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## DIRECTORS OF NORMAL MEET

Met at the School Last Wednesday and Went Over Plant; Talk By Governor Newland

The quarterly meeting of the board of directors of the Appalachian State Normal school was held last Wednesday. The board attended the chapel exercises in a body, for the first time in the history of the school. President Dougherty introduced members of the board individually to the audience and some remarks were made by some of them. The meeting was held in the parlor of the new dormitory, those present being: T. H. Coffey, of Blowing Rock; J. M. Barnhardt, Lenoir; W. C. Newland, Lenoir; G. H. Gaither, Hickory, and Miss Celeste Henkel, Statesville.

The board went over the entire plant and were much impressed with what they saw. They all expressed the opinion that if the institution is to meet the needs of the state in its work it must have much larger increase in appropriations. The members of the board had dinner at the central dining hall.

Governor Newland made a speech in which he said that all the things he prophesied in 1903, at the first commencement speech, had come true except the mountains on the campus and he says these will yet come. It will be remembered that Mr. Newland introduced the charter bill of this institution and engineered it through the house and senate. He had never been on the board of trustees until appointed by Governor Morrison. Mr. Barnhardt, chairman of the executive committee and member of the board of trustees since 1903, has been most efficient and deeply interested in the institution. The older members of the board gave a hearty welcome to Mr. Gaither, a new member of the board. Col. T. H. Coffey, president of the board, presided.

Miss Celeste Henkel was appointed in place of her uncle, the late C. V. Henkel, of Statesville, and is the first lady appointed on the board. She is the county superintendent of schools in Iredell. Mr. F. C. Sanders, of Charlotte, who had been named a member of the board died before attending a meeting.

**Recent Visitors**  
Rev. Mr. Smith, of Concordia College, was a recent visitor at chapel exercises. On the 5th, Dr. and Mrs. Parsons, of the University, who are spending some time in the mountains, entertained the students and faculty with music on the violin and flute and several solos by Mrs. Patterson. Dr. Boyd, dean of Milligan College, was present on the same day, made a short talk. Mr. Riley Scott, a poet from Kentucky, has been at the Normal for some days. Rev. Jeffcoat conducted devotional services at chapel on the fifth. Prof. Warlick, superintendent of the school at Randleman, was a recent visitor to the school. On the 6th Prof. Edgar Story, superintendent of the Wilkesboro school and a former graduate of the high school department made a short talk.

## JURORS NAMED FOR FALL TERM OF SUPERIOR COURT

The following list of jurors have been drawn for the fall term of Watauga superior court, which convenes on September 6th for the trial of both criminal and civil cases. Judge Henry P. Lane, of Reidsville, will preside:

**First Week**  
Brown, Arlie; Carroll, C. C.; Coffey, J. F.; Coffey, J. W.; Clement, K. M.; Edmisten Ira; Eggers, L. E.; Farthing, C. C.; Fox, Roe; Greene, Alex. Gross B. H.; Hampton, Walter; Hayes, Grady; Hodges, J. P.; Hodges, I. G.; Hodges, H. C.; Hollifield, H. C.; Jones, H. S.; Lewis, J. W.; Miller, G. B.; Phillips, Joe C.; Parker, A. T.; Reese, Spencer, South, S. S.; Shull, P. P.; Tester, L. D.; Thomas, R. A.; Townsend, Cicero; Taylor, C. D.; Wilson, John; Williams, Cameron; Weaver, J. A.; Winkler, Walter; Wheeler, T. M.; Ward, M. P.; Winebarger, Hosen.

**Second Week**  
Ward, J. C.; Anderson, W. R.; McNeil, Joe; Danner, J. C.; Moody, A. B.; Hodges, E. P.; Triplett, Spencer; Trivett, D. L.; Moody, L. E.; Greene, R. C.; Winebarger, Caleb; Trivett, W. F.; Greene, L. A.; Watson, T. S.; Michael, J. W.; Aldridge, J. A.; Taylor, H. C.

**DEATH OF MR. CORPENING**  
Mr. Newton Corpening, of Missouri, dropped dead July 19. His health had not been good for months but he was a very active man for his age. He was well known in North Carolina. He owned the Watauga Hotel, the first hotel ever built at Blowing Rock. He was twice married, first to a Miss Moore of Globe, who died early in life. His second wife was Miss Callie Winkler, of Boone. She and one son survive him. —Lenoir News-Topic.

## Mexico's Church Strife



Upper, President Calles of Mexico and lower, Archbishop Del Rio, leaders opposed in Mexico's war of State against Catholic Church.

## FRANCE IS NOT FOR SALE, SAYS CLEMENCEAU

Promises of Payment of War Debt Impossible He Tells President

Paris, Aug. 8.—"Old Father Victory" again has come to the defense of France in her hour of trouble.

Georges Clemenceau, war-time premier, appealed to President Coolidge, in an open letter published today, not to treat settlement of war debts as a purely commercial matter. The proposed Berenger-Mellon debt agreement he asserted to be impossible of fulfillment and to threaten the independence of France.

The spirited appeal of "The Tiger," who will be 85 years old next month, came with dramatic unexpectedness at a moment when the French government is hesitating before taking a definite position on the ratification of the proposed agreement. Midday editions of the afternoon papers gave the letter prominent display.

The Franco-American negotiations leading to promise of payment, former Premier Clemenceau declared, are impossible of fulfillment because they would result in a loan "with solid security in the shape of our territorial possessions as was the case for Turkey." He warned President Coolidge that France never will accept such a thing.

"France is not for sale—even to her friends," he said. "Independent she came to us, independent we shall leave her."

## President's Reply

Plymouth, Vt., Aug. 8.—The position of President Coolidge is that the negotiations relative to the war-time debt owed by France to the United States are closed.

President Coolidge was informed tonight through press dispatches of the open letter former Premier Clemenceau of France has addressed to him on the war debts and it was indicated his attitude was that the Washington government intends to conduct its relations with the French people on all questions through their duly constituted diplomatic authorities.

Any further outline of the views of the chief executive toward the Clemenceau letter was unavailable.

## YOUNG MAN SLAYS MOTHER

Springfield, Mass., Aug. 6.—Richard C. Bearse, a 26-year-old mechanical engineer, slew his mother by tortuous mutilations early today during a maniacal attack that left him apparently a gibbering idiot sitting beside the mutilated body of his parent with whom he had lived alone for 14 years since she was divorced from the treasurer of Hampden county.

The police have been unable to learn what started the mutilations that brought death from shock, but the young man muttered rambling phrases about taking out his mother's eyes because they did not look right and of reading her body to purify her soul.

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 8.—Five men were killed when their automobile was struck by the west bound Ohio Limited on the New York Central railroad near Williamsville early today. The ages of the victims ranged from 20 to 30 years.

## ARLIE WILLIAMS KILLED AT VILAS

Tragedy Occurred Saturday Afternoon When Car Turns Over; Was Buried Tuesday

Arlie Williams, 21-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Williams, former residents of this county, now living in Detroit, Mich., died Saturday night about two hours after being injured in an automobile wreck at Vilas. According to reports the young man seems to have lost control of the car in some way while driving at a moderate speed, and in an attempt to right the vehicle it turned over. He was found under the car soon after the accident occurred and at first it was thought he was practically uninjured, in fact no doctor was called. When death came, however, it was found that a rib had been broken and thrust through one of his lungs, and likely other internal injuries hastened his death.

Mr. Williams was buried at Cove Creek Tuesday afternoon.

Deceased had just returned for a visit from Michigan to his native county and was recuperating after a rather serious operation. He was said to have been a fine young fellow and his death is deplored.

## HOWARD F. COUNCIL LAID TO REST IN HICKORY THURSDAY

The Church of the Ascension, Episcopal, at Hickory, was filled to overflowing at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon when the funeral rites were held for Lieutenant Howard F. Council, eldest son of Judge W. B. Council and Mrs. Council, who lost his life the previous Saturday in a plane accident at Vineyard Haven, Mass.

The body reached Hickory at midnight Wednesday, accompanied by Lieut. Commander A. C. Davis, and was taken to the home of his parents. An honorary escort of six men, selected from the Hickory Post of the American Legion, joined the funeral cortege at the station and marched beside their former comrade as he was taken home.

Young Council was one of the most popular of the young men in Hickory and the pallbearers that bore the body to and from the church Thursday afternoon were all former playmates and boyhood friends of the young lieutenant.

A military escort from the Hickory post of the American Legion, in which young Council was identified, marched in measured tread as the body was taken to the cemetery and interred beside that of Allan Council, the youngest son of Judge and Mrs. Council, whose death occurred three years ago.

Rev. Sam B. Stroup, pastor of Lieut. Council through his youth and early manhood, conducted the service, speaking in the highest terms of the life and character of the dead lieutenant.

Floral designs, sent from many parts of the country, banked the altar at the church and covered the grave completely after the final service at the cemetery.

## THOUSANDS OF DEATHS FROM CHOLERA IN CHINA

Shanghai, Aug. 8.—With weird ceremonies in their temples to appease the dragon king, the Chinese are attempting to halt cholera which is daily causing more than 1,000 deaths in the native sections of Shanghai and in the Pootung district, across the Wangpoo river.

Foreigners, living in concession districts of Shanghai as modern as European or American cities, have been almost immune from the scourge only two of their number having died.

The Chinese are praying to the dragon king to send rain to relieve the drought and the fierce heat that is drying streams and parching rice fields. Their officials admit their inability to cope with the disease, although they are establishing many hospitals and otherwise endeavoring to relieve the sufferers of the highly fatal epidemic.

Thousands of natives crowded the Chinese hospitals whose facilities are utterly inadequate. Only a few cases can be treated thousands dying in hovels without medical attention.

Only narrow streets separate the foreign concessions with their 20,000 foreigners, of whom more than 10,000 are Japanese, from the densely crowded antiquated Chinese quarter.

## DARING DAYLIGHT RAID AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 10.—Two daring daylight raids on branch banks by a band of seven bandits netted them \$6,178, resulted in the death of George Parker, 19, bookkeeper, and serious wounding of Frank Gable, fruit dealer. After their two successful robberies the bandits headed their automobile for the heart of the city and tonight police were without a trace of their movements.

## REORGANIZATION CO. GOVERNMENT

Business Managers for County are Among Reforms Suggested by Commission

Morehead City, Aug. 10.—The unifying of county government under competent official family with business managers, budget purchasing agents was recommended by the commission on county government of the State Association of County Commissioners here tonight. The report, written by Dr. E. C. Brooks, chairman of the commission appointed by Governor McLean at the request of the last convention was presented to the county government committee of the association by E. P. Spurill, of Rocky Mount, and will be given the full convention tomorrow.

The report is the outgrowth of a feeling among the commissioners that county government methods should be improved. This feeling took definite form at the last session of the association and the governor was requested to aid by appointing a representative commission to study the matter. The report, it is said will be the basis of legislation to be presented to the 1927 general assembly designed to improve county government methods.

Digging thoroughly into the whole problem of county government the commission points out in its 6,000-word report that the greatest reform is needed in the fiscal management of counties. Progress, it declares, in this respect has not kept pace with the improvement in the machinery for rendering service either to the county individually or to society of the county as a whole. Saying that the "amount of service that may be rendered the citizens of any county is dependent primarily upon the resources of the county and the business methods and practices employed," the report points out that many North Carolina counties have fallen short in their services because of defective systems of government rather than lack of resources.

There are seven functions that every county must safeguard if its operations are to be successful, declared the report. They are: (1) maintaining unity in the official family of a county in fiscal management; (2) preserving the taxables of a county; (3) collecting the revenue fairly and justly; (4) safeguarding the revenue through proper accounting; (5) safeguarding the expenditures through budget control and a central purchasing agent; (6) protecting the physical property of the county; and (7) providing properly the administration of justice.

In rounding its report the commission presents these functions of the county giving the defects which invariably appear where they are not properly safeguarded and offers suggestions for safeguarding them. The suggestions are taken from a number of counties where they have been tried and found effective, the report points out.

The fiscal management and unity of the official family has fallen short in most counties, declared the commission, because the officials have little or no conception of the total value of service to be rendered and duplication of effort and a disproportionate distribution of resources. Moreover, "there is a diffusion of authority, lack of concerted programs for county endeavor and curtailment of authority and dignity which rightfully belongs to the commissioners." Likewise, under these circumstances it is impossible for the commissioners to control the budget of receipts and expenditures, and delegations of people are served as they appear monthly and found as appropriated as delegates come and go.

When there is no unity of management in many cases, declares the commission, which has investigated systems in the majority of counties in the state, counties frequently spend special tax funds for general purposes and general funds for special tax purposes while some counties do not even know how much it costs to operate their government.

The commission recommends that unity in the official family in fiscal management may be maintained by centering administrative authority in a business manager, appointed by and acting for the board. He may be chairman of the board or he may be the auditor; by requiring all boards that expend public funds to account to the board of county commissioners for all funds received and expended; by giving the commissioners authority to select all administrative offices, such as auditors, collectors of revenue and the like; by a careful administration of a county budget and a centralized accounting of all funds and purchases.

The commission gave Pitt, New Hanover and Buncombe counties as examples of unified fiscal management.

An application of lime has apparently controlled corn root rot in a field in Pitt county badly infested with the trouble last year.

## Second Race in Texas



Attorney General Dan Moody (above) and Governor Miriam A. Ferguson, who are to enter a second primary on August 28, for the governorship of the Lone Star State.

## FERGUSON AND MOODY TO HAVE SECOND PRIMARY

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 9.—The battle for the Democratic nomination for governor of Texas is to be fought all over again between Governor Miriam A. Ferguson and Attorney General Dan Moody.

In the midst of threats of court action to disqualify Moody, the Democratic state executive committee today certified the names of Mrs. Ferguson and Moody to go on the ballot for the run-off primary August 28th.

The committee refused to consider a petition read by A. L. Curtis, of Belton, Texas, who appeared as attorney for Mrs. Ferguson, asking that Moody be disqualified on the ground of alleged irregularities in campaign contributions.

Moody in a heated speech denounced the petition as a document "presented for a sinister political purpose" and declared it to be "false and without foundation."

The committee's action certifying the names of Mrs. Ferguson and Moody came at an official canvass of the July primary, by a subcommittee which showed that Moody lacked 1,770 votes of having a majority over all candidates.

## HAD CORSETS WITH BOTTLES OF BOOZE FOR STAYS

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 6.—Corsets with pint bottles of corn liquor as stays constitute the latest booze smuggling wrinkle encountered by Atlanta law enforcement agents.

Information to this effect has been brought to Atlanta by Louis H. Crawford, United States marshal for the southern district of Georgia following his return from Savannah, where he conferred with M. O. Dunning, prohibition co-ordinator for the southeast.

The unique liquor carriers were discovered at a picnic given by Savannah negroes, Crawford said. The corsets, each of which contained 12 pint bottles, were worn by women merrymakers at the festival.

## NEWS OF VALLE CRUCIS

Valle Crucis, Aug. 10.—The Rev. J. P. Burke was away for three or four days last week on account of the illness and death of his brother, R. P. Burke, of Salisbury, who died in Asheville.

Miss Mary Newman, of Chattanooga, Tenn., is a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Shull.

C. R. Phillips, of Chicago, Ill., was a recent visitor in the valley.

Miss Beatrice Shull arrived on Monday from New York City to spend a month or more with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Shull.

Rev. Dr. Phillips, rector of Trinity Church, Columbia, S. C., will preach at Holy Cross Church next Sunday morning.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Harding Hughes have returned to their summer home in Valle Crucis. Mrs. Hughes has been visiting in Hendersonville for the past ten days.

Miss Florence Landis, a former teacher at the Valle Crucis School for Girls, is visiting Miss Susie Taylor.

Rev. A. A. Raer, who was on the Methodist circuit twenty-six years ago, preached in Valle Crucis last Sunday afternoon.

## NO RAILROAD FOR LOST PROVINCES

Interstate Commerce Commission Rejects Proposal for Building Bowie Line

The following dispatch from Raleigh and date of August 9, will be read with interest in this section of the state:

"The proposal that the state of North Carolina build a state-owned railroad between a point in Western North Carolina and a point in East Tennessee, was rejected today by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The proposed road is known as the 'Tam Bowie railroad,' for the man who has sponsored the idea. Mr. Bowie had in mind connecting three 'lost provinces' with the rest of the state.

The proposal was to build a road along one of three routes. Two of the routes proposed would extend from North Wilkesboro to Mountain City, Tenn., while the other would have covered a route between Doughton and Mountain City.

The 'Lost Provinces' are the counties of Ashe, Watauga and Alleghany, which have for years been isolated from the remainder of the state by mountains.

While the proposal was rejected, the action of the commission was without prejudice to the re-submission of the proposition. The commission doubted that the \$10,000,000 proposed to be spent would be sufficient to construct, equip and operate such a road; and it suggested that a single route be selected.

The state proposal was that the road be built from the proceeds of the sale of \$10,000,000 of state bonds, the road to be constructed by the Appalachian and Western North Carolina Railroad Company, to be organized for the purpose.

The distance from Doughton to Mountain City, Tenn., was placed at 86 miles and the cost of construction was estimated at \$9,470,000. The distance of the second route, from Wilkesboro to Mountain City, is placed at 68 miles; the cost of construction is estimated at \$7,430,000. The third route, which uses the terminals at North Wilkesboro and Mountain City, and would take in more territory, covers a distance of 84 miles; the cost of construction of this route was estimated at \$8,845,000.

The proposal included, as an auxiliary project, the construction of 23 miles from North Wilkesboro to Taylorsville connecting there with a branch of the Southern railway.

## FUNERAL OF T. F. COFFEY LAST WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

On last Wednesday afternoon, in the beautiful cemetery at Manning, S. C., in the presence of a vast concourse of friends from that city and surrounding country, all that was mortal of our departed friend, T. Fin Coffey, was consigned to the tomb beside his four little children who preceded him to the land "beyond the river." The funeral services were short but most impressive. Mr. Coffey was an active member of the Baptist church, always in the forefront when the church of his choice had problems to solve. He was chairman of the board of sessions at the time of his death, and had been for several years.

The pallbearers and others officiating in the burial were business men of the city, with whom deceased was closely identified for the past quarter of a century.

Fin Coffey numbered his friends in Watauga by his acquaintances, and it seemed that he could have claimed the same in the Palmetto State. His praises as a good citizen, loving husband, indulgent father and, above all, a high-toned Christian gentleman, were sounded from the lips of those with whom you got in conversation. Truly a good man has gone to his reward.

Those attending the funeral from Boone returned Thursday afternoon at 6:30 o'clock.

## WANTS STATE TO TAKE OVER ANOTHER HIGHWAY

Jefferson, Aug. 10.—A large number of citizens of Ashe county, accompanied by a delegation from Johnson county, Tennessee, went to Roaring Gap Saturday afternoon, where they met Highway Commissioner A. S. Hanes, of the seventh district, to present to him a request that the county highway from Jefferson to the Tennessee line near Trade be taken over for maintenance by the state highway commission.

Commissioner Hanes took the position that the full limit allowance of 5,200 miles has already been assumed by the commission, following the map made by the general assembly. In his opinion, however, the next legislature will increase the mileage on the map to 8,000 miles. And he assured the delegation that if this were done, he would recommend that this road be placed on the map and taken over for maintenance.