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A. T. S. Has Modern Water Supply System

250,000 Gallon Tank Takes Care of all Present Needs of the School Plant—Other Notes.

The Appalachian Training School has been entertained at chapel exercises recently by a talk from Prof. J. A. Williams on the great project at Stone Mountain in Georgia commemorating the heroes of the Southern confederacy. Prof. Logan has been reading Enoch Arden in sections for the entertainment of the student body. Also quite a number of basket ball games have been engaged in for the past few days. Both the young ladies and the young men's teams went to Lenoir on Friday where the former played the team of Davenport College and the latter played the home town team. In both these games the Training School teams came out second best. In the school gymnasium there have been several contests between the different classes and the results were various.

Some of the enterprises of the Training School begun several years ago have been greatly enlarged and improved, some made entirely new. This latter is especially true of the water system. Quite a number of years ago they inaugurated a small system by piping a few small springs from the side of Howard's Knob, which served the purpose of the school for several years. A few years ago the same appropriated funds for a new system. In constructing this system a number of springs were purchased on the side of Rich Mountain some three miles distant. These were cemented so that no surface water could get into them and all were piped to a tank on the side of the mountain and from there by a large flume the water was carried to a tank of 250,000 gallons capacity located on a high ridge far above the town and school. From this latter large pipe lines run throughout the school grounds. This plant is for the school alone and will furnish an ample supply of pure mountain water for the use of the school in its fullest development for years to come.

OVER THREE BILLIONS SPENT ON AUTOMOBILES IN 1924

The world spent \$3,360,000,000 for new motor vehicles in 1924, according to Percy Owen, chief of the automotive division of the department of commerce.

Returns from the department's trade agents throughout the world indicate that during the past year there were assimilated 3,300,000 passenger cars and trucks, and 200,000 motorcycles, which total number at the very conservative figures of \$1,000 average retail value for the cars and trucks, and \$300 for motorcycles, enables the department to approximate the amount spent for automobiles in general.

The United States now has 84 per cent of all passenger cars, 74 per cent of all trucks and 11 per cent of all motorcycles in the world.

K. K. K. IN ASHE COUNTY UPHOLDS VOLSTEAD LAW

Quantity of Whiskey Seized as Members of Hooded Empire Get into Action.

(Northwestern Herald)
The K. K. K. got into action in West Jefferson in the early hours of the morning Sunday to the considerable embarrassment of a number of supposed bootleggers and if their first raid is to be taken as an index to their future conduct bootlegging in Ashe county is destined to become a rather hazardous vocation.

About two hundred members of the Klan in full regalia took charge of a car which was parked on second street, and occupied by W. S. Graybeal. They searched the car and found three small containers of contraband spirits. Mr. Graybeal is said to have told a straightforward narrative about his being in the car which he said belonged to Henry Hartzog. He claimed that he did not know there was whiskey in the car. Besides Hartzog he said that Guy Riddle had also been in the car. He was taken before U. S. Commissioner P. T. McNeil who released him after he had given a bond of \$250 for his appearance as a witness.

Soon after this another suspicious looking car attracted the attention of the Klackers and they ordered the driver to halt. He however, apparently was unwilling to face the white robed members of the Invisible Empire and stepped on the gas instead.

After rattling the fleeing car with lead the Klansmen took up the pursuit. The fleeing car however seems to have been the speedier of the two and the Klansmen lost sight of the fleeing car but soon overtook it again at which time it was stopped and one of the occupants was seen getting into the car. The car again fled and was pursued by the Klackers down the Orion road near the home of C. C. Green when it was overtaken in somewhat dilapidated condition. Two tires were flat and a bullet had punctured the gasoline tank. A search revealed nothing barred by the Volstead Act, but the Klansmen were not satisfied and as it was near daylight they returned to West Jefferson got Mayor Allen, Policeman Woodie and United States Commissioner McNeil and returned to the place where the car was seen to stop. A short search disclosed five gallons of "Pop Skull" neatly hidden under the road.

No arrests have been made but it is rumored that the Klansmen have the names of three men who were with the car when captured or seen to leave it, and their arrest is daily expected.

ED. COFFEY MEETS INSTANT DEATH AT MULLINS, W. VA.

On last Friday a telegram brought the sad news to Charlie Coffey and family that his son Ed. was killed at Mullins, W. Va. while loading logs on a log train. While attempting to fasten the boom chains the logs rolled off the car, catching him, breaking his neck, and crushing his head.

His brother, Parker Coffey, who was working on a nearby job, accompanied the body which reached Fescue on the late train Sunday evening.

Remains were buried at the Phillips grave yard, the Rev. S. E. Gragg conducting the funeral services.

Many relatives and friends from all over the county beautifully decorated the grave with evergreens and flowers. Ed was a young man in the bloom of life, who always met one with a smile and a kind word. He made friends instead of enemies.

HANDICRAFT WOOD NOVELTY SHOP HAS PROMISING FUTURE

Under the name of the Handicraft Wood Novelty Shop, one of our most unique business establishments is conducted by Messrs. D. B. Bingham and David F. Greene of the firm of Greene & Bingham.

Souvenirs, such as candlesticks, Toothpick holders, napkin rings, moonshine stills, bearing the name of any resort in burned letters are being made in great quantities, and a specialty salesman is turning in orders with regularity. These articles made of rustic rhododendron, black walnut, and other native woods, are greatly in demand at all mountain resorts during the summer season, and with the superiority of their product over that manufactured in the north, and low prices, owing to the proximity of suitable timber, makes the outlook for the local firm very bright.

OUR WEEKLY RESUME OF LEGISLATIVE EVENTS

(By M. L. Shipman.)

Raleigh, Feb. 10—Angus Wilton McLean's first victory as governor was scored during the week and his position as the real leader of the state considerably strengthened thereby; Josiah W. Bailey, sometime candidate for governor issued a statement decrying what he termed extravagances in the operation of the state's affairs; Former Governor Cameron Morrison appeared before the finance committees to defend his accrual system of financing the state; expenses of legislative committees was made public; the bus bill got by the Senate and went to the House with the prediction that its passage is assured; the supreme court told the legislators that they had no power to create special judges to relieve court congestion and the House Committee on courts and judicial District announced the purpose of re-organizing the State with a bill creating seven additional judicial districts; these were the high spots of the legislative week which was more prolific of results than any other in 1925.

Tom Bowie, ardent hard surface road proponent, showed himself to be a good politician as he is a friend of good roads. Tom saw that the current was set against him in the matter of the \$35,000,000 bond issue for roads. Governor McLean came out in his second message and said twenty millions for roads.

millions for the next two years, with income from gas and licenses and county and federal aid bringing it to approximately thirty two millions would carry the program along and at the same time not endanger the state's credit. He pointed to the deficit of nine and a half millions by June 30, next and asked for common sense in legislation, in order that the whole future of road building might not be endangered. The logic of the governor's stand was too much for the Bowie-Heath group and when Frank Page backed up Mr. McLean's argument, the larger bond issue advocates saw that they would have to overcome not only those who believe McLean has the right idea, but also those—and their number is legion—who have implicit confidence in Frank Page as the builder of the roads, said confidence having been gained by the splendid methods he has used during the five years of building the state's roads. Mr. Bowie saw the opposition growing and he capitulated rather than go down to what would have been almost certain defeat. Mr. McLean won his victory and Bowie failed to lose any of the prestige which he has gained as one of the strong figures of the General Assembly.

Former Governor Morrison presented his side of the deficit issue, made a speech that will long be remembered for its eloquence and its unusually kind treatment of his political opponents, was given respectful attention by a large crowd and left the matter with the finance committees, who it is believed, will go ahead and carry out their original intentions of recognizing a deficit to exist and arrange for amortizing it. The chief argument against Mr. Morrison was that his administration is over. Mr. McLean now is governor, wants to figure on the cash basis, has presented in cogent terms his executive budget system for balancing the state financial books, and is entitled to his turn at the bat without any sideline coaching by Mr. Morrison. The former governor was received by a plainly hostile crowd that gave him credit for an excellent speech which though he seems to think so, has not misjudged his administration and which is willing to concede his right to criticize in a constructive manner, but not to dictate to the McLean administration. The next result of the Morrison speech will probably be nil and if he keeps at the issue some part of his own following undoubtedly will drift away. The sentiment here seems to be that he should close his mouth and stop interpreting the differences of opinion on State policies as personal attacks upon himself.

Josiah William Bailey issued a statement charging various kinds of extravagances against the state government. Undoubtedly many of the Raleigh lawyer's contentions were

OF LOCAL INTEREST

Senator Brown—A bill to be entitled an act incorporating the Daniel Boone High School in Watauga county.

Senator Brown—An act to re-establish the office of county treasurer in Watauga County.

true and there are many improvements to be made in the administration of departments. Mr. McLean has promised, if the executive budget system is passed to give his personal attention to elimination of waste and the people seem to have confidence in him to carry out his promises. Some of the folks are saying that Mr. Bailey should have given the new governor a chance to make good on his pledges before launching his broadside. Others take the opposite view and appear to feel that now is the opportune time to bring the matters mentioned in the Bailey statement to the attention of the General Assembly and the public. Still another school of observers say there is waste in departmental operations but that Mr. Bailey confined himself to criticism and did not offer suggestions of correcting measures.

It is further suggested that the Raleigh lawyer saw the tide drifting in the direction of economy and wanted to get aboard the band wagon; that a conference with Governor McLean on the subject and an offer to help solve the problems of the administration, would have been a course for Mr. Bailey to follow which would have earned him a wide commendation. The charge of extravagance has been made and whether Mr. Bailey was the proper one to make it is quite beside the question in the opinion of quite a large group of citizens and legislators. Corrective measures are thought to be in order and general charges may be reduced to more concrete instances before the session ends. The budget system proposed by Governor McLean would, it is believed, prevent unnecessary expenditures for operating expenses in the future and place the fiscal affairs of the state on a strictly business basis.

A mild sensation in administration and legislative circles followed the publication on Friday, of the cost of legislative commissions during the past two years, the sum total amounting to \$153,053.08, viz: Lost Provinces Railroad Commission \$19,719.04; Price Water House Commission \$39,657.82; Legislative Examining Commission 17,671.98; Ship and Water Transportation Commission \$16,820.47; Land Tenure Commission \$7,383.56; Sanatorium Investigating Commission \$6,028.75; Commission for re-indexing the Consolidated Statutes, \$5,951.67; State Prison Investigating Commission, \$5,198.14; Budget Commission \$3,748.71; National Park Commission \$1,865.14. To the total cost of the commissions to the state, according to the calculators, should be added the expenses of a special session of the General Assembly last summer which has not yet been worked out. However the lid is on now and Governor McLean has set himself to the task of actually getting the State's expenditures back in line with its hitherto deficit revenues, or ascertaining the reason why it cannot be done.

The decision of the Supreme Court, that the legislature has no legal right to create special judges to relieve court congestion, it is believed, will bring about the creation of additional judicial districts. Already a bill has been offered in the house increasing the number from twenty to twenty-seven. This means the creation of seven regular judges by the authority of the legislature. The Supreme Court's decision was based on the fact that the Legislature had no right to amend the constitution. The constitution provides that emergency judges are those who have been retired but can be called back to preside over special courts to relieve congestion. The Legislature had considered creating special judges to care for emergencies, but the members came face to face with the Con-

Robbers Loot T. L. Mast Store Last Night

Fifteen Hundred or More Dollars Worth of High Grade Merchandise Hauled Away by Bold Burglars.

Mr. T. L. Mast of Lovell, three miles west of Boone was in to see the Democrat today as the forms were going to press and tells us the story of the burglarizing of his store last night. This is the second affair of this kind happening fifteen miles apart on the Boone Trail, the first of which, Mr. A. G. Miller's at Deep Gap, was chronicled in these columns a week ago.

The robbery undoubtedly occurred while Mr. Mast and family were attending the revival services at the Willowdale church, entrance being made by breaking some small windows to an extent where a door could be opened. Mr. Mast knew nothing of his loss until eight o'clock this morning, going directly home when returning from the church.

Among the items taken were 31 suits of men's clothing, 8 or 10 fine ladies' coats, men's and ladies' sweaters, Fountain pens, pistol cartridges, 12 gauge shot gun. The exact extent of the loss may not be known until practically a complete inventory of the store is taken, but it is the most complete no doubt of the series that has recently taken place. From a cursory examination of the clothing however, Mr. Mast says the loss is easily fifteen hundred dollars, the estimate being based on wholesale prices of the goods.

Mr. Mast has offered a reward of \$100 in another column of this paper for information that will lead to the arrest of the criminals. Mr. Miller whose stock was ransacked last week has offered one hundred dollars. It is confidently believed that the same parties committed both crimes, as they are practically identical in nature.

No very satisfactory clue has developed thus far. A car with four men as occupants stopped for some time at the store of Mr. Clyde Mast, further down the road, and refused to reveal their identity. A car was seen at about eleven o'clock headed toward Johnson City, stuck in the mud, the occupants of which said they were residents of Raleigh.

Again we would insist that business men of Boone and Watauga county look well to their property for a while at least. There has been almost an epidemic of this sort of thing, and it is a duty we owe to each other as well as ourselves to help in any way we can in apprehending or killing a few of these ruffians.

JURORS DRAWN FOR THE SPRING TERM SUPERIOR COURT

Following is the list of jurors drawn for the spring term of Superior Court, which will convene on Monday March 23, with Judge Harding presiding.

FIRST WEEK
T. C. Baird, Alex Baird, Ira Brown, L. A. Bumgarner, S. C. Carroll, J. M. Cornell, T. A. Cox, W. P. Coffey, A. E. Ellison, D. H. Eggers, Chas. A. Greer, N. M. Green, Geo. F. Greer, A. H. Hodges, G. L. Hodges, Hampton J. T., Wade H. McGhee, Will Moody, J. J. Mast, L. W. Miller, V. L. Morretz, E. M. Presnell, J. H. Robinson, W. B. Reese, M. C. Rominger, G. W. Rowe, F. M. Shore, J. L. Tatum, C. C. Triplett, Don Thomas, B. T. Taylor, P. C. Wyke, Robert Waiser, J. W. Ward, J. Y. Walker, J. E. Watson.

SECOND WEEK
Jas. T. Gross, R. A. Adams, J. H. Brinkley, G. C. Ward, B. F. Miller, Stacy Ford, J. M. Campbell, J. C. Sherill, G. H. Norris, W. P. Greene, Rufus M. Ward, W. H. Mast, J. C. Wilson, R. A. Wellborn, Larkin Watson, Lee Carrender, Coffey, O. J., John Fox.

CHILDREN MAKE PROGRESS IN ART OF PENMANSHIP

Mr. Taylor Watson who has been conducting a school of writing at the Chestnut Grove School, by request of the children sends the Democrat several samples of penmanship from various students. The results are extra good. One 10 year old girl has developed into a splendid scribe, and all the other efforts are most creditable. Those sending these little slips were: Rubie Byers, Jessie Wilson, June Greene, Gladys Greene, Sidney Wilson, Mac Brown, Henry Miller, Hubert Norris, Ella Bryan, Ida Lewis Sherman Bryan.

Daniel Boone Hotel To be Opened May 1

Albert Pick & Company Awarded Contract for Complete Furnishing—Work is being Rushed.

Last Saturday was the day set apart for the reception of bids by the building committee of the Daniel Boone Hotel Company, for furnishings and kitchen equipment for the building, which it is intended, shall be completed in the next 60 days. Competitive bidders were present from Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Knoxville, Columbia and Charlotte. Mr. Coyle, Manager of the Vance at Statesville, who has leased the property for a period of five years, was also here assisting the committee and a number of the directors were in session with them in making the purchase. The Albert Pick Company of Chicago was the successful bidder, and are to furnish everything from basement to attic that should go into a modern hotel, all of which is supposed to be in place by April 15, when the management will take charge.

Work is going forward rapidly and everything possible is being done to have the building in readiness for the formal opening, which Mr. Coyle anticipates will be on Friday May 1.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH ORGANIZES SUNDAY SCHOOL

February the 10th the Advent Christian church organized a Sunday School in the court house with a nice number present. Each Sunday at 10 o'clock will be the Sunday School hour there and everyone is extended a cordial invitation to come. Whatever your religious inclinations are you are welcomed and asked to feel that it is your Sunday School. Next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock drop in at the court house and help us have a profitable hour.

The Wednesday night prayer service will be continued as usual at the Episcopal church. Come and be with us.

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. A city wide campaign is on. Help start the campaign by attending a Sunday School somewhere Sunday.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by the pastor.

Epworth League at 6:15. Howard Bingham, leader. A school for Sunday School teachers will begin Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and last through Wednesday night. After Sunday courses will be offered each night. The community is invited.

Dabbled in Wheat



Mrs. S. C. Durand, "dirt farmer" and dairywoman of Illinois, has made a killing in wheat, cleaning up nearly a million dollars, according to authoritative reports. She admits "dabbling in the market a bit" and says—"Wheat is likely to reach \$2.25, and I shouldn't be at all surprised if it went to \$2.50."

Neck Broken at 72



Mrs. W. T. Wiley, 72, of San Francisco, had her neck broken in an auto smash six weeks ago, as severely as if by a hangman's noose. She has recovered, to the amazement of the medical world.

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