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Jury Chosen for Fall Term Superior Court

The fall term of Watauga superior court will convene on Monday, September 2, with Judge John M. Oglesby of Concord, presiding. Jurors for the two weeks' term has been drawn as follows:

First Week
Bald Mountain—G. C. Ragan, A. T. Parker.
Reaver Dam—Donny Hagaman, Clyde Perry, C. J. Farthing.
Blowing Rock—T. H. Coffey.
Blue Ridge—R. F. Tate.
Boone—Will Anderson, Geo. Austin, Fred C. Wilson, Walter Winkler, A. E. Vannoy.
Cove Creek—J. L. Wilson, Marvin Thomas, Clark Swift.
Elk—John Johnson.
Laurel Creek—Zeb V. Harmon, N. A. Presnell, Jr., Jack Mast.
Meat Camp—Dock Watson, G. G. Stephens, S. A. Norris, Hoy Norris.
Shawnee—Duke Tester, M. C. Oliver, F. P. Campbell, J. S. Baird.
Stony Fork—D. L. Stanberry, A. G. Moretz, C. D. McNeil, R. L. Gentry, M. D. Brown.
Watauga—Don Shull, S. E. Gragg, F. E. Fox, W. W. Mast.
Second Week
R. F. Greene, John W. Hodges, H. L. Hockey, C. C. Triplett, Roy Adams, J. R. Eggers, C. B. Reese, Will Wilson, J. E. Young, R. C. Greene, Nate Phillips, Hard Mast, Edgar Edmisten, Alex Baird, W. R. McGuire, W. F. Winkler, J. R. Trivett, Jas. B. Mast.

THE HILL BILLIES MAKE THREE-DAY RUN HERE

Al Hopkins, the incomparable originator of the famous Hill Billies, musical company, arrived in the city yesterday and closed a contract with the Pastime Theatre, whereby his company will appear in person in Boone on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. "The Hill Billies" need no introduction to the people of Watauga county. They are natives of this section and have appeared during the summer months at different times locally. They come here this time direct from an engagement with Warner Brothers where they have produced one talking picture, and have contracts for another. For several years they have been radio and record artists of the first rank and they bring this year varied programs of the best musical entertainment ever. Six persons make up the company, an advertisement in this issue giving more detailed information as to the high quality of their performances.

WORTH WHILE CLUB

Mrs. W. C. Greer was delightful hostess to the members of the Worth While Club at their regular meeting on last Friday afternoon. The guests were ushered into rooms attractively decorated with dahlias and gladioli and a short business session was held. It was voted to plant flowering shrubbery to the memory of the late Prof. D. D. Dougherty. Piano numbers were rendered by Miss Nell Trivett and Mrs. J. M. Moretz spoke briefly on the "Aim of the Club." It was agreed that the next meeting would take the form of an outdoor picnic with the husbands of the clubwomen as guests.

Special guests were Mrs. C. H. Moser and Mrs. Milton Greer. Refreshments were served consisting of punch and a delicious salad course. Mrs. Greer was assisted in serving by her small son, Mac.

REV. PULLIAM'S APPOINTMENTS

Rev. J. G. Pulliam will preach at the courthouse every night this week, beginning at 8 o'clock and next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and Sunday night at 8 o'clock. If there are further announcements, they will be made Sunday. Next Sunday morning Mr. Pulliam will devote his sermon to an account of some old-fashioned conversions, especially that of George W. Truett, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and pastor for thirty years of the First Baptist church, Dallas, Texas. Mr. Pulliam expects among other topics to preach on "Be subject to the powers that be," "The paramount and permanent importance of the gospel ministry," "Some great meetings which I have passed through and how they came about."

WEST WINS—18 TO 20

In the third baseball game of the series being played between East and West Boone at College Park, the West took the long end of a 18 to 20 score Tuesday afternoon, giving the Westerners two games to one for the East. The fourth game will be played next Tuesday afternoon. Those playing Tuesday were: West—Joe Crawford, H. J. Hardin, A. Qualls, J. D. Horton, C. Watson, Dave Hodges, Ikard, A. E. South, T. E. Bingham.
East—A. E. Hamby, G. Winkler, Hill Hagaman, Lloyd Isaacs, Fred Hodges, Russel Hodges, Clyde Greene, Grady Moretz, G. Brinkley, one for the East.

SHORT ITEMS OF GENERAL NEWS

Some of the Outstanding Happenings of Past Week, Gathered From Everywhere, Condensed For the Busy Reader.

Announcement is made in Raleigh that D. F. Giles of Marion, will be a candidate for lieutenant governor of North Carolina in the next Democratic primary. Tam C. Bowie of West Jefferson will not be a candidate for the office, it was also announced.

Washington, Aug. 4.—Machinery for the census tabulation next spring which is to be the greatest ever undertaken in the history of the nation was said today by census bureau officials to be practically complete. An army of 100,000 persons will be mobilized to enumerate statistics of four phases of American life—population, unemployment, arms and trade distribution. They will be under the direction of 573 supervisors and will start on April 1, 1930, their census taking, which is the 15th decennial enumeration of the nation. No appointments of supervisors or enumerators have yet been announced by the bureau.

Jesse Harding Pomeroy, 71 year-old murderer of small children, whose crimes horrified the country more than half a century ago, Thursday was given an opportunity to glimpse for the first time the modern life. In a closely guarded automobile he was whisked from the Charlestown, Mass., state prison where he had spent the last 34 years, to the state farm at Bridgewater, Mass., a distance of about 70 miles. It was Pomeroy's first automobile trip and probably the first time he ever had seen a machine. The trip itself would be replete with amazement for the East Boston newspaper boy, who since he entered the prison in 1878 at the age of 17, never has stepped outside its confines.

The Sino-Russian controversy over the Chinese Eastern railway seizure in Manchuria had a few encouraging developments and several threatening aspects, says the Associated Press review of last week's events. Moscow named conditions under which it would consent to negotiate a settlement which Nanking rejected. But meanwhile the foreign affairs administration of Manchuria itself went blithely ahead in its negotiations with Russian officials, establishing a neutral 20-mile zone on the border near Manchuli and arranging for virtual resumption of traffic between the Trans-Siberian and the Chinese Eastern roads. The rest of the border country produced its usual crop of trouble reports. One of these was that Mongolians were getting ready to raid Chinese territory. An official call for Siberian reservists to join the colors was sent out by Russian military authorities.

Washington, Aug. 2.—It is confidently expected that the Republican national committee will be called to meet within the next few weeks, mainly for the purpose of electing a national chairman to succeed Dr. Work. Besides, Republicans would like to get together in the near future for an exchange of ideas, and to get a line on how the Hoover administration is making out. Some think Mr. Hoover is not overly popular in the country, and that "times" are not what they should be. Business in many respects is not so good. While Republicans would be very glad to hold a meeting of the national committee to consider the good of the order, the Democrats find themselves in different cases. A meeting of the Democratic committee would inevitably bring on complications. It would be dangerous; it would result in a crisis for the party. It is certain that an effort would be made to "dehorse" National Chairman Raskob, as Senator Simmons has expressed it.

Four men were killed and another is in a hospital, as the result of a swath of death cut by an inoffensive shipping clerk at Spartanburg, S. C., last Thursday, who suddenly became a raving maniac. Deprived of his hand axe, with which he dealt death and destruction, T. Earl Robinson, the clerk was placed in the Spartanburg county jail, and later was taken to the insane asylum at Columbia. Robertson, it is said, had not been well for some time but otherwise appeared normal. He suddenly became insane, and began to slash his co-workers with an axe. He was a clerk in the office of the J. W. Bell Company, grain and flour merchants. His victims were R. H. Day, sales manager or the Bell company; J. L. Bussey, cashier for the company; M. L. Davis, car repairer for the Charleston and Western Carolina Railway, and Thad Shubert, car repairer. Dan Dunlap, negro employe of the Bell company, is suffering with a fractured skull.

High School Principals Conference to Meet Here

Prof. R. E. J. Plummer, county superintendent of schools of Ashe county, has made announcement through the columns of the Ashe County News of the High School Principals' conference which will be in session at Boone on Friday, the 16th of August. The announcement comes following the action of Dr. B. B. Dougherty, of the Normal College, who extended an invitation to the various teachers to come to Boone.

The body of instructors will be superintendents and teachers from the counties of Ashe, Watauga, Avery, Mitchell, Caldwell and Yancey, and prominent figures from the state educational department, and meeting is called primarily for the purpose of discussing and adopting improved teaching methods intended to increase interest and promote generally a better school system for the six counties of western North Carolina, which will be represented. Dr. J. Henry Highsmith will preside at the conference and many vital questions will be discussed by able educational authorities. Every suggestion and move will be carefully considered by the conference, whose ideal is the "Best School System in the United States for North Carolina."

ITEMS TAKEN FROM THE DEMOCRAT OF AUG. 7, 1890

John R. Hodges of Middle Cane was in town one day last week. He thinks the people of Elk will make more corn this year than they have in the two preceding years.

E. Spencer Blackburn has bought the Mountain Post of Elk Park and will begin the publication of a Republican paper in Jefferson soon.

Dr. J. C. Blair of Lenoir was in town this week. The Dr. made a visit to his aged mother who is very low with dropsy.

O. E. Williamson, wife and child of Indianapolis, arrived at the Bryan house last night. They will remain in town for some time.

Prof. W. M. Francum is in town this week and informs us that it is probable he will teach on Beaver Dams beginning September 1.

Reaxton Johnson, an aged citizen of Beaver Dams, died at his home some days since, after a long and painful illness.

R. L. Council and wife arrived here from Tacoma, Wash., Monday. They will make Boone their future home.

Ed Vannoy has moved his telegraph instruments to town and is, with several other boys, learning telegraphy.

Mrs. Pink Matheson of Taylorsville is visiting her aged mother in Watauga who is extremely ill.

On the sixth ballot for solicitor, W. C. Newland was nominated over W. B. Council. The ballot stood eighty-five and two-fifths for Newland and eighty-four and three-fifths for Council, Mr. Newland receiving a majority of four-fifths of a vote. It is charged that McDowell cast twenty-two votes in the convention for Newland, when in fact the county was not entitled to but twenty.

If this is a correct statement Council is the legal nominee. Will the brethren please explain? Judge Bynum was nominated by acclamation.

Mr. F. M. Richards of Johnson City, traveling salesman for John R. Dickey of Bristol, is quite sick with fever at the Bryan house. His father has returned but his mother is still watching at his bedside ministering to his wants. With her tender care and the treatment of our popular physician, Dr. L. C. Reeves, we hope for him a speedy recovery.

Hon. John Richardson of South Carolina spent Sunday in our town.

Graf Zeppelin, mighty German monarch of the air, landed on American soil Sunday, completing its third crossing of the Atlantic within a year. The Graf landed at Naval Air Station, Lakehurst, N. J., Sunday evening at 8:48. Last October the huge dirigible completed its first round trip from its base at Friedrichshafen, Germany, to the navy reservation at Lakehurst, where the naval dirigible Los Angeles has its home. At 5:35 o'clock Sunday afternoon a speck was sighted 11 miles away to the east, and half an hour later the huge silver bag poked its shining nose into the sunset over the field. Maneuvering in salute to a cheering crowd of almost 100,000 persons, the Zeppelin disappeared over the northern horizon and cruised over New York city before returning to the reservation where it landed. The landing was accomplished 95 hours and 19 minutes from the time the ship left its base 4,175 miles distant last Wednesday night.

John Garland Pollard, staunch supporter of the Byrd administration in Virginia and a loyal Democrat in the 1928 presidential campaign, was nominated for governor of Virginia in Tuesday's Democratic primary, troubling his two opponents, G. W. Mapp and Rosewall Page.

NEWS OF ELK AT BLOWING ROCK

Highway Commissioner Doughton Inspects Yonahlossee Road and is Pleased With Progress Being Made in Construction Work

Blowing Rock, Aug. 6.—A. A. Doughton, chairman of the state highway commission, after a thorough inspection of the entire 22 miles of the Yonahlossee road, between Blowing Rock and Linville, expressed himself as well pleased with the progress of construction and believes the completion of the road in October is a reasonable goal in view of the 30 days lost last spring due to the failure of the contractor, W. E. Graham. The contract called for completion in 150 working days, which made September the month of completion.

Mr. Doughton arrived in Blowing Rock Friday, accompanied by C. S. Currier, district engineer, of Winston-Salem; R. L. Gwyn and T. H. Broyhill of Lenoir, and Hugh Chatham of Elkin. They were accompanied from Blowing Rock by A. B. Cole, engineer in charge of construction, and Thomas H. Coffey of Blowing Rock. The road was closely inspected from the point six miles out of Blowing Rock, where the grading shovel shut off traffic to Linville. He did not say, after inspecting the work, whether anything could be done from headquarters to hasten the work.

The contract for the strip of road through Avery and Caldwell counties was let some months ago, but during the winter the contractors failed and the bondsmen took over the construction. The 150 working days which the period of construction was guaranteed not to exceed September, but due to the failure of the contractor and consequent delays, the date will probably be in October.

The road is of strategic importance to this section during the tourist season and is of importance locally to school transportation, being one of the routes for the Blowing Rock school bus.

Mr. Doughton left Blowing Rock after his inspection trip, going from here to his home in Sparta, and thence to his Raleigh office.

Over 100 horses had been entered from Kentucky, Virginia, the Carolinas and Tennessee, two grand stands had been erected, over \$500 in cash prizes and various silver trophies were ready for award, the judge had arrived from Long Island, N. Y., and visitors, riders and contestants were arriving from the Carolina cities and from other states Wednesday morning in readiness for the sixth annual horse show.

Mrs. Z. M. Kooz and little daughter of Winston-Salem are visiting Mrs. Kooz's sister, Mrs. J. Allen Gragg of Blowing Rock this week.

THE LITTLE LOG SCHOOL HOUSE HAS DISAPPEARED

The little log schoolhouse has almost disappeared in North Carolina, according to the state department of public instruction, which issues a statement showing that there were only 28 houses of this type during 1927-28, and all of these used by negro children.

Of this total number 23 were in Caswell county, and one each in Alamance, Durham, Halifax, Person and Vance counties.

The records for 1927-28 further show that there were in use throughout the state 896 rural schoolhouses with brick construction, and 4,856 with frame construction which with the 28 log houses, make a grand total of 5,780 rural schoolhouses in use during the year.

Five years ago there were 7,120 schoolhouses used by rural children, 424 brick, 642 frame and 64 log. Thus within five years there has been erected 472 new brick buildings for the rural boys and girls, whereas there has been a net decrease of 1,786 frame houses.

During the year 1927-28, 176 new rural schoolhouses containing 1,079 classrooms were erected. These buildings cost slightly more than four million dollars, or an average of \$24,000 each. During the preceding year, more than five million dollars were spent in erecting 231 new rural schoolhouses, and costing on an average \$22,000 each.

There is a tendency, as seen from these figures, therefore, for log and frame constructed buildings to disappear, and or better and larger houses constructed of brick to be erected in their stead.

DANIELS WILL SPEAK AT THE NORMAL FRIDAY A. M.

Hon. Josephus Daniels, editor of the News and Observer, and former secretary of the navy, will deliver an address in the auditorium of the Appalachian State Teachers' College Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

College to Open Fall Quarter September 3

Officials at the Normal College make announcement of the opening of the fall quarter on September 3, and coincident with the announcement a bulletin is issued from the office of the registrar giving interesting facts and figures as to the two summer school sessions.

Nine hundred and six students came to the Appalachian College during the two six-week sessions this summer. Of this number 807 were ladies and 99 men. Students came from 72 North Carolina counties and 32 counties of other states. The average radial distance traveled by students coming to Boone being 152 miles. Besides North Carolina, the following states were represented in the student body: Alabama, California, Colorado, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

MUCH BUSINESS DONE AT FARM CONVENTION

Raleigh, Aug. 4.—Governor Gardner's farm program was endorsed, a state-wide plan for agricultural development adopted and a start made in promoting the plan for purebred crop seeds and purebred livestock at the 27th annual session of the state farmers' convention meeting at State College, July 22 to 26.

The work in preparing a state-wide program for agriculture was said to be the most outstanding piece of work done by the convention. At the sectional meetings, the delegates worked long and hard in studying the needs of the state and the best solution of its agricultural problems. The result of this labor was embodied in a series of reports made on the last day and adopted by sections. These reports will be condensed in a publication of the agricultural extension service and published at an early date.

In the resolutions, the farmers called for a further study of rural taxation, encouraged the work of the federal farm loan board, endorsed the county government advisory commission, asked again for further financial aid in securing an eight-months term for public schools, recommended better research facilities for agricultural problems, and called for more respect for law. The ladies also endorsed the governor's agricultural program and put forward Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon to receive national honor because of her work.

OIL EXPERTS AT BOWIE

Since finding indications of oil in the vicinity of Bowie, Ashe county, there has been quite a bit of rumor afloat, but the visit made by real oil experts has added color to the rumor. It is said that the land belonging to Mr. L. N. Keiler of that section has been inspected by two experts, one from Washington, D. C., and the other from Louisville, Ky., who report their findings very favorable, in fact they say they have not seen better indications anywhere than found on the lands inspected.

It seems that the Ashe county citizens are becoming very much interested over the possibilities of oil being found in this county, and well they should be, when one thinks of the wealth to be had from such an industry as this would develop Ashe County News.

ALEX HAGAMAN DEAD

Just as we go to press we learn of the death of our old friend Mr. Alex Hagaman, which occurred at his home in the Beaver Dam section at 8 o'clock yesterday morning. His demise being the result of a stroke of paralysis sustained several weeks ago. Burial services will be conducted today in the cemetery near Bethel church. In the death of Mr. Hagaman the county loses another of its best citizens. He was 73 years of age, public spirited, honest to a cent, a strong friend and above all, a consecrated Christian gentleman, and it could be said of him, he died without an enemy. A widow and several children survive. Mr. Chas. Hagaman of Hickory, among the number.

West Orange, N. J., Aug. 2.—A bespeckled 16-year-old boy who finds marine biology an interesting hobby today was selected as the protege of Thomas A. Edison. Chosen first out of a field of competitors from the 48 states of the union and the District of Columbia, Wilbur B. Huston of Seattle, Wash., will spend the next four years at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the school of his choice, with all expenses paid by the inventor. What Huston answered to each of the long list of questions in the inventor's "genius" test may never be learned as the advisory committee announced that "in fairness to the boys" none of the answers would be made public. Mr. Edison will keep them on file for future reference.

STOCK RAISERS ORGANIZE HERE

Watauga Livestock Association Organized to Foster Livestock Interests in County; Smith Hagaman Named President

The most enthusiastic meeting held in Boone recently and one that bids fair to be a real harbinger of a new era of prosperity, was held on Monday morning in the courthouse when about a hundred representative farmers and business men of the county gathered together for the purpose of forming an organization looking to the intensive fostering of the livestock industry throughout the county.

Mr. G. P. Hagaman opened the session by stating the object of the meeting. This he said was primarily to develop a greater interest in the raising of purebred beef and dairy cattle, sheep and poultry and at the same time to increase the production of cabbage, potatoes and other farm products most adaptable to local conditions. He also referred to the item of feed, insisting that more be produced and that livestock should be produced in sufficient quantities to consume the provender.

County Superintendent Smith Hagaman, who presided over the meeting, pointed out that during the past ten years most of the cattle have left the county and that the quality of those remaining is decidedly lower. He also referred to the fact that Watauga county has half a million dollars' worth of cars which some one must pay for, and that considerably more is required to run the county than formerly. He insisted that we are not now producing enough to meet these increased expenditures. Larger herds of purebred cattle, greater flocks of sheep and more poultry were cited as the great debt-lifters of all time. Watauga county is a great livestock area, natural conditions favor this industry, and with sheep and cattle sufficient for the grazing lands available, Watauga county should be happy and wealthy.

Rev. E. M. Gragg made a short talk, further insisting on the development of the livestock industry, as did Dr. H. B. Perry and others. Mr. John Fox pointed out that he had raised sheep continuously over a period of thirty years, and had always been able to make money from his flocks.

Smith Hagaman was elected president of the Livestock Association, and G. P. Hagaman secretary, and a program will be launched to the end that Watauga county may be made into a great cattle and sheep region.

An executive committee, composed of one member from each township, was named as follows:

- Cove Creek—J. B. Horton.
- Lamont Creek—E. M. Ward.
- Watauga—T. C. Baird.
- Shawnee—Floyd Welsh.
- Boone—G. P. Hagaman.
- Meat Camp—Harrison Baker.
- Stony Fork—Archie Brown.
- Elk—Conley Waters.
- Blowing Rock—R. T. Green.
- Blue Ridge—J. G. Storie.
- Beaver Dam—Clyde Perry.
- Bald Mountain—J. L. Miller.
- North Fork—A. N. Thomas.

BISHOP CANNON'S SON WANTS GOVERNMENT JOB

Washington, Aug. 2.—Edward Lee Cannon, son of Bishop Cannon, Jr., of the Southern Methodist church, leader in the anti-Smith campaign in Virginia, has applied to the department of commerce for a clerical position.

His application, which has not yet been passed upon, said he was 24 years old and was qualified as a typist or for general clerical work. He is a graduate of Duke University.

SPAINHOUR WILL OPEN HICKORY STORE TODAY

The Spainhour-Sydney interests have announced the opening of their new store in Hickory for today, Mr. W. R. Spainhour being for the present the manager of the new business. He will be in charge for a period of about two months, after which time Mr. Stainback, formerly a manager with the Anchor Stores, will assume control.

The Democrat carried an announcement previously as to the purchase of the Baynard store by Spainhours. This business had enjoyed a wide popularity in Hickory, and the new owners will specialize in ladies' ready-to-wear, shoes and accessories.

With the accession of the Hickory concern Spainhours now control four stores, as well as having connections with stores in Winston-Salem, Danville, Va., Petersburg, Va., Williamsburg, Va., Hopewell, Va., and Blackstone, Va. The Hickory store will constitute an important link in the rapidly growing mercantile chain.