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NEWS OF WEEK AT BLOWING ROCK

Dr. B. B. Dougherty Delivers Addresses to High School; New Volumes Added to Library; Aged Lady Celebrates Birthday

Blowing Rock, Dec. 12.—Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of the Appalachian State Normal College at Boone, delivered two lectures Thursday to pupils of the Blowing Rock high school.

His first address was to the American history class on the early history of North Carolina, and particularly on the Watauga Settlement, the Battle of King's Mountain, and other incidents and aspects of the formation of North Carolina and Tennessee. In his second address, to the civics class, he discussed our state government and capital.

Accompanying Dr. Dougherty was Smith Hagaman, county superintendent of education. After visiting one of the English classes, Mr. Hagaman delivered a short address to the civics class on Jamestown and Williamsburg, Va., and the historical associations surrounding the towns.

Another speaker at the school last week was Rev. Robert Isbell of Lenoir, who delivered at chapel Wednesday morning an address on the tomb of King Tut-Ankh-Amen, which he visited during his tour of the Levant a year or so ago.

Shuford Edmisten was found guilty of drunkenness at a mock trial in the Children's Literary Society of the fifth, sixth and seventh grades last Friday. Mr. R. H. Askew, the instructor, acted as judge and provided much of the comedy of the program. At the close of the children's program, Rev. Mr. Isbell delivered an interesting lecture on crossing the Lybian desert.

Visitors at the meeting were Rev. Mr. Isbell, Mrs. Annie Greer, Mrs. Dal Tester, Mrs. Charles Spann, Doris White, Mrs. George Crisp, and Mrs. Lee Crisp.

This society was organized by Mr. Askew at the first of the school year. It meets every Friday afternoon, when visitors are always welcome. The officers are: Merrill Gragg, president; Opal Pitts, secretary, and Elsie Pitts, treasurer.

Twenty volumes of new fiction were added to the shelves of the Blowing Rock School and Community Library this week by Harley Mudge, who is lending the volumes to the library during the school year. The books include the works of Zane Grey, Charles A. Seltzer, Eugene Marlows Rhodes and several other popular authors.

Between 150 and 200 volumes of juvenile books have been ordered for the juvenile shelves and are expected to be here within a short time. So far the library has had only a few juvenile books and has been unable to supply the demand.

Mrs. S. C. Hollifield celebrated her seventieth birthday last Sunday at her home near Boone's Fork. The party was the occasion for a real oldtime family reunion, with all the children and a number of the grandchildren of Mrs. Hollifield filling every room and the porch and yard.

After felicitations had been given to Mrs. Hollifield, a bountiful table was set in the dining room, and the large gathering assembled around the board to enjoy the best of country delicacies.

Those present at the party were Wiley Hollifield and family of Middle Fork, Ed Hollifield and family, Carol Hollifield and family, Jesse Hollifield, Mrs. Emma Gragg, Mrs. Mattie Richards, W. W. Collins and family, Merritt Coffey and family of Hickory, Mrs. Flora Coffey, Mrs. Elma Gragg, O. D. Gragg, Christine Gragg and Lloyd Gragg.

Dewey Story has returned from Statesville, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis. He is now well on the road to recovery. Geo. Robbins, local manager of the Blowing Rock Light and Power Company, has also returned from Statesville, where he underwent a similar operation.

Mr. Loudermilk is back in the barber shop after an extended illness.

T. E. Mercer, former principal of the Blowing Rock consolidated school, paid a visit to the school last week. He expressed himself as greatly pleased with the new library, furniture and laboratory equipment, and with the progress that the school is making in general. Mr. Mercer is now teaching in a large consolidated school near Newton.

Mrs. T. H. Coffey, Mrs. Sallie Reeves and Miss Lena Reeves have returned from a trip to Hot Springs, Va., where they visited Mrs. Reeves' daughter, Mrs. Ernest Davis. In Virginia, they visited the Shenandoah Caverns and on the return trip they spent a night in Bristol, Va. They made the 300-mile trip to Hot

Monthly Meeting of Civitan Club Today

The monthly meeting of the Boone Civitan Club will be held today at 12:45 at the Daniel Boone hotel. A number of important business matters are to come up for consideration and a large attendance of the membership is desired.

The feature of the luncheon last Thursday was an address by Rev. Dr. William M. Vines, and reports of the recent meeting at Salisbury of the Carolinas Association, given by Civitans W. E. Comer and Frank Moore. Dr. Vines talked on citizenship, and his talk was very interesting and helpful, and was highly appreciated by the membership of the club.

Dr. James H. Hillman, director of certification, department of education, Raleigh, was also a guest of the club and made a short talk.

COOLIDGES CONSIDER VACATION IN SOUTH

Washington, Dec. 11.—President Coolidge may take another brief vacation in the south during the Christmas holidays, although he has not made up his mind definitely.

Mr. Coolidge has received a number of invitations from individuals and organizations, as well as city governments to visit in certain sections of the south some time this winter. It is probable that he will accept one of these. The invitations that he is known to be more seriously considering are those to an island a short distance from the lower part of Georgia, Asheville and a private state in South Carolina.

ENTRE NOUS CLUB

On last Friday afternoon the Entre Nous Bridge Club was delightfully entertained by Mrs. James Horton. Only the club members were present and the game was unusually spirited throughout the afternoon. Mrs. Sam Horton carried off the high score prize which was an attractive embroidered handkerchief case, while Mrs. Will Payne was awarded the consolation prize, a beautiful handkerchief of silk and lace combined.

At the close of the afternoon Mrs. Horton served a delicious Thanksgiving plate which was topped with an attractive turkey souvenir, also small gift baskets of nuts. The honor prize was presented to Mrs. Will Payne.

A. R. SHERMAN DEAD

Mr. A. R. Sherman, prominent civic leader and manufacturer of Wilkesboro, died at his home there on November 28, following a general decline in health covering a long period. Mr. Sherman was 77 years of age and is survived by a wife, who was before her marriage, Miss Dora, sister to Dr. R. K. Bingham of this city.

Funeral services were held at Springs in twelve hours.

J. H. Winkler notified to Drexel Sunday to meet Mrs. Winkler, who has been visiting friends and relatives in and near Statesville.

Will Sudderth, Max Cannon and Paul Underdown, who have just returned from a tour of Florida in Mr. Sudderth's car, report that in Florida business is dull and work is scarce. In Jacksonville they visited Don Reid, formerly of Blowing Rock.

Moving of the pine hedge on the Cone estate, to make room for the new Yanahouse road, is progressing rapidly. The hedge is being set back several feet to make room for the 26-foot highway.

The apples on the Cone estate are being sold very rapidly. Buyers from all parts of North Carolina and from neighboring states are frequent visitors at the apple house. If the selling continues as briskly as it has during the last two weeks, there will be no apples left by Christmas.

Mrs. Thomas Coffey, Jr., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Sherwood at Sherwood. Mrs. Coffey's sister spent Saturday and Sunday of last week here.

Mrs. J. T. Miller and her daughter, Margaret, are spending a few days in Lenoir with Mrs. Miller's sister, Mrs. J. R. Pruett.

Miss Clara Coffey of Hickory and Miss Joyce Hoffman of Lenoir spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Coffey and family.

There will be a box supper Saturday night at the Friendship Methodist church at Aho. The proceeds will be used to help defray building expenses on the new church. The public is invited to come and bring boxes.

As a community project, pupils of the high school civics class are gathering news of the community each week for publication in this column. Several promising reporters with a "nose for news" have been developed as a result of the project.

Charlie Critcher of Statesville, who has been in Montana and Idaho, studying the chestnut and long leaf pine blights under the direction of the department of agriculture, was a visitor over the week-end at the home of his brother, A. M. Critcher, of Blowing Rock.

Local Shops Reflect Spirit of Christmas as Shopping Starts

The various business houses of the city are rapidly getting the Christmas spirit and everywhere decorations symbolic of the holiday season are seen in rare abundance. The stores are unusually well equipped with diverse offerings to make the task of shopping less burdensome and no gift list is too long or complex, but that it may readily be filled right here in Boone. The merchants are making a definite bid for your business in this issue of The Democrat. Its pages are jammed with more than twice the usual amount of advertising matter and a glance will convince the most skeptical that no town the size of Boone is to be found with so fine an array of modern stores and shops. The proprietors have spared neither time nor expense in providing their establishments with all the good things for Christmas, and this year's offerings surpass all previous endeavors.

The publishers of The Democrat would insist that the people of Boone and the county at large patronize the local merchants. By keeping our money at home we build up a bigger and better city and county and develop a more prosperous citizenship. Do business with those who help bear the burden of supporting our varied public institutions. They deserve your patronage and good will. Let your slogan be "I can buy it in Boone," and then make your words good.

Read the messages brought to you in this Christmas number from the following business houses of the city: Boone Chevrolet Company, Boone Clothing Store, Tunnell's Studio, Cash Coal Company, D. J. Cottrell, Boone Drug Company, J. & E. Self-Service Store, Davidson's Department Store, City Barber Shop, Boone Hardware Company, Boone Coal Company, The Music Store, Will C. Walker, Jeweler, Hodges Drug Company, Watauga County Bank, Spainhours' Incorporated, T. L. Mast & Bro. (Lovill), Hi-Land Dry Cleaning Company, Leases' Department Store, Watauga Insurance Company, Watauga Building & Loan Assn., Carolina Stores, Peoples Bank & Trust Company, W. R. Winkler & Company.

PLOT AGAINST HOOVER IS FOUND IN ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires, Dec. 11.—Official confirmation of the discovery of a plot against the life of Herbert Hoover and of its frustration by the police was made public tonight by President Frugoni. His statement said: "The president of the republic, being desirous of making agreeable the visit of the president-elect of the United States of America and of offering the greatest possible guarantee of the safety to the personnel of the illustrious visitor, commanded the police to intensify their observation to dangerous anarchist elements. This order was carried out by the division of investigation which, after discreet inquiries and investigations, this morning searched a house on Estorero street in which were found four hand grenades, two cylindrical bombs, one square bomb, dynamite, revolvers, automatic pistols, quantities of ammunition and 150 ten peso notes—all of which have been placed at the disposal of judicial authorities." The police said that a room in the rented house contained a detailed map of the railway system which apparently was used by the plotters in planning their attack. It was announced tonight that 1,500 guards had been employed on special duty to insure the safety of Mr. Hoover during his visit.

London, Dec. 9.—With Mussolini sounding war trumpets in Rome and sneering at the Kellogg pact, Germany in ferment over Rhineland evacuation and Lloyd George in a gloomy mood over Anglo-American relations, the diplomatic week end is further enlivened by lengthy and ponderous onslaughts upon Foreign Secretary Chamberlain by J. L. Garvin for his attacks upon the press of the world in his speech at the Pilgrims dinner, Lloyd George, whose utterances on foreign affairs are becoming more violent, hinted at Manchester at trouble with the United States. After declaring "this government is leading us straight into the hell of war," he remarked, "since we signed the Kellogg pact armaments have been steadily growing. Mr. Kellogg says, 'Thou shalt not kill' but he says also 'Fill your waist belt with knives and pistols so as to be ready to kill.' Why should there be all this hush and whisper, this don't say anything in case it might make it worse? In 1922, we were able to discuss relations between the United States and this country. Now we can't do it. Why cannot we have this interchange of relations? We must face reality. It was because it was not faced in 1914 that we had the greatest war on earth. As things are now the nations of the world are heading straight for war not because anyone wants it, but because no one has the courage to stop the runaway horses and the chariots of war."

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NEW BOONE TRAIL WILL FOLLOW OLD ROUTE

The Wilkes Patriot learns that the state highway commission has definitely adopted the old route for the new highway to Boone. Surveys were also made by Summit postoffice and Happy Valley, but the old route has been deemed best by Henry Lassing, locating engineer, and C. S. Currier, engineer for the seventh district.

The new road will lessen the distance to Boone by several miles, it is estimated. The contract for construction of the ten mile stretch of concrete will probably be let at an early date.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

Mrs. J. D. Council was hostess to the Friday Afternoon Club on Friday afternoon at her home on Main street. Mrs. Council received the guests into the living room, which was beautifully decorated with ferns and other potted plants. An air of hospitality and friendliness pervaded the atmosphere as all chatted and were merry. Some were busy making Christmas presents, and all felt the spirit of Christmas when the secretary passed a plate of candies and each drew a name and leaped when we must have in mind when we prepare for our annual club Christmas tree, which all look forward to with so much enthusiasm and pleasure.

The meeting was then turned over to the hostess and the following program was given:

Mrs. O. L. Hardie read "Our First Thanksgiving," Mrs. E. S. Coffey read a short Thanksgiving poem, and Mrs. A. E. South read an editorial on Thanksgiving.

At the conclusion of the program, the hostess, assisted by her daughter, Miss Mary Council, served a most delicious course of refreshments.

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Revival Closed Last Night at Baptist Church

Because of the widespread prevalence of influenza in the community, it was decided best to close the services of revival services at the Baptist church here last night. The meeting began December 2 and would have continued until next Sunday under favorable conditions. Dr. Vines, who has been doing the preaching, left for his home in Greenville, S. C., this morning. However, there have been a number of additions to the church by letter and by profession of faith, and the church has been greatly revived under the masterful preaching of the noted divine. Dr. Vines stated yesterday that he would probably accept a pastorate either in North Carolina or Florida, he having received calls from two strong churches in both states. He has been a member of the evangelistic staff of the Southern Baptist home mission board for the past two years and during that time has held revivals in every section of the south. He was for a number of years pastor of the First Baptist church of Charlotte, and has held other important pastorates in this and adjoining states. His friends hope that he will decide to come back to North Carolina, should he decide to leave the evangelistic field.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES

It is expected that when the Republican state executive committee meets in Greensboro Saturday with the newly elected Republican members of the state legislature, the probability is that the assembly will endorse Stuart W. Cramer of Charlotte for a post in the Hoover cabinet. Mr. Cramer is being put forward for secretary of the navy.

Louisburg College, a junior college of the Southern Methodist church, located at Louisburg, N. C., suffered a \$200,000 loss Wednesday when the main dormitory and administration building of the institution was destroyed by fire. Ten teachers and 65 girls who remained in the building escaped without injury. The entire student body of 250 to 300 girls were sent home, all college work having been suspended until after the first of the year.

London, Dec. 11.—King George is struggling magnificently against his illness. He was semi-officially said tonight at Buckingham palace. This was shown by the fact that his exhaustion has not increased while his pulse remains steady. The night bulletin was said to be even more satisfactory than had been anticipated. The palace informant said, however, that it was not considered altogether reassuring and that deep anxiety persists and must continue. The anxiety which his majesty passed enabled him to continue to fight against the general infection in his system which had been weakening him during the last few days.

These differences from what was expected by the world at large, a world startled by the threat of war ever so bravely despite the fact that Bolivia and Paraguay. Even before receipt of substantial confirmation that mobilization already is under way in Bolivia, efforts toward mediation had been made by world agencies, and the latest information from South America is to the effect that the Bolivian minister had received from the foreign minister at La Paz advising him that Bolivia had decided to return to the Pan-American conference on conciliation and arbitration now in session in Washington, and one neutral South American republic has offered its services and expressed the hope that an amicable settlement would be reached.

Voices again his plea for governmental economy. President Coolidge Thursday submitted to congress a budget for the fiscal year 1930 calling for expenditures of \$3,789,710,447, leaving the treasury with a \$39,578,122 estimated surplus which he declared offered no immediate prospect for further tax reduction. The estimated surplus, which would be available June 30, 1930, is based upon expected revenue totaling \$3,841,293,829. Describing the surplus as small, the president said it was nevertheless "satisfactory as it points to a balanced budget."

Mr. Coolidge warned congress that "it is clear that we cannot assume any great additional expenditure without jeopardizing this favorable outlook." Practically all departments were given increases with the exception of the prohibition bureau, which for the second time since national prohibition became a law, a reduction in the amount of appropriation for its enforcement is estimated. The amount asked for the bureau for the next year was reduced by \$96,304. The estimated cost of the bureau for 1929 was \$13,004,140.

MORETZ-DAVIS

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Moretz request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Lucy, to Mr. Wm. A. Davis, on Saturday afternoon, December the fifteenth, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, at six o'clock, Boone Baptist church, Boone, North Carolina.

FLU EPIDEMIC CLOSES SCHOOL

Because Several Teachers and Many Pupils Were Unable to be in Their Places, Thought Best to Close Demonstration School Until Jan. 2

Because of an epidemic of influenza which is raging in Boone and vicinity, the observation department of the Appalachian State Normal was closed Tuesday afternoon and will remain closed until January 2.

Although in rather light form, it was serious enough to keep several teachers and a large number of pupils away from their work, and it was thought best to close the school until after the holidays.

NORMAL NOTES

Dr. B. B. Dougherty is on a trip to the eastern part of the state. Among other points he will visit Roanoke Island and he will doubtless have some interesting things to relate on his return, as usual.

In the inter-class contest at the Normal between the freshmen and sophomore classes in three games, the sophomores won out and a banner was presented to them Saturday at chapel exercises by Miss Camper, the coach.

The first inter-collegiate basketball game of the season was played in the gymnasium here Saturday night between the young ladies' team of the Normal and the team from Fountain Park Junior College. The Normal played a grand clean game, showing efficiency and good training, but were unable to come with the Normal girls, who won the game by the score of 68 to 11. Following the game the visitors were entertained in the assembly hall at Lovell house by the local team.

The basketball schedule for the Normal young ladies' team this season is as follows:

Feb. 14—Mitchell College, there.
Jan. 17—Mitchell College, here.
Feb. 11—Calloway Normal, there.
Feb. 28—Calloway Normal, here.
Jan. 26—East Tenn. T. C. there.
Feb. 16—East Tenn. T. C. here.
March 2—Wingate College, here.
Feb. 22—Lenoir-Rhyne, there.
(pending).

March 4—Lenoir-Rhyne, here.

The young men have not yet completed their schedule.

The Normal is planning to close for the holidays on December 21 at noon. The old students are expected to be back for work on January 2, and the mid-term examinations will be given on the 14th and 15th of January. New registrations for the spring term will be on January 8, and quite a number have applied for entrance at that time.

Dr. B. B. Dougherty attended a county-wide meeting of teachers of finance county recently and delivered an address to the body. Vances was well represented at the Normal for a number of years.

Dr. James E. Hillman, director of certification, Raleigh, spent a part of Thursday and all of Friday at the Normal, during which time he visited and observed in various places at the Normal and some at the Demonstration school. He made a talk to the students at the chapel period Friday.

A banquet was given in the domestic science department at the Normal Thursday night in honor of the young men's football team, at which several guests were present, including Dr. B. B. Dougherty, Dr. James E. Hillman, Mrs. D. D. Dougherty, Mr. Robert Gillett, Mrs. Van G. Hinson, Mr. and Mrs. Coffey, Miss Camper, basketball coach, Prof. Dwyer and others. After speeches followed by a most sumptuous dinner, by Dr. Dougherty, Dr. Hillman, Mr. Wilson, the team manager, Mr. Gillett and others, the following young men were given letters as rewards for special distinction in football during the season: Capt. Frank Hallman, Clyde Canine, Frank Phillips, C. Hoyle, Claude Crouse, Conrad Hinson, Kermit Hinson, Bascom Perkins, Connie Morefield, James Fortner, Oswald Hooper, W. J. Fulkerson, Jay Hartley, Bob Williams, Oscar Barker, Harry Hallyburton, John Gaines, Everett Reece and J. B. Love, manager of the team. It was pointed out that the boys had performed well during the first season of football at the college, winning nearly half the games played and scoring nearly as many points as their opponents, which is considered an unusual record for a first year team.

FIRST SKYSCRAPER CHURCH IS DEDICATED IN NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 9.—The new Church of the Strangers on West 57th street, New York's first skyscraper church, competed at a cost of \$1,750,000, was formally dedicated today by the pastor, Rev. Paul M. Spencer, and a congregation of 400. The church proper occupies four of the sixteen stories.