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THE SCHOOL ROW AT BLOWING ROCK

Citizens in Mass Meeting Urge Investigation by State Department; Launch Attack on County Board of Education

Blowing Rock, June 12.—Resolutions asking for an investigation by the state department of education into three branches of Watauga county school administration were passed last Thursday night by a mass meeting of citizens of the Blowing Rock consolidated school district. The three investigations asked are:

First, into the legality of the appointment of the county board of education.

Second, into the disposition of the Blowing Rock school funds for the past seven years.

Third, into the eligibility of two members recently appointed to the local school committee.

The mass meeting followed the adjournment of a petition asking for the appointment of a prominent citizen of Blowing Rock on the local high school committee in place of one of the two men to whom the meeting objected.

These two appointees, the resolutions said, are ineligible under article 13, section 125, of the state school law, requiring committeemen to be "persons of intelligence, of good moral character and known to be in favor of public education." The resolutions charge that these appointments were made to defeat the will of the Blowing Rock school district, particularly in the matter of selecting a principal. To forestall the petition, the resolutions said, the appointments were made at a called meeting in advance of the regular meeting.

It is charged that the county board of education was not nominated or elected according to sections 12 and 13 of article 2 of the school law, covering such elections.

It was charged that persons, wholly without authority, went to another county, and in opposition to the will of the local district, actually selected a principal for the school and announced that such principal had been secured before any meeting to elect teachers had been held by the local committee.

By such means, the resolutions say in closing, the Blowing Rock consolidated school district is denied a voice in the management of its own school.

The resolutions are signed by D. P. Coffey, chairman, and Cameron Williams, secretary.

Mistaken Report as to Avery Wool Deal

The report has been circulated throughout Watauga county to the effect that the wool pool arranged by the county agent in Avery county resulted in the loss of a good deal of money to sheep growers of that section. This argument has been used against the county agent movement here and should be corrected.

Mr. G. P. Hagaman is in receipt of a letter from John W. Goodman, district agent, to the effect that the wool has not been sold. Bids were received, but the committee rejected them as too low, 37 1/2 cents. He says that the wool will likely be sold at not lower than 40 cents, and that the committee of wool producers pass upon all bids.

WATAUGA GETS \$292.98 FROM MOTHER'S AID FUND

County allotments for the mothers' aid fund of \$47,000 provided by the last general assembly were announced in Raleigh Saturday by Miss Lily E. Mitchell, director of mothers' aid for the state board of charities and public welfare.

The fund was established to aid worthy mothers deprived of support in order that they may rear their children properly and maintain their homes. The fund is divided on a per capita basis and the county allotments will be paid in monthly installments beginning July 1 to all counties that agree to match the amounts received from the state.

Watauga county's quota was announced at \$292.98.

In setting up the fund the legislature provided that \$10,000 of it should be set aside for the exclusive benefit of families of prisoners.

DR. WARMAN AT ADVENT CHURCH SUNDAY MORNING

Dr. F. E. Warman, president of the Advent Christian Seminary, Bridgeport, Alabama, will be the speaker Sunday morning at the Advent Christian church. Dr. Warman is one of the leading educators of the denomination, and is an eloquent speaker. His message Sunday morning will be on a gripping and vital theme. The public is invited to attend.

Captain Roby Brown Died Last Saturday

Captain Bartlett Roby Brown, 87 years old, well-known veteran of the Civil war and leading citizen of Johnson county, died at his home near Shouns, Tenn., last Saturday, after a prolonged illness covering a period of many months.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Monday at 11 o'clock by Dr. Will O. Gordon and Rev. Worley, following which interment was in the family graveyard, not far distant from the home of the deceased.

Captain Brown enlisted under the banners of the Confederacy on August 10, 1861, and served throughout the war. He was captain in the 66th North Carolina regiment, which was attached to Colonel Folk's division and was a peerless Confederate chieftain.

Deceased was well known throughout this section of North Carolina and perhaps more than a hundred Wataugans were present at his funeral. Messrs. John E. Brown, J. B. Taylor, A. D. Wilson, R. S. Scott, Dr. J. C. Farthing, Miss Jennie Todd and Mrs. H. B. Perry were among those going from Boone.

In commenting on the death of this beloved citizen, County Superintendent Smith Hagaman had this to say:

"I knew him personally, but more through my father, who was one of the hundred, mostly Watauga boys, who made up Captain Brown's company of cavalry during the war between the states.

"My father thought of him and loved him as one of the bravest men who ever faced an enemy on the battlefield—brave with discretion, wise in planning and directing, invincible in spirit, but loyal to his country's flag when the conflict was over.

"As a citizen, as I knew him, there was none greater. I always felt when in his presence that I was in the presence of a superior mind, a rare personality, a citizen of unusual worth. He bore himself with the dignity of a Washington, a Lee and a Jackson, and like them, too, with that gentle Christian spirit that makes all men akin.

"As a business man, he was successful in a marvelous degree. He accumulated a fortune, but only by square dealing with his fellow man.

"East Tennessee has seen the passing of one of its most distinguished citizens, Western North Carolina one of its most honored and beloved sons. But few remain like him."

COVE CREEK NEWS

Sugar Grove, June 11.—Saturday afternoon a number of Cove Creek ladies met at the home of Mrs. Luther Bingham where they organized a club consisting of twelve members.

The membership number twelve suggested an appropriate name for the club, hence it is called the Cove Creek Dozen Club. The members are Mrs. Charles Bingham, president; Mrs. Hattie Johnson, vice president; Mrs. John E. Combs, secretary; Mrs. Scott Swift, treasurer; Mrs. Stanley Harris, Mrs. Don Horton, Mrs. Will Gordon, Mrs. Maude Spainhour; Mrs. R. N. Brooks, Mrs. Luther Bingham, Misses Edna and Ruth Bingham and Ruth Stokes. The first regular meeting of the club will be held on Friday, June 28, Mrs. Luther Bingham being hostess.

After a short visit with relatives in Washington, D. C., Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Taylor and family have returned to the parsonage.

Miss Pearl Bingham, who has been teaching in Johnson City, has returned to her home for the summer.

Mrs. N. L. Mast is entertaining Miss Edna Holtzclaw of Florida, who is being given a cordial welcome by her many friends here.

Miss Virginia Bingham of Winston-Salem is spending the summer with relatives here.

ROMINGER DOTS

Rominger, June 11.—George Harmon and Miss Ruth Tester were married last week.

Grady Trivett and family and M. P. Trivett and family visited their mother, Mrs. George Trivett of Vilas last Sunday and helped to serve her a birthday dinner. She was 68 old on June 9th. All her children were present except two. The good lady has been an invalid for about 15 years. She enjoyed the dinner and having her children with her.

Mrs. Lizzie Trivett is suffering with measles at this time.

The recent heavy rains have done considerable damage to growing crops in this section.

Alas! slack! Our work on the roads in this part stopped by the time it got started, but we still are anxiously waiting.

Grover Johnson was in this vicinity last week buying lambs.

Edminston Bros. are ready to manufacture lumber near here. They have purchased a large tract of land and are peeling the bark and sawing the timber for market.

GROWING CABBAGE FOR MAKING KRAUT

Plant Here Being Enlarged to Take Care of 1,000 Tons of Cabbage This Year; Means \$12,000 to Farmers of County

By F. H. JETER

The kraut factory at Boone in Watauga county, is being renovated and enlarged to take care of 1,000 tons of cabbage to be produced by farmers of that county this season.

"This factory has had ten vats holding 25 tons each of raw cabbage and the new owners have added five other vats with a capacity of 50 tons each, which gives the factory a total capacity of 500 tons of raw product," says H. R. Niswonger, extension horticulturist at State College. "Farmers of the county have been asked to pledge themselves to grow 1,000 tons of cabbage for use at the kraut factory this season and 70 men have already signed up to grow the vegetable at a contract price of \$12 per ton.

Mr. Niswonger says the growers are using a variety known as Enkhuizen. With proper cultural methods, this variety will produce 20 tons per acre and it is not impossible to produce 25 tons as was done by M. P. Critcher. The farmers have become interested in growing the cabbage since they realize that 1,000 tons at \$12 a ton will mean \$12,000 for the county this year.

The new owners are also planning to add other improved machinery so as to lower the cost of production to the point where best prices may be paid for the raw cabbage. It is expected that snap beans, spinach and other products will be canned when the plant is not being used in the manufacture of kraut and kraut juice.

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LEGION AUXILIARY OFFICIALS ARE VISITORS TO BOONE

Following an executive meeting in Winston-Salem last Thursday, the members of the executive committee of the state department of the American Legion Auxiliary motored to Boone and spent a delightful week as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Vass of Winston-Salem, at the Daniel Boone Hotel.

The guests greatly enjoyed the delightful hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Vass and Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn, hosts of the hotel, bridge games, motoring, fishing, hiking and visiting homes where beautiful articles are woven on the old-time looms.

The party included the following: Mrs. George Isley, department president, and Mrs. Isley of Raleigh; Mrs. Harry Vass, national committeewoman, and Mr. Vass, Winston-Salem; Miss Anne Lee of Monroe, past department president; Mrs. Reverdy J. Miller of Charlotte, vice president and chairman of national defense, and Mr. Miller; Mrs. A. J. Fletcher, Raleigh, department historian; Mrs. R. S. McGeehey, Kingston, chairman of finance and second district committeewoman; Mrs. Sam Lee, Monroe, member of the finance committee; Mrs. G. P. Pritchard, Asheboro, seventh district committeewoman; Miss Mary Pemberton, Concord, eighth district committeewoman; Mrs. E. C. Judd, Raleigh, chairman of legislation; Mrs. Charles Young, Lexington, chairman of constitution; Mrs. Frank Petway, Hickory, poppy chairman; Mrs. Walter Craven, Charlotte, chairman of trophies and awards; Miss Julia McNeill, St. Pauls, chairman of membership, and Miss Irma Deaton, Raleigh, chairman of publicity.

The party disbanded Monday, most of the guests leaving for their home on that day.

MORRISON ADVOCATES YOUNG FOR PRESIDENT

Greensboro, June 9.—Declaring himself "earnestly in favor of the nomination of Owen D. Young for the president of the United States in 1932" and referring to the importance of efforts "to unite the Democratic party under new leadership," former Governor Cameron Morrison in an interview with a representative of the Daily News yesterday proclaimed his intention to give his "heart support to movement to nominate Colonel Young" as the Democratic presidential candidate. He considers the suggested nominee "a great moral and intellectual leader upon whom all Democrats can unite."

D. D. Dougherty, Co-Founder of Normal College, Succumbs

Dr. D. D. Dougherty, treasurer and business manager of the Appalachian State Teachers' College and one of the founders of the institution, died at his home early Monday afternoon, after an illness of about three months, brought about largely by heart affection. He had taken treatment at a Statesville hospital this spring and apparently had regained considerable strength since his return, therefore his friends had believed him to be out of immediate danger when the end came.

Dr. Dougherty was born March 11, 1869 and was the son of the late Daniel Boone and Ellen Bartlett Dougherty. He had one brother, Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of the Teachers' College, and one sister, Mrs. R. M. Greene of this city. He was married in 1896 to Miss Lillie B. Shull of Butler, Tenn., and the wife and four children survive: Mrs. O. L. Brown of Greensboro; Miss Annie L. Dougherty of Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn.; and Brenard and Edwin, who are in school at Boone.

Dr. Dougherty received his first educational training in the public school at Globe Academy under Professors Patton, Spainhour and Marshall, and received his A. B. degree from Wake Forest College in 1892, and was professor of mathematics and science, Holly Springs College, 1892-99. Shortly after this time he and his brother conceived the idea of building a great educational institution amid the scenes of their childhood. Accordingly, money was received from private subscription largely with which to construct a frame building, which was known as the Watauga Academy, and which still stands amid its more imposing fellows on the campus of the Appalachian State Teachers' College as a monument to the genius of its builders. In 1903 the state took over the school under the name of the Appalachian Training School and appropriated money for its maintenance. Year by year the fame of the institution has spread until at the time of the death of its co-founder, the properties are rated at more than a million dollars, and the school has grown into a four-year college, the last legislature having changed its name to the Appalachian State Teachers' College.

"Professor Dolph" as he was familiarly known, was a scholar of the deepest type and his life's work centered about the cause of education. He did not aspire to publicity, but served his county for a number of years as a member of the board of education, going out of office during the past winter, only because of ill health. He did not, however, allow the cares of his daily life to interfere with his manifold duties to his community. He was an organizer, Sunday school worker and teacher, Sunday school superintendent and a well-loved Christian gentleman and in his going, Watauga county and the state at large have sustained a loss which seems irreparable.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday morning at 10 o'clock from the Baptist church, preceding which the body had laid for one hour in the auditorium of the administration building of the college, to which the lamented educator had given the best years of his life. Services were in charge of the pastor, Rev. P. A. Hicks, and brief talks were made by the following visiting ministers, who had been intimate with the deceased in years gone by: Revs. F. M. Huggins, M. A. Adams and W. R. Bradshaw. Interment was in the Boone cemetery.

Those named as active pallbearers were: B. J. Council, W. R. Lovill, J. D. Council, J. F. Hardin, J. S. Winkler, J. L. Winkler, R. C. Rivers and J. M. Moretz.

175 STILL IN NORTH CAROLINA WRECKED

Richmond, Va., June 11.—The monthly report of R. Q. Merrick, prohibition administrator for Virginia, North and South Carolina, today showed 175 illicit distilleries were seized and destroyed in North Carolina last month as compared with 90 in Virginia and 71 in South Carolina.

HARDWARE MEN IN MEET AT BLOWING ROCK

Dr. and Mrs. T. S. Hodges and family of Alva, Ky., are guests of Dr. Hodges father, Dr. J. M. Hodges here.

G. P. HAGAMAN HEADS CIVITAN

Officers and Directors for Year Were Elected at Last Week's Meeting; Monthly Business Session of Club This Evening

George P. Hagaman, cashier of the Watauga County Bank, was elected president of the Boone Civitan Club at its weekly luncheon last Thursday. Mr. Hagaman succeeds Dr. G. K. Moore who has served the organization very efficiently during the past year. Other officers elected last week are as follows:

Vice president, Russell D. Hodges. Secretary, Austin E. South, re-elected. Treasurer, Howard W. Mast.

Directors: D. J. Cottrell, C. M. Critcher, Dr. J. M. Gaither, W. H. Gregg and Rev. P. A. Hicks.

At the monthly business session at the Daniel Boone Hotel this (Thursday) evening, Mr. Hagaman will announce committees for the new club year.

Retiring President Moore, in turning over the duties of the presidency to Mr. Hagaman, thanked the members of the club for the splendid cooperation they had given his administration and expressed the hope that it would continue during the next administration.

The meeting tonight will be at 7:30, with the board of directors meeting thirty minutes earlier.

Harris Dept. Store to Open Saturday

Announcement is made today of the formal opening of the Harris Brothers Department store in the building formerly occupied by Spainhour's Inc., which is to take place next Saturday. Messrs. L. E. and Conley A. Harris have been in town for several days looking after the new stocks which are now rapidly arriving and getting all in readiness for the opening day.

The store room has been thoroughly remodeled, a new type front installed, the interior refinished and the building is now minutely fitted for department store requirements.

The Harris Department store have been in operation in North Wilkesboro for about three years and have enjoyed a remarkable business. The firm was attracted here by the remarkable growth of Boone during the past few years, and expect to conduct an ultra modern establishment. Men's and ladies' wearing apparel will feature the big stock which is expected to be complete for the opening day. Mr. Conley A. Harris, formerly with the Tate-Brown Clothing Co. of Charlotte, and Mr. Orrin Gaither, who has been employed with the Harris stores at North Wilkesboro, will be in charge of the local store, while L. E. and D. A. Harris will spend most of their time at the North Wilkesboro store.

The Harris brothers have had years of experience in the dry goods business and may be expected to succeed well with their new store here.

Donn, June 9.—Hannibal L. Goodwin, 59, former congressman from the Sixth North Carolina district, serving from 1907 to 1921, and for a long time prominent in local and political affairs in this section of the state, died at his home here this morning. His death followed several weeks of illness, most of which was spent in the hospital.

Ripon, Wis., June 8.—Ripon's feat three quarters of a century ago in giving name to the Republican party was hailed by Secretary of War James W. Good today as a "product of inspiration." No other name, he declared in his address at the diamond jubilee celebration, could have summoned so many who stood ready to give support or prejudice so few who were yet inclined to misgiving. Secretary Good's address was the main event of a day of ceremonies and meetings, attended by thousands of persons from all sections of the nation, in commemoration of the birth of the Republican party 75 years ago.

Statesville, June 10.—Ben C. Sharpe of Charlotte, deputy federal prohibition administrator for western North Carolina, died tonight in Long's sanitarium here following illness of a few days. He was 60 years of age.

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A Tribute

Prof. D. D. Dougherty, who had for five months been waging a losing fight against a malady that is at the present day making such large inroads into human life—heart disease—succumbed to the malady Monday afternoon at 6 o'clock.

It has been my good fortune to intimately know him for long years, and for a number of years to be associated with him in the school work of our county.

Prof. Dougherty was one of the few Watauga boys of his early days whose good fortune it was to go to college. He and his brother, Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of the Appalachian State Teachers' College, after a long and difficult struggle for an education, returned to their native county and with an indomitable will and faith three themselves into the task of building a school for the boys and girls of the mountains. To this task, Prof. Dougherty gave his life. To write of this would be to write the history of the growth and development of the Appalachian State Teachers' College, one of the state's greatest educational institutions.

Every great man possesses some outstanding characteristic that makes him unlike his fellows—some one thing, some another. It was always easy for those who knew his inner life to see these distinguishing characteristics of Prof. Dougherty. Here it is, while others thought and moved in the usual tenor of life, he was planning ways and means whereby he could help and encourage those who needed it most—to make life a little happier and sweeter for the other fellow.

He was one of the most generous men I ever knew. Without show, he was always displaying charity wherever he could relieve suffering or want. Just five days before he died, as his last act on earth, he called his wife to his bedside and directed her to write a check which he immediately sent to me to be used in alleviating some case of distress of which he had heard so many on first Mondays in the office of the county welfare superintendent.

Prof. Dougherty was an exceedingly busy man, but he made a large place in his life for his religious activities. A Sunday school teacher of rare ability and power, a member of the executive board of the Three Forks Baptist Association, he gave much time and thought to the development of the churches of the county. Each Christmas he mailed a check to the preachers of the county. Realizing that he might not live to the next Christmas, he mailed this usual check to the preachers two months ago.

The last time I saw him in life was when he with his wife and brother signed a deed conveying to Boone Baptist church the valuable land on which the new church building is being erected and with a radiance akin to the other side, he smiled and said: "I am glad to give it."

SMITH HAGAMAN

TAX SALES

Sheriff Farthing said yesterday that between \$15,000 and \$20,000 worth of real estate was sold by him last Saturday to satisfy taxes for the year 1928. The sheriff has paid over to the county two or three more than \$100,000 out of a possible \$130,000, which is not bad, considering the fact that money at this time is very scarce. The sheriff will begin on July 1st to levy on personal property for unpaid taxes.

RASCOB WILL NOT RESIGN

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