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News of a Week At Blowing Rock

Bill Has Been Drafted and Sent to Representative Coffey to Extend City Limits

BLAIR TO INSPECT SCHOOL SITE
Will Suggest Suitable Building for Consolidated District

By RUPERT GILLET
Blowing Rock, Jan. 19.—The bill to enlarge the corporate limits of Blowing Rock to include Mayview Park, Green Hill and other properties enclosed by the survey of Cyrus C. Babb, consulting engineer, has been drafted and was forwarded last Wednesday by Mayor George M. Sudderth to Representative Thos. H. Coffey, who will introduce it in the general assembly.

The town, if the bill is passed, will be bounded by the U. S. National Forest on one side and by the hills to the east of the town on the other. Northward, it will extend to the Chetola estate and the Cone estate, and southward it goes to the Craig and Harper properties on the old Lenoir-Blowing Rock turnpike.

The area of the town will be increased from 1.73 square miles to 2.9 square miles.

In consulting the old town charter while preparing the amendment, Mayor Sudderth found an interesting clause empowering the council to permit the sale of wines and beers, but not of spirituous liquors.

Blair to Inspect School Site
Smith Haganam, county superintendent of education, sent a telegram last Thursday to John J. Blair, state superintendent of school buildings, grounds and construction, asking him to come here to inspect the site of the proposed Blowing Rock-Silver Lake-Sandy Flat consolidated school building and to offer suggestions as to the type of school suited to the site.

Mr. Blair, it is expected, will bring with him several model plans for school buildings suited to the five-acre site in Blowing Rock.

G. C. Robbins and Mr. Stutz of the Blowing Rock school board, were in conference with Mr. Haganam Thursday in regard to tentative plans for the building and especially concerning the materials. Stone, brick and tile are being considered, but which will be used has not been decided.

Well Produces Plenty of Water
The result of the blowing in of the Green Hill well Saturday was very satisfactory. Mayor George Sudderth has announced a large flow of water was yielded by the well immediately after the shot of 275 pounds of dynamite.

When the dynamite was discharged a column of water was thrown nearly a thousand feet into the air, the roof of the drilling shed was demolished and two eight-inch casing sections were blown from the bottom of the well, 166 feet deep, to the surface. Wires and cables were hanging from the branches of all surrounding trees after the shot.

The Green Hill well is the third in the town's chain of wells to supply the new water system.

JOHN R. JONES SWORN IN AS SOLICITOR 17TH DISTRICT

John R. Jones was sworn in as solicitor of the 17th judicial district at North Wilkesboro last Saturday, taking the oath of office before Clerk of the Superior Court W. A. Stroud. The 17th judicial district is composed of Watauga, Wilkes, Avery, Mitchell, Alexander, Yadkin and Davie counties. Mr. Jones succeeds Johnson J. Hayes, who has held the office for twelve years.

Solicitor Jones will prosecute the docket of Alexander superior court next month, which will be the first court to come up since he became prosecuting attorney.

CHILDREN AND \$4,000 MONTH AWARDED MRS. CHAPLIN

Los Angeles, Jan. 17.—Judge Walter Guerin, after hearing testimony from Mrs. Nita Grey Chaplin this afternoon ordered that she be given custody of the two children of Charlie Chaplin and \$4,000 a month for their maintenance.

Mrs. Chaplin testified that her household expenses while living with her husband were \$8,000 a month exclusive of rent. She had asked for \$5,000 a month.

COFFEY LANDS ON SEVEN COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Western Carolina Solons Serving on Many Important Committees

Representative Thos. H. Coffey, of Watauga county, has been placed on seven committees of the house by Speaker Fountain. They are: Privileges and elections, congressional districts, immigration, fish and fisheries, counties, cities and towns, pensions, and finance.

Committee appointments for other western representatives follow:

W. B. Austin, Ashe county—Courts and judicial districts, deaf and dumb, fish and fisheries, judiciary number 2, public and private laws, finance and education.

John H. Tipton, Republican, Mitchell county—Agriculture, engraving bills, game, and health.

P. E. Brown, Republican, Wilkes county—Election laws, senatorial districts, enrolled bills, game, revision of laws, counties, cities and towns; mines and mining, and appropriations.

Ed. S. Loven, Democrat, Avery county—Agriculture, immigration, claims, enrolled bills, journal, insane asylum, mines and mining.

Mark Squires, Democrat, Caldwell—Chairman of committee on trustees of State College; member of committees on corporations, salaries and fees, printing, judiciary number 2, insurance and finance.

TEN MEMBERS OF HOODED BAND GET ROAD SENTENCES

New Bern, Jan. 14.—Road sentences for ten defendants and fines for the remaining two alleged members of the Grand Tiger Klan were imposed today in superior court by Judge E. H. Cramer. Prosecuting and defense attorneys and over 600 citizens of the county petitioned the court to have mercy on the 12 men who yesterday pleaded guilty to assault with deadly weapons on the McIlwain family near Bellair during October when members of the Klan, in hooded and robed disguise, fired at the McIlwain home in an attempt to kidnap and beat Ray McIlwain.

Clayton Cox, who turned state's evidence the day after the event, was let off with a \$250 fine and was placed under \$500 bond for good behavior during the next two years. Clarence Wood, the second defendant to confess, was fined \$300 and placed under \$500 bond for good behavior for two years.

Throughout the trial the judge was severe in his verbal attacks on the Klan. "I know of nothing more distasteful than this lawless effort of these hooded men to try to regulate the affairs of the community," he said. "Only cowardly disguise themselves. The organization should have been called a disgrace skunk Klan. It should be broken at once, for it has no place in civilized government."

BLOWING ROCK IMPROVEMENT COMPANY BUYS LARGE TRACT

A real estate deal that may mean much to the development of Blowing Rock as a summer resort, was consummated last week when a deed of 231 acres of land in Green Park and Maynor was filed in the office of the register of deeds here by the Blowing Rock Improvement Company.

The land is a part of the Mayview Park property and was sold at auction last August for approximately \$95,000, the sale having recently been confirmed by the district court of the western district of North Carolina.

The Blowing Rock Improvement Company, recently organized in Statesville, and composed of leading business men of Blowing Rock, Lenoir and Statesville, announced that it intends to develop the property as a high grade summer residential section, with modern improvements—grade streets, sidewalks, a scenic lake, all centering on the championship golf course, which is now under construction.

"MA" FERGUSON GRANTS 3,597 PARDONS AND PAROLES

Austin, Texas, Jan. 18.—Proclamations filed in the secretary of state's office showed today that during the last four days she was governor, Miriam A. Ferguson granted approximately 304 clemency acts, boosting her total for two years to approximately 3,597. For the past few days clerks were employed night and day in writing the proclamations.

Amos Hampton Meets Tragic Death at Mill

Head Crushed by Overshot Wheel When Ice Was Cut From One Side

Mr. Amos Hampton was instantly killed last Thursday while cutting ice from the overshot wheel at the Hampton and Harrison mill in the Bamboo section. Just how the accident occurred is not known, as no one was with him at the time of his death. Mr. Hampton had cut the wheel loose and in some way, when it started to revolve, lost his footing and fell into the wheel, his head being caught between an arm of the wheel and the foundation on which the wheel rested. His wife had left the mill a few minutes before the accident and did not know of it until children coming home from school discovered that something was wrong and raised the alarm. Life was extinct when aid reached him.

Mr. Hampton was 40 years old, and is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Hampton, wife and five children and eleven brothers and sisters. Interment was at the Hampton graveyard.

Mr. Hampton was a leader in his community, a prominent member of the Baptist church, and a singing master. He was esteemed by all who knew him and his tragic death is greatly deplored.

"UNCLE MARSH" GREER ANSWERS FINAL ROLL CALL

At Grace hospital, Banner Elk, last Sunday morning, Mr. Marshal Greer, of Sugar Grove R. F. D., quietly and peacefully crossed the "great divide" after an earthly pilgrimage of something more than 76 years. Mr. Greer was a most remarkable man in many ways. He was born and lived his long life in Watauga, the land he loved, but had traveled around quite a lot. He was a Confederate soldier and did service as such throughout the entire four years of the War Between the States.

Returning to his native county he settled down, as many a ragged soldier did, to try as best he could to overcome the ravages of war. No man ever made a braver soldier, or more loyal citizen than did Mr. Greer. He raised a large family, several of his sons being scattered over the western states, two or more of them being present at the funeral Tuesday. His eldest daughter was married to Mr. J. L. Glenn, of the Watauga section, where he has made his home for many years.

Since his death we have heard it remarked by several of his friends, that "Marsh Greer was never heard to utter a harsh or unkind word about any living man." Something very unusual.

Mr. Greer, despite his great age, was almost as active as a boy, and it was nothing unusual for him to take long hikes, preferring to walk rather than ride. Sundry a week ago he walked the major part of the way to the hospital, his son-in-law, Sheriff L. M. Farthing, taking him the remainder of the way. His hair was still almost as black as a raven's wing and his step had almost the elasticity of his boyhood.

A brave soldier, a good neighbor, a splendid citizen, and above all, a devoted Christian gentleman, has passed to his reward. "Peace to his ashes."

The funeral was conducted at Ardach church Tuesday afternoon.

DEFAULTING TREASURER OF MISSION BOARD GETS 20 YEARS

Richmond, Va., Jan. 17.—Twenty years in the state penitentiary was the sentence given George N. Sanders, defaulting treasurer of the foreign mission board of the Southern Baptist convention by Judge W. K. Mathews in hustings court here today. Sanders pleaded guilty to two indictments at the February term of court, commonwealth's attorney said following the sentence.

The entire amount of the default of the former treasurer, over a period of seven years, was \$103,000.

A CORRECTION

Mr. C. F. Dixon is manager of the City Market and not Mr. L. T. Tatum as was stated in the paper last week. When the new equipment and bakery is installed in new quarters, the business will be owned and operated by Messrs. Tatum and Dixon.

\$2,000,000 Concern To Develop Shatley Springs

Radium Springs Corporation of America Will Develop Ashe County Property

The development of Shatley Springs in Ashe county, the only active radium spring known in America, is no longer a dream, according to a story published last week in the Wilkes Post. It is stated that 232 acres of land, including the famous spring, has been conveyed to the Radium Springs Corporation of America, a two-million dollar concern incorporated under the laws of the state of Maryland.

It is stated that plans for a 50-room sanatorium have been completed by architects and work on the buildings and grounds is to begin in the near future. It is planned to construct at once a road connecting with the Sparta-Jefferson highway. The plans call for the construction of a golf course, tennis courts and other out-door amusement features. The entire property will be beautified and highly developed.

A contract has already been agreed upon between the Radium Springs Corporation of America and the Southern Producing Corporation for the production of moving pictures on the property. The first picture to be produced is to be Thomas Dixon's book, "Facing South."

Some of the leading men of the state and nation are included among the directors. Judge Charles L. Guy, supreme court justice of New York City, is president; Arthur L. Bandler, one of the largest black diamond dealers in the world is secretary. The board of directors include J. Gordon Hackett, of North Wilkesboro; Thos. Dixon, one of the nation's most distinguished authors; W. A. McNeil, of North Wilkesboro; William A. White, New York bond and mortgage broker, and Judge Thos. B. Finley, of North Wilkesboro.

T. J. Cole, of New York City, the chief promoter, was in North Wilkesboro during the week, and states that offices will be opened in North Wilkesboro and Winston-Salem. The executive offices are at 1457 Broadway, New York City.

GEORGE BRYAN DEAD

Newly reached Boone Tuesday afternoon of the death at the State hospital in Morganton of George A. Bryan, son of W. L. Bryan, Esq., of this city. The remains were brought to Boone Wednesday for interment, which will be in the family cemetery overlooking the Green Heights section.

Mr. Bryan was taken to the hospital a little more than a year ago, suffering from mental derangement, together with other physical ailments and his condition gradually grew worse.

Mr. Bryan had spent the major part of his fifty-three years of life in Boone, where he first saw the light of day. For many years he was a valued employee of the Watauga County Bank, held various positions in local mercantile establishments, and before going to the hospital was one of the moving factors in the Watauga Insurance Company. He was a business man of extraordinary ability and his services were always in demand, when his physical condition would allow his employment. An expert bookkeeper and accountant he handled many positions of trust.

Mr. Bryan was a polished, gentle, good-hearted, educated fellow and well liked by all his acquaintances, many of whom bear of his death with a great deal of sorrow.

The deceased is survived by his father, two sisters, Mrs. J. C. Fletcher and Mrs. Cora Council, and two brothers, Messrs. E. R. Bryan, of Boone, and James A. Bryan, of Edmonton, Alta-Canada.

DOOR CLOSED TO TURKEY

Washington, Jan. 18.—After several weeks of intermittent discussion the senate late today rejected the Lausanne treaty to re-establish diplomatic and commercial relations with Turkey.

The vote, 34 for ratification to 34 against, or six less than the necessary two-thirds, showed the Republicans solid for the treaty and the Democrats standing as a unit in opposition.

Jack London wrote 1,500 words a day, every day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

CHEROKEE LUMBER COMPANY SOLD AT WILMINGTON, DEL.

Defunct Concern Bid In for \$601,000 by the Tri-County Lumber Company

According to a Wilmington dispatch to the Asheville Times of January 11, assets of the bankrupt Cherokee Lumber Company, which includes the big lumber plant at Shulls Mills, were sold by order of the referee appointed by the United States district court at Wilmington, Del., Monday. The purchaser was Howard Sutherland, alien property custodian, representing the Tri-County Lumber Company. The price was \$601,500.

The Boone's Fork Manufacturing company was organized in September, 1921, in a merger of the Boone's Fork Lumber Company, the Boone's Fork-Beech Mountain Lumber Company, the Cherokee Timber Company and the Elizabethon Flooring Company. W. S. Welling, of Shulls Mills, was one of the organizers and a principal share-holder in the corporation, which is said to have owned properties including lands and equipment worth considerably more than a million dollars.

The total of creditors' claims against the company are said to aggregate more than \$700,000.

The plants included in the sale are located at Murphy and Shulls Mills. Among the other assets sold were large and valuable timber holdings, some owned outright and some held by lease; plant equipment, rolling stock, fixtures, furniture and supplies.

The Cherokee Company was a reorganization of the Boone's Fork Manufacturing Company formed following bankruptcy proceedings against the latter concern in April, 1922. Involuntary bankruptcy proceedings were brought against the Cherokee company.

Mr. Sutherland, who bid the property in for the Tri-County firm was at one time a United States senator from West Virginia.

Just what disposal will be made of the plant at Shulls Mills is not known at the present time.

THRIFT WEEK BEGAN MONDAY

The 221st anniversary of Benjamin Franklin's birthday Monday marked the opening of the tenth annual National Thrift Week. The "apostle of thrift" had but few channels through which to disseminate his ideas, on saving. This week they are being broadcast by radio, platform speeches, parades and contact to every corner of the land. It is the purpose of the campaign to teach the principles of thrift to every man, woman and child in the United States.

The postoffice department and the savings division of the treasury department are among the 47 organizations sponsoring the movement, which is sponsored by the Young Men's Christian Association.

Fifty life insurance companies with branches in 135 cities, affiliated with the National Association of Life Underwriters have formed a thrift commission to formulate the thrift ideal. The underwriters are promoting two national essay and slogan contests.

AT THE CHURCHES SUNDAY

There was no preaching service at the Baptist church last Sunday on account of the fact that the church has not yet secured a pastor, but the Sunday school, B. Y. P. U. and other exercises were held.

At the Methodist church the Sunday school and Epworth League held their regular exercises and an Intermediate Epworth League was organized at night. Rev. Woosley preached two interesting sermons at the morning and evening services.

Sunday school was held at the Lutheran, Advent Christian and the Christian churches. There was no preaching at the Advent Christian church because of the extended illness of the pastor, Eld. R. N. Baldwin.

A plane capable of carrying a ton of lobsters will carry such a cargo of crustaceans three times a day from the headwaters of the Gulf of California to Los Angeles and San Diego.

The jaguar, which has the usual fondness of cats for fish, is an expert fisherman.

Local Post American Legion Elects Officers

L. S. Isaacs Was Elected Post Commander at Meeting Held Last Thursday Night

BANQUET BE HELD FEB. 4TH
Vigorous Membership Campaign To Be Launched

Lloyd S. Isaacs, local merchant, was elected post commander of Post No. 130, American Legion, at a largely attended and interesting meeting held in the hall in the old Watauga County Bank Building last Thursday night.

Other officers elected to serve with Mr. Isaacs are as follows:

B. Kelly Osborn, vice commander; Charles L. Stevenson, adjutant; Edgar B. Hardin, sergeant-at-arms; Scott Swift, finance officer; J. Wilson Norris, historian; John E. Corahs, chaplain; W. E. Comer, service officer; Dr. J. B. Hargaman, contact officer.

The meeting was presided over by Charles S. Yancey, retiring vice commander. During the meeting, the veterans' state loan fund was discussed and its benefits to ex-service men taking advantage thereof was stressed.

Yearly for next year were reduced from \$2.50 to \$2.00, and plans were discussed for a banquet to be held on Saturday, February 4th, at which time plans for a vigorous campaign for members will be discussed. Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary will be invited to attend the banquet.

The veterans' insurance compensation came in for discussion at the meeting Thursday night, but no definite action was taken pending action by congress on legislation now up in that body.

Commander Isaacs has written to the adjutant general of North Carolina for a complete roster of the men who volunteered or were drafted in to the service during the World War from Watauga county. At present the list in the hands of the legion here numbers 162. When the roster is processed it will be kept as a permanent record in the archives of the legion.

THE NEWS OF TRIPLETT

Correspondence of The Democrat.
Triplett, Jan. 18.—The Evergreen Sunday school at Mt. Ephraim Baptist church, with C. C. Triplett as superintendent, is progressing nicely. Last Sunday the superintendent treated the Sunbeam class to a box of candy, which was greatly enjoyed by the little children.

Mr. S. E. Phillips, local lumberman, made a business trip to Asheville last week.

Mr. W. T. Watson's writing school with 46 pupils enrolled is progressing nicely. Mr. Watson, having taught how to write, the course people are developing a system of splendid handwriting.

Mrs. Julia Hurley, who had a very serious attack of typhoid, is now slowly regaining her health.

Mrs. C. C. Triplett has been very sick for the past week, and it is hoped that she may soon be up again.

Mr. John Johnson who has been confined in a hospital at Oteen, N. C., for more than a year, was notified last week of the death of his child, and was able to attend its burial.

Mr. C. A. Ray, noted fox hunter of Deep Gap, has been making some splendid music along the face of the mountain for the past few weeks. What has become of Sd. Stokes and Harrison Baker?

Mr. N. G. Wheeler, with others, made a successful raid on an illicit distillery one night last week.

COMMITTEE FAVORS NEW FEDERAL DISTRICT FOR STATE

Washington special of January 18 to Winston-Salem Journal: Creation of a third Federal judicial district in North Carolina reached its final stage today when the house judiciary committee voted to report the Overman bill favorably to the house.

Only passage by the house and concurrence by the senate in minor amendments remains to complete the creation of the proposed middle district.

The color of apples depends upon their nitrogen content, the highest colored fruit having the least.