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## DRY CRUSADERS ARE HEARD HERE

State Superintendent Upchurch and Attorney Ebbert Spoke in M. E. Church Thursday Evening To Small Crowd

C. A. Upchurch, superintendent of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, and his co-worker, Major F. B. Ebbert, filled their engagement here last Thursday evening in the Methodist church, speaking to a crowd of about fifty persons.

The meeting, unlike that of the previous Sunday in Asheville, was a very tame affair, Mr. Upchurch declaring that the Anti-Saloon League was carrying on the fight it had been making in North Carolina during the past twenty-four years, and had no political significance whatever. He declared the Anti-Saloon League "is made up of decent, sober, patriotic Americans who fear God and hate liquor." He declared that there was no political significance to the drive now being made in North Carolina, as had been charged by certain newspapers, and he only referred to Governor Smith in a very mild way.

In introducing Major Ebbert, Mr. Upchurch said: "I am a Democrat and a Baptist. Major Ebbert is a Methodist and a Republican, but the kind of Republican was a decided Pennsylvania and campaigned the state in the last election for William B. Wilson, Democrat, as against Mr. Vane, Republican."

Major Ebbert said he did not know whether he was a Republican or not. He voted for the man and not the party. Should the Republicans renominate Mr. Coolidge and the Democrats nominate an avowed dry, he certainly would oppose Mr. Coolidge.

Major Ebbert spoke very earnestly against modification of the 18th amendment, saying he had much rather see the amendment ripped from the constitution than to modify it so as to allow the sale of light wines and beer.

At the close of the meeting cards were passed around for donations to the Anti-Saloon League and small contributions were made.

## WATAUGAN KILLED IN VIRGINIA COAL MINE

On Wednesday evening of last week, Vance McCoy Norris, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Norris of Mabel, this county, was instantly killed by falling stone in a Virginia Coal mine. The remains were sent home for burial, interment being made near the home of his parents. Friday, Revs. Ed Hodges and R. C. Eggers, conducting the funeral from Union Baptist church, of which deceased was a member. A widow and two small children survive.

## RED CROSS ROLL CALL

Mr. R. C. Rivers, chairman of the Watauga Chapter American Red Cross, is in receipt of the following telegram from John Barton Payne, national chairman:

Washington, D. C., Oct. 3.—The central committee adopted resolutions requesting the people of the United States to increase the national Red Cross membership to five million for 1928. The resolution states in substance: "Because of increased demand for services, particularly disaster relief and despite the most rigid economy of operations national and international, the Red Cross program requires each year an expenditure considerably in excess of annual income." With complete confidence that the American people will rally to this call, the central committee urges each chapter and branch take necessary steps to assure such increase. Suggest goal of your chapter be placed at one hundred members.

John Barton Payne, Chairman, American Red Cross.

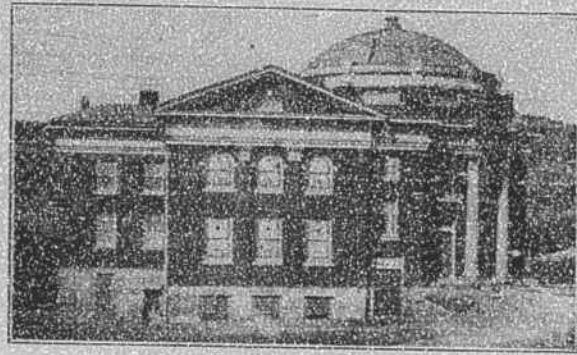
The annual membership roll call will be conducted from November 11th to 25th, and it is expected that Watauga will easily reach its quota of one hundred members. Plans for the campaign by the local chapter are now being made and will be announced in a few days.

## GAS TAX BREAKS RECORD

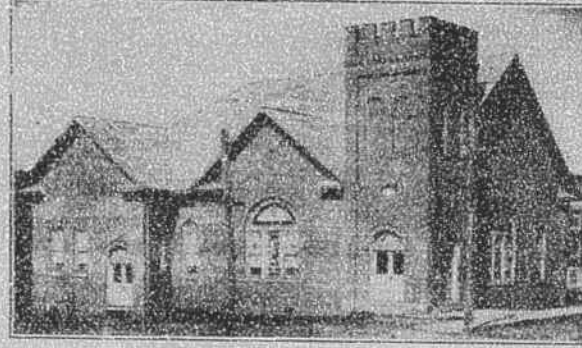
Raleigh, Oct. 3.—A record-breaking collection of gasoline tax was made by the automobile bureau of the state department of revenue during September when this tax poured a total of \$816,115.23 into the coffers of the road fund.

This is the biggest monthly collection of gasoline tax ever accomplished in North Carolina, and collections of gas tax for the first quarter of the present fiscal year are more than a quarter million dollars ahead of collections for the first quarter of the preceding fiscal year, officials said.

## Local Churches Unite in Evangelistic Campaign



BOONE METHODIST CHURCH



BOONE BAPTIST CHURCH

## FIND OLD PAPERS IN ANCIENT TRUNK

H. C. Hayes of Blowing Rock Is Owner of Rare Heirlooms Brought to America From England Prior to 1762

By RUPERT GILLET

Some time in the spring of 1762, when the Seven Years' War was dragging to a close, Admiral Saunders of the British navy, found it necessary to punish the captain of a frigate for firing on the fort at Passero without provocation.

We have this on the authority of the London Public Ledger for May 5, 1762, several copies of which are pasted on the inside of an ancient trunk, which is the prize heirloom of H. C. Hayes of Blowing Rock. The trunk is made of hardwood, covered with the skin of some animal, perhaps a cow. It has wrought iron handles and lock. When the lining of the trunk were out 165 years ago the owner pasted inside several copies of the London Public Ledger.

The trunk belonged to some member of the Fairchilds family who lived on the island of Jersey in the English Channel.

It was in the same family when Ebenezer Fairchilds settled on Howard's Creek near Boone, just after the Revolutionary war. Ebenezer died not long after he took out his Watauga county land, and two women of his family remained in possession of all his goods.

These two old ladies found an orphan child about four years old whose name was Wyatt Hayes, and adopted him. On their deaths, one at the age of 90 and the other at 85, Wyatt inherited their property. Among their chattels were the old skin-covered trunk, a walking cane of curious design, a brandy decanter brought from the island of Jersey, a reel and a spinning wheel, which the Fairchilds women had used.

H. C. Hayes of Blowing Rock, in turn inherited these curiosities from his father, and it was he who discovered the interesting newspapers inside the trunk.

The paper was published just after the accession of George III, and much of its contents has to do with the young king.

That Britain held command of the seas in that general European war as she did in the last, one is shown by this dispatch from Rochenfort:

"Rochenfort, April 21.—The English continue on this coast with forces much superior to what we have in the Channel; the number of their ships nor always the same, but they have never less than 15 out of the line."

Eventually people in those days read their newspapers thoroughly and did not have to have the news called to their attention by screaming streetcries. For the following item, preying the end of one of the most destructive of all the great European wars, appears in a column of general continental news with nothing but a date line to distinguish it from any other item:

"Petersburgh, March 20.—We have received the preliminary answer of the King of Poland, elector of Saxony, to this country's declaration of the 23rd of Feb., the substance of which is:

"That the king, having been drawn into the war by an unexpected invasion, for which he had given no cause, His Majesty's most ardent wishes are to see peace re-established upon equitable conditions, but that he will hereafter give a more precise and positive answer in concert with his other allies and the guarantees of the Peace of Westphalia."

The reel is the type used in the mountains when flax was cultivated here. It has a counting device, so that when the reel makes 100 revolutions it cracks, and the operator does not have to count the revolutions.



REV. R. C. CAMPBELL

pastor of the First Baptist church of Hickory and a divine of state-wide reputation, who will preach at the Baptist church during the religious drive being put on by the local churches simultaneously. These services start at the Baptist and Methodist churches Sunday morning. Rev. R. J. Parker, returned missionary and evangelist of the Methodist church, South, will assist the pastor, Rev. M. E. Wooley, at the Methodist church. These ministers are men of force and power and all church goers are urged to hear them during the campaign. Services throughout the week at 2:30 and 7:30.

Prayer services have been held in every section of the town preliminary to the religious campaign. A union service was held at the Methodist church Wednesday night of last week.

The plan of holding these meetings simultaneously is deemed by the pastor to be the very best thing to do, in view of the fact that we have no auditorium large enough for a union meeting. Other churches of the town not pictured above are expected to participate also in this series of services.

## Three Forks Missionary Union Meets Oct. 11

Following is the full program of the Women's Missionary Union of Three Forks Baptist Association which will be held with the Cove Creek church on Tuesday, October 11th:

### Morning Session

Hymn—Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult.  
Devotional—Mrs. J. D. Brown.  
Welcome—Mrs. Enoch Swift.  
Response—Miss Blanche Williams.  
Roll call of societies.

Reports of societies as follows: Boone W. M. S., Mrs. J. L. Qualls; Blowing Rock W. M. S., Mrs. Hodges; Beech, Mrs. Clara Farthing; Beaver Dam, Mrs. Lee Swift; Cove Creek, Mrs. D. F. Horton; Cove Creek Y. W. A., Mrs. Sam Horton; Boone Y. W. A., Mrs. F. A. Hicks; Boone G. A., Mrs. Floy Mas; Boone R. A., Mrs. Cliff McConnell; Boone Sunbeams, Mrs. Emma Moore.

Report of personal service chairman—Mrs. Smith Hagaman.

Report of Young People's leader.  
Report of Mission Study leader.  
Superintendent's report.

One conference for questions on Reports, Standard of Excellence, Personal Service, Abortionment, Ruby Anniversary, etc., conducted by Mrs. Edna R. Harris of Raleigh.

Appointment of committees.  
Address: Dr. Lampkin, superintendent of the Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem.

### Afternoon Session

Devotional—Mrs. G. A. Wilson.  
Obituaries—Mrs. L. A. Hurst.  
Gifts—Mrs. R. D. Hodges.  
God's Plan of Giving—Have You a Better One?—Mrs. D. D. Dougherty.

Address—Mrs. Edna R. Harris, Raleigh.  
Program by Cove Creek Y. W. A. or Sunbeams.

Reports of Committees.

Adjournment.

## LEGION AUXILIARY MEETING

There will be a meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary at the Commercial Hotel next Friday night. All members are earnestly requested to be present.

MRS. SMITH HAGAMAN, Pres.  
MRS. FAE HODGES, Secy.

## 2 KILLED AS CAR LEAVES TRAIL

Walter Talley and Leland Hunt of Johnson City, Meet Death When Car Plunges Down Mountain Between Linville and Blowing Rock

Driving through a thick fog near the top of Grandfather Mountain between Linville and Blowing Rock on the Yonahlossee Trail, Friday morning about 4:30 o'clock, Leland Hunt and Walter Talley, two Johnson City men, were killed and a woman companion was slightly injured when the automobile in which they were riding left the road and overturned four or five times down the mountain side. The accident occurred near Coffey's Gap.

It is said that the heavy fog was largely responsible for the accident as it was stated the car had been driven for about 50 feet along the edge of the road before making the fatal plunge. The woman was thrown to the side of the gorge as the machine turned the first time; the two men being pinned in the car during the first smash as their remains were found in the tangled mass of the automobile. They were believed to have been killed instantly.

First information of the crash was received at Blowing Rock early Friday morning when motorists along the highway noticed the wreckage of the machine and after investigation finding the two men dead, notified Blowing Rock authorities.

The remains of the two men were carried to Johnson City for interment.

## NEWS OF WEEK IN THE COVE CREEK SECTION

Sugar Grove, Oct. 4.—On Friday night, October 7, there will be a pie supper at the Cove Creek high school. The patron of the school and the public generally are cordially invited to attend. The proceeds of the sale of pies will be used towards putting into the building an adequate water supply.

The average attendance for the first month of the high school was 174 and for the grades 168. This beats the record of last year by 14 in the high school and 39 in the grades.

Mr. D. T. Bannor has been rather sick for several days but is improving now.

Mrs. D. F. Horton has been quite sick for the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Curtz and Mrs. W. M. Phillips of Gaffney, S. C., were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Horton.

Mr. W. T. Payne has recently purchased the Horton lots of Sheriff L. M. Farrang. He plans to build in the near future.

## PROFESSION OF RELIGION MADE BEHIND PRISON BARS

What the authorities think likely is a case of the old-time religion, broke out in the Watauga county jail a few days ago, the professor of the faith being Dewey Harmon, who is now free on bond for the robbery of the Valle Crucis Bank, assault with deadly weapon and forgery. Rev. J. L. Watts had visited the jail and had worked earnestly in an effort to recite the shortcomings in Harmon's spiritual being. It wasn't long before the jailer and sheriff were witnesses to one of the most earnest professions of Christianity they had ever heard, the hold-up man declaring he would employ no lawyer, wouldn't want a pardon, but would gladly serve all the time the court gave him and would spend the remainder of his days in the service of the Lord. Those who talked with Harmon took his profession with considerable credence.

## Careful Chester

Jeweler: "O' course you want the girl's name engraved on the ring?"

William: "Surely, but—ah—not too deep!"

## CLUB WOMEN GATHER HERE

Third District Meeting Saturday Was Largely Attended and Interesting Program Rendered; Meet Next Year in North Wilkesboro

The Third District Meeting of the State Federation of Women's Clubs was held in the Administration Building at the Normal Saturday. All counties in the district but two were represented and visitors say it was one of the best and most interesting meetings ever held in the district.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. J. M. Moretz of Boone, third district president. The invocation was made by Rev. M. B. Wooley; Mrs. J. A. Williams, Miss Annie Stanbury and Dr. B. E. Dougherty welcomed the visitors, and the response was by Mrs. Randolph Harp, of Lenoir.

Mrs. O'Berry Speaks  
The task of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs is threefold, said Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, of Goldsboro, state president, who delivered the principal address. As Mrs. O'Berry outlined the work of the federation for the coming year, it is to perform greater service in its welfare activities, work for better citizenship and foster better educational methods.

Mrs. O. Berry was followed by Mrs. W. J. Brogdon of Durham, state chairman of districts, who led a general discussion of club work and answered questions put by members.

Crossnore Wins Prize  
The youngest club in the district, and possibly the youngest in the state—the Crossnore Worth White club—won the attendance prize with seventeen delegates present. This club was organized last year by Mrs. Moretz, district president, and Mrs. Carrie Gamble of Hickory, past president.

Large delegations were present also from Lenoir, Statesville, Hickory, Conover, North Wilkesboro and Taylorsville.

Only two counties in the district are without clubs, Ashe and Alleghany, and Mrs. Moretz said that efforts would be made to organize clubs in these counties before the next annual meeting.

Among the prominent women who addressed the gathering were Mrs. E. M. Land, chairman of the Sally Southall Cotton Loan Fund, who explained the operation of the fund, which is intended to aid worthy girls in an effort to secure an education; Mrs. Eugene Davis of Greensboro, state treasurer, who discussed finances; Miss Wallace, of Raleigh, chairman of the home department; Mrs. Anna Rowe, home demonstration agent of Catawba county, and Mrs. B. F. Long of Statesville.

The delegates were entertained with musical numbers by the Normal quartet, by A. R. Smith, accompanied by Miss Lucie Moratz, and by folk songs by Prof. and Mrs. L. G. Greer.

North Wilkesboro was selected as the place for the next meeting.

## CORNER STONE TAKEN FROM PILOT MOUNTAIN

G. R. Winkler, representative of the Pilot Insurance Company in Boone, has received announcement that the corner stone which will go into the main building of the Pilot company's group now being erected at Sedgewood will be brought from Pilot mountain, the peak from which the company's name and trade mark were taken. The records of a producers' contest conducted in connection with the ceremonies, a copy of Pilot policy No. 1, and a history of the organization will be sealed in the corner stone.

## SPECIAL TERM OF COURT FOR WILKES COUNTY

Raleigh, Oct. 2.—A special term of Wilkes county superior court to be convened the second Monday in December for the trial of the Wilkes County Bank cases was called by Governor McLean at the request of Solicitor John R. Jones. Judge Barnhill will preside.

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