, may be obtained from collectors of internal revenue and deputy collectors.

Returns are required of every single person whose net income for 1922 was \$1,000 or more or whose gross income was \$5,000 or more and of every married person whose net income was \$2,000 or more or whose gross income was \$5,000 or more. Careful study of the instructions on the forms will greatly aid in making a correct return.

THE BATH TUB IN AMERICA

The first American bath tub was installed December 20, 1812 in Cincinnati, by Adam Thompson. It was made of mahogany and lined with sheet lead. At a Christmas party he gave an exhibition of its use, and four guests took a plunge.

The next day the Cincinnati papers discussed the invention and violent controversy was provoked. Some papers designated it an epicurean luxury, others as undemocratic, as it lacked simplicity, attacked it as dangerous to health, a certain inviter of rheumatism, fevers and inflammation of the lungs.

The controversy soon reached other cities and in more than one place medical opposition was reflected in legislation.

Late in 1834 the Philadelphia common council considered an ordinance prohibiting bathing between November 1 and March 15, and the ordinance failed of passage by but two votes.

During the same year the Legislature of Virginia laid a tax of \$30 a year for all bath tubs.

In Hartford, Providence, Charleston and Wilmington, Del., heavy rates were laid on people who had bath tubs. Boston, early in 1845, made bathing unlawful except on medical advice, but the ordinance was never enforced and in 1862 it was repealed.

President Millard Fillmore gave the bath tub recognition. While vice president he visited Cincinnati, in 1850, and inspected the original bath tub and used it. On becoming President he had a bath tub installed in the White House. This tub continued to be used until the first Cleveland administration.—Exchange.

FOR SALE

August and Sept. hatching S. C. Buff Orpington Cockerels, Cocks strain. Finley P. Hodges, Sands, N. C. St-14

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Auto & Truck service Long or Short Hauls

Careful Drivers

Reasonable Rates

My Cars Meet All Trains

Phone Critcher Hotel or Taylor's Garage, Boone, N. C.

J. T. HENDRIX

PUBLIC SALES

We have purchased 122,000 pair of U. S. Army Munson last shoes, sizes 5 1-2 to 12 which was the entire surplus stock of one of the largest U. S. Government shoe contractors.

This shoe is guaranteed; one hundred per cent solid leather, color dark tan, bellows tongue, dirt and waterproof. The actual value of this shoe is \$3.00. Owing to this tremendous buy we can offer same to the public at \$2.95.

Send correct size. Pay postmaster on delivery or send money order. If shoes are not as represented we will cheerfully refund your money promptly upon request.

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A complete line of the highest grade toilet goods, stationery and fine cigars.

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TERMS CASH

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of the will of Mrs. Susie Farthing, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present the same for payment within twelve months from the date of this notice or it will be plead in bar of their recovery and all persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This December 14, 1922. W. Y. FARTHING, Executor

Insurance—Fire, Life and Casualty

All new business and expiring policies promptly attended to. Adjustments promptly made.

GEORGE F. BLAIR BLOWING ROCK, N. C. (Office in Postoffice Bldg)

R. D. JENNINGS

DENTIST Offices at Boone and Newland Boone—First 15 days of each month Newland—Last 10 days of each month Write or phone to Boone or Newland for appointments

WATCH REPAIRING

Done under a positive guarantee. Jew elry repaired. Estimates furnished on all mail orders. Satisfaction guaranteed. Office west of Blackburn Hotel

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\$250.00 REWARD

I will pay two hundred and fifty dollars reward to any person or persons for the arrest and delivery to the sheriff of Watauga County, North Carolina, of Charlie Thomas who shot and killed my son, William Grady Wilson, at or near Silverstone, North Carolina, on or about August 23rd, 1922.

LEMUEL WILSON 3m-10-p Reece, N. C.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

The undersigned have qualified as Executor of the Estate of I. W. Gross, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate, are hereby notified to present them to him on or before the 20th day of January, 1924, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please come forward and make settlement. This the 19th day of January, 1923.

F. M. MALTBA, Executor. 6t-13-p