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RELIGIOUS CENSUS FOR BOONE SEPT. 12

Local Churches Unite in Effort to Secure Larger Attendance at Church and Sunday School

A project was set on foot Sunday afternoon at a meeting of Sunday school superintendents of the community, at a meeting held in the Baptist church, for a religious census and a home-to-home visitation on Monday afternoon, September 12.

The first object of this census and visitation is to find out how many people in Boone do not attend any church, how many have leanings toward certain churches in town, how many are members of churches elsewhere, and how many are members of local churches, and how many attend Sunday school, and where they attend and how many do not attend Sunday school. This will give the various churches an opportunity to determine who are available for their respective congregations and Sunday schools.

The second object of this home-to-home canvass is to give a polite but urgent invitation to each person to attend some church and some Sunday school in Boone while they remain a citizen of this community.

It is believed by many of the leading citizens that there are in the neighborhood of 2,000 people here. When this census is taken, it will be known how many people there are in the town.

It is a deplorable fact that not more than one-half the people in Boone attend any church service whatsoever. This is a fact which all the churches are hoping shall soon cease to be a fact. It is a fact that no Christian in any church can be proud of. But it is also a fact that the churches expect to keep before the people until the people change the fact.

A union meeting is to be held next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Baptist church for the purpose of instructing the volunteer census takers who shall volunteer at the various morning services to take the census and make the house-to-house visitation.

The meeting Sunday afternoon should be largely attended, as it will be the only opportunity for the census takers to get the instructions necessary before starting on the work.

The Baptist church will be headquarters for the superintendents' committee next Monday afternoon. W. R. Gragg is chairman of the committee, and Eld. R. N. Baldwin is secretary.

The census takers will meet at the Baptist church at 3 o'clock, receive their supplies and the district they are to take. They will visit every home in their respective districts and return their cards filled out to headquarters.

At the Baptist church on next Monday there will be a union meeting of all the churches, in which will be rendered a song service and short talks by the canvassers and others in which will be heard the "Echoes of the 1926 religious census of Boone."

DAVID WOOTEN WILL BEGIN SERVICE OF HIS SENTENCE

David Wooten, who was convicted at the fall term of Watauga superior court last year and sentenced to a term of from three to five years in the state prison for the slaying of Leonard Triplett, near Blowing Rock, and whose sentence was confirmed by the supreme court, was remanded to jail here Monday and will begin the service of his sentence within the next few days.

VALLE CRUCIS ITEMS

Valle Crucis, Sept. 8.—Miss Lula Taylor came home from New York last Saturday to spend a few weeks.

Misses Lucy Mat and Annie Clark left the valley Sunday for Charlotte, where they will take a course at King's Business College.

C. D. Taylor is attending court at Boone this week, being foreman of the grand jury.

With the opening of the Cove Creek high school this week, a new school bus is carrying students to that school from Valle Crucis and points along the way.

BEAVER DAM DOTS

The corn, fruit and vegetable crops are maturing fine and farmers are very optimistic hereabouts.

Threshing is now going on in this section, and the grain is fine.

A series of meetings is in progress at Forest Grove church this week, with good interest and good attendance. So far there have been five professions. The meeting will close the latter part of the week.

Mrs. J. M. Johnson, who has been sick for some time, remains about the same.

The school at Forest Grove is progressing nicely under the management of Roby Vines and Misses Pearl Bingham and Elizabeth Holt.

Claims Messiahship



The youthful Jeddou Krishnamurti of India is now in the United States, introduced by his "spiritual mother," Dr. Annie Besant as the new Messiah. He created quite a furor in England and is an admitted intellectual.

HON. R. L. DOUGHTON HEARD BY LARGE CROWD MONDAY

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Eighth District Congressman Says He Is Standing for Re-election On His Record

Hon. Robert L. Doughton, candidate to succeed himself in congress from the eighth North Carolina district, spoke to a crowd that taxed the capacity of the Watauga county courthouse here Monday at noon.

Mr. Doughton spoke for about an hour and held the close attention of his auditors. He reviewed, in a very forceful manner, the record of the Democratic party, impressing the vital legislative measures which have been enacted by that party in comparison with those of the Republican party. He referred especially to such laws as the Federal Reserve system, the Farm Loan law, the public highway act, the banking law and the parcel post law. Mr. Doughton said the nation had agreed to take over and improve 200,000 miles of highways and that 130,000 miles had been completed and that the remainder would be.

Mr. Doughton discussed the financial matters of the country and showed that what purported to be economy in the national administration was really no economy, as the government was spending more money now by many millions than during other recent years under normal conditions. He said the government last fiscal year exceeded that of 1916 by \$788,000,000.

Agricultural conditions throughout the country was considered by the eighth district congressman, and called attention to the fact that the Republican party refused to pass legislation during the recent session of congress to relieve farming conditions.

Mr. Doughton recounted the beneficial legislation he had supported in congress and asked the people to consider his record, as he was standing for re-election on that record.

LENOIR-BLOWING ROCK ROAD WILL BE IMPROVED AT ONCE

According to story sent out from Lenoir recently, a crew of state highway engineers under the leadership of Engineer Nichols, is making a new survey of the Lenoir-Blowing Rock road above Patterson. The highway commission, according to information reaching Lenoir, has the sum of \$75,000 to spend in improvements on this road within the next few months.

Mr. Nichols is going over the route to see where this amount can be spent to the best advantage. It is understood that it is planned by the state highway commission to begin work by the 15th of this month. This, however, may be delayed for a short time.

Winter farming paid those who tried it last year. Perhaps this is another timely season to plant cover crops for hay, for grazing and for grain.

The State Beekeepers' Association is in session in Greensboro this week.

Enthusiastic Gathering of Democrats Saturday

Largely Attended Convention Names Ticket for County Officers: Governor Cameron Morrison Talks of Program of Progress North Carolina; Asks for Support of Party on Its Record

The Democrats of Watauga county met in convention at the courthouse Saturday afternoon and placed a full ticket in the field for county offices with the exception of the office of treasurer. The convention was largely attended and harmonious throughout, there being only two contests, that for register of deeds and one member of the board of county commissioners.

Following the naming of the ticket, ex-Governor Cameron Morrison delivered a forceful speech, in which he reviewed the records of the two parties in the state and nation. Just prior to this judicial district, was introduced, Julius A. Rousseau, of Wilkesboro, Democratic candidate for solicitor in this judicial district, was introduced to the convention, and made a brief talk. County Chairman J. L. Wilson called the convention to order and called Senator John E. Brown to the chair as temporary chairman. Sam F. Horton and Vance Howell were named secretaries. On motion the organization was made permanent.

The Ticket
Following is the ticket which the Democracy of Watauga county hopes to win with on November 2:

House of representatives—Thos. H. Coffey, Blowing Rock.

Sheriff—L. M. Farthing, Hackett, Clerk of court—Austin E. South, Boone.

Register of deeds—Mrs. Dock Brown, Laxton.

Coroner—Dr. J. B. Hagaman, Boone.

Surveyor—Roby Vines, Beaver Dam.

County commissioners—Thomas C. Baird, Valle Crucis; Roby T. Greer, Blowing Rock; J. Y. Walker, Sugar Grove.

Morrison Speaks
Governor Morrison spoke after the nominations had been made. When he began the auditorium of the courthouse was packed to capacity, and it was full when he closed. The speaker was introduced by John H. Bingham, hero of many hard-fought political battles. Governor Morrison was "at himself" and made what is said to have been one of the best speeches of the ex-governor ever delivered.

Mr. Morrison has announced that he will go after Senator Overman's seat in the senate six years hence, but he did not refer to that fact here Saturday. In fact, he praised the record of the junior senator from

BLOWING ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH LIQUIDATES DEBT

Last Sunday morning at the regular service at the Blowing Rock Baptist church, notes against the new church building amounting to \$2,927.95 were burned. It was an occasion of great rejoicing for the Blowing Rock Baptists to realize that their beautiful house of worship was free from debt. More than \$2,500 was raised on the fifth Sunday when Dr. James I. Vance preached. Last week the remainder was raised. Mr. J. F. Brown proposed to the church that he would give \$1,000 of the amount if the church would raise the remainder. The challenge was accepted and now the church is free of debt, with the exception of about two years of building and loan stock with payments of \$20 per month. This the church can easily carry, or may possibly pay the entire amount by Christmas.

The only need now to make the little church complete in every detail is a heating plant. It is believed that there is not a Baptist living in Blowing Rock who did not contribute to the erection of the building, and others in different parts of this state and elsewhere aided liberally.

Rev. F. M. Huggins, pastor of the church, said this week: "The church is grateful to all who contributed. The Baptist church extends a welcome to all Baptists living in Blowing Rock and to all others sojourning there to worship with us."

19 KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

Salida, Colo., Sept. 5.—Nineteen persons were killed and 50 injured, half of them seriously, when the engine and seven cars of the crack Scenic Special of the Denver and Rio Grande Western railroad toppled into the Arkansas river in the mountainous country near Leadville today.

The train, running slowly, struck a boulder on the tracks while rounding a curve, tore up 150 feet of track and dived downward across the river, landing 30 feet from the far side of the stream. The baggage cars, two coaches and a sleeper followed the engine and piled up in eight feet of water.

Valentino Cortège



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COVE CREEK HIGH SCHOOL HAS AUSPICIOUS OPENING

The Cove Creek high school opened Monday morning with an enrollment of 320, 160 of whom are in the high school department. Quite a number of patrons, members of the local school committee and of the board of education were present for the opening exercises.

Interesting talks were made by Prof. D. D. Dougherty, Superintendent Smith Hagaman, Mr. W. F. Sherwood, Mr. Enoch Swift and Prof. A. J. Greene, and Rev. Hurst.

Principal S. E. Horton announced the aims for the year and introduced the new members of the faculty who responded with short talks.

The prospects are bright for the most successful year in the history of the school. The faculty invites the continued splendid co-operation of the patrons toward making this a banner year in every respect.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT VALLE CRUCIS CHURCH

The Holy Cross church at Valle Crucis will hold a memorial service for Lee Frontis Anthony, on Sunday, September 12th, at 11 a. m., participated in by the congregations of St. Luke's church, Lincolnton, and Holy Cross church. The program will be as follows:

Processional hymn, "I heard a Sound of Voices."
Kyrie Eleison.
Gloria Tota.
Gratus Tibi.
Sermon hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name."

Sermon—Special preacher, the Rev. S. R. Guiguard, rector of St. Luke's church, Lincolnton.

Offerory solo, "These Are They Which Came."
Benediction of Altar Set in memory of Lee Frontis Anthony by Rev. James P. Burke, rector of Holy Cross church.

Communion hymn, "Shepherd of Souls."
Gloria in Excelsis.
Nunc Dimittis.
Recessional hymn, "There is a Blessed Home."

The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

VALENTINO IS LAID TO REST AT HOLLYWOOD

Los Angeles, Sept. 7.—The bright California sunshine that Rudolph Valentino loved so well bathed the Hollywood Mausoleum in a flood of golden light today.

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SUPERIOR COURT IS PROGRESSING

Large Number of Cases Disposed of Since Convening Monday; Judge Lane Presiding

The fall term of Watauga superior court convened here Monday morning with Judge Henry P. Lane, presiding, and A. H. Casey prosecuting the docket. Following the judge's charge to the grand jury, the court got down to business, and up to the time of going to press had disposed of a large number of cases.

The grand jury organized by electing C. D. Taylor foreman. A large amount of work was before the grand jury and up to Wednesday afternoon it was still busy, with a probability of completing its task sometime today.

The first matter coming before the court was the appearance of several parties before his honor to prove good behavior.

Following are the cases disposed of on the criminal docket up to Wednesday afternoon:

Jonas Miller, violating drug laws, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

John C. Hodges, escape from officer, 60 days on roads.

Sam Shull, c. c. w. guilty, fined \$50 and cost.

Sam Shull, assault with deadly weapon, assessed with one-half the cost of the suit.

Frank Woodring, indecent exposure guilty, sentence not passed.

Curley Woodring, liquor, 4 months on roads.

Don Rivett, assault with deadly weapon, guilty, paid plaintiff \$100.

Lester Carroll, manufacturing liquor, Pleads guilty, Not sentenced.

George Cottrell, possession of liquor, Pleads guilty, Six months on roads.

James Carter, liquor, guilty, Fined \$25 and cost.

L. C. Hanes, store robbery, guilty, Five years in state prison.

Garnie Hodges, carrying concealed weapon \$50 and cost.

Frank Moody, resisting officer, 60 days on roads.

M. K. Dixon, liquor, three months on roads.

Milton Coffey, burglary, 10 years in penitentiary.

At press time the court is engaged with the trial of Harley Coffey, charged with the burning of the Collins store in the Grandfather section of the county. A verdict is expected almost hourly.

FARMERS TO GROW MINT IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

The following article by S. J. Kirby, Extension Agronomist, will be of interest to people of Watauga County:

The Vick Chemical Company, with its head offices in Greensboro, through its research department, during the past two years, has carried on considerable experimental work with mint growing in the western part of the state. The results so far obtained in this work indicate that high oil content mint plants can be successfully and economically produced on the moist, fertile soils at high elevations.

Heretofore large importations of mint oil have been made annually from foreign countries to be used in the domestic drug business. According to G. R. Russell, director of the research department for the Vick Chemical Company, the indications that this material can be produced profitably by the farmers of the mountain counties of North Carolina. It will take a few years to establish the crop, to find the best methods of culture, and to put it on a practical basis.

Several small plots have been started near Boone, Watauga County. The work is still in the experimental stage, but the prospects point to its success and increasing importance.

For some years mind for flavoring, peppermint, has been produced in the northeastern section of this state, especially in Currituck County. But for the production of high-oil-bearing mint, which differs materially from flavoring mint, a cool climate, moist and fertile soil seem to be necessary. These essential conditions are found in right combination in the mountain counties.

There is already considerable interest in this new money crop on the part of the farmers in the sections where the experimental plots are located.

Maybe, some time, in a moment of candor, Congress will adopt a resolution urging Americans to stop talking about ultimate independence of the Philippines. — The Louisville Times.

Tom Tarheel says that having something to sell from the farm each week has helped him through many a tight place.

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