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CANNING COMPANY MAY ERECT A NEW FACTORY BUILDING

Manufacturers of Famous Watauga Sauer Kraut Plan Extensive Improvements. Forty-Five Thousand Cases Packed During Present Season. Other Food Products May Be Handled in Future.

The North State Canning Company, manufacturers of Watauga Sauer Kraut, which according to Manager Frank Miller has just completed the most successful year of its existence, is planning extensive improvements and expansion for the new year. The tentative plans include the erection of a modern three-story brick building on the site of the present factory and the installation of new mechanical devices for the cutting, handling and packing of the hundreds of tons of cabbage annually converted into kraut.

Mr. Miller further states that if these plans materialize, several other food products, including old-time hominy, will be manufactured. During the eight years that the kraut factory has been running more and more customers have been added to its lists, and today, unless facilities are improved, this splendid growth will of necessity be retarded. The dimensions of the proposed new building are 25x100 feet, and the three floors would be arranged for the handling of the different products without interference, one with the other.

During the present season it is expected that in excess of 45,000 cases of kraut will be packed, and possibly four thousand cases of juice, which has become quite popular as a morning appetizer. Several large vats have not as yet been placed in containers and exact figures are not obtainable. Last year's pack netted 40,000 cases, which found ready sale in the markets of six Southern States.

Mr. Miller says that "Babe 31" was ushered in by a flood of new orders, and that so far in the month his business shows a great improvement over that of a year ago. He is of the opinion that the national depression is subsiding and that business conditions will steadily ascend during the year. In the event that the new building is erected and new products added to the manufacture of the North State Canning Company, the factory will run practically the year around, and it is understood that the number of names of the payroll will be increased. At present the manufacture of kraut consumes only about five months of the calendar year.

W. S. Frantz Dies After Long Illness

Mr. W. S. Frantz, aged 79 years, died at his home at Vilas, Monday, after having been in declining health for a number of years. Funeral services were conducted from the Willowdale Baptist Church Tuesday at 11 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. H. A. Hicks, who was assisted by Rev. A. J. Greene. Burial was in the cemetery which adjoins the church property.

Surviving are the widow and three children, R. H. Edward and Jennie Frantz, all of whom are residents of the State of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Frantz was born in McKeesport, Chester County, Pennsylvania, and was married to Miss Rose Edna Dugger of Vilas, August 19, 1924, since which time he had made his home in Watauga County. He had been a member of the Willowdale Baptist Church for almost four years. He was a scholarly gentleman and made friends rapidly throughout this section. In his death the county loses one of its most outstanding citizens.

Building and Loan Celebrates Birthday

The Watauga Building and Loan Association carries an advertisement on page eight of this issue relative to the 100th anniversary of the organization, and the matter contained therein is most instructive and entertaining. Secretary Gragg says the sales of stock are going forward in a fine manner, and is very hopeful of the outlook. An accountant from the firm of C. A. Stevens, Lenoir, is now engaged in making the annual audit of the books, and the full report will be carried in The Democrat next week.

JUNIOR ORDER TO HOLD SPECIAL MEETING MONDAY

W. O. Robertson, secretary, announces that a special meeting of the Junior Order, United American Mechanics, will be held in the hall over Boone Feed Company next Monday evening, 7:30 o'clock. Every member is urged to be present, as matters of vital importance to the local organization will be discussed.

May be Hoover Choice



Ashmun Brown, Washington correspondent of the Providence Journal, who is thought the likeliest selection as Secretary to the President.

FARTHING NAMED CASHIER OF BANK AT BLOWING ROCK

Prominent Boone Citizen Has Taken Charge of the Management of the Resort Town Bank. A. C. Moody New President. Backed by Strong Board. J. T. Miller's Resignation Preceded the Reorganization.

At an annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Blowing Rock which was held last Friday evening, J. T. Miller, cashier of the institution for many years, tendered his resignation, as did Miss Ellen Coffey, assistant cashier, both resignations to become effective immediately. The meeting was called to order by T. H. Coffey, vice-president, and following the presentation of the two resignations, the following were elected as the board of directors: W. L. Holshouser, A. C. Moody, G. C. Robbins, H. C. Hayes, Frank Edmisten, S. T. Isenhour and Herbert Stewart. The directors went into executive session and A. C. Moody was named president, Gravel C. Robbins, vice-president, W. D. Farthing of Boone, cashier, and Miss Dorothy Hayes, assistant cashier.

A report of the bank was presented by Mr. Miller, retiring cashier, which showed the business to be in a sound and health condition.

Mr. Farthing went to Blowing Rock Tuesday and began his new duties. Mr. Miller will remain in the bank until the first of the month, and after that time it is understood he will go into some kind of business for himself. The newly-appointed cashier will maintain his residence in Boone and go back and forth to his work in the neighboring town. The board of directors is composed of the leading business men of that section and the officials will conduct the institution in a safe and sound manner. Mr. Farthing was clerk of the Court for eight years, assistant cashier of the Watauga County Bank for six years, postmaster in Boone for about four years, and is eminently fitted for the responsible position he occupies. He is a fine business man and it is expected that backed by the strong board of directors, the Bank of Blowing Rock will enjoy an unprecedented growth during his administration of its affairs.

Frank Miller Manager Boone Hardware Co.

Mr. Frank Miller is now managing the affairs of the Boone Hardware Company, following the voluntary retirement of J. Frank Moore, who has been the popular manager of the business since its organization about ten years ago. Mr. Moore left on the 11th without announcement of his destination and for reasons known only to himself, requesting Mr. Miller to take charge of his affairs.

The annual inventory of the stock is now being completed and shows that the business is in fine condition, that the stock is worth par and above, and that the amount of the resources is satisfactorily large. Mr. Miller will remain as manager for the present time.

MOUNTAINEERS WIN EASY VICTORY OVER CULLOWHEE

The Appalachian State Mountaineers defeated Western Carolina teachers in Boone Tuesday night by winning a 40-to-24 basket ball victory. Kermit Hinson led the attack for the Mountaineers with 12 points while Watson scored 10 points for the visitors. Coach Johnny Johnson held several of his regulars in check during part of the game. Appalachian will meet East Tennessee Teachers here this (Wednesday) night, and Catawba, leaders in the Little Seven Conference on Saturday night, in what is expected to be the hardest game of the season.

Chas. Lowrance Killed; Struck by Whirling Saw

Charles Lowrance, 41 years old deputy sheriff and prominent citizen of the Valle Crucis section, met instant death last Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock, while sawing wood near the home of Mr. C. D. Taylor. Mr. Lowrance, together with Leroy, Monroe and Thomas Herman and Gordon Taylor, was just finishing the day's work with the wood saw, according to reports, when the saw, being driven at a terrific rate of speed by a tractor, broke loose from the frame, mandrel and all, whirled through the short intervening space and struck Lowrance between the month and chin, completely decapitating him, the head rolling several feet away from the body. Gordon Taylor, who was assisting in cutting the cordwood, was almost struck by the deadly disk.

Mr. Lowrance was a prosperous farmer and had served for about

three years in the capacity of deputy sheriff. He was one of the most substantial citizens of the Valle Crucis region and contributed a full share to the betterment of the community in which he labored. He was a model citizen and his neighbors say that if he possessed an enemy it was not known. He was a faithful member of Clarke Creek Baptist Church. His death and the manner of his going brought a distinct shock to his friends and acquaintances throughout the county.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon from the home by Rev. Ed Hodges, Baptist minister, and interment was in the family graveyard. A large crowd was present at the services, many coming on foot for miles over highways, which could not be traveled by vehicles, to pay their respects to the memory of deceased. Surviving are a widow and seven children.

Committee Posts of Watauga's Solons

From the printed reports of committee assignments of the General Assembly, just issued, it appears that Watauga law-makers received a large number of appointments. Representative Roby Greer was named on six committees, as follows: Banks and Banking, Conservation and Development, Counties Cities and Towns, Finance, Public Roads, Salaries and Fees.

Senator W. R. Lovill was named on thirteen committees: Agriculture, Appropriations, Labor and Commerce, Conservation and Development, Consolidated Statutes, Constitutional Amendments, Education, Election Laws, Enrolled Bills (chairman), Institutions for the Deaf, Insurance, Rules, Senate Expenditures (chairman).

A. L. Parsons Succumbs To Stroke of Paralysis

Mr. A. L. Parsons, 54, died at his home in Boone Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock, following a stroke of paralysis which occurred on last Thursday. Mr. Parsons had been in ill health for the past eight months, had suffered two other strokes, and was confined to his room during that time.

He was a native of the Mount Pleasant section of Wilkes County, but had lived in Boone for about six years. He is survived by the widow and six children, Gwynn, Ruby and Edith Parsons, all residents of Boone.

Mr. Parsons was a salesman for the Singer Sewing Machine Company for many years, but his last active work had been with Woodruff Novelty Company here. He was a substantial citizen and had made a host of friends in the county who will learn of his demise with sorrow.

Funeral services were held from Boone Baptist Church, of which he was a member, Monday afternoon, Rev. P. A. Hicks, pastor, and Rev. Sebastian of Wilkesboro, being in charge of the rites. Burial followed in Boone Cemetery.

Two Aged Inmates of County Home Succumb

Elva Church, 80 years of age, an inmate of the County Home, died at that place on Wednesday of last week. Old age and its infirmities was given as the cause of her demise. The body was claimed by relatives, and burial took place near Mabel Thursday afternoon. Deceased was committed to the home last spring, and had been suffering from a mental derangement for several months.

Calvin Greer, whose age is given at around 90, and who had been an inmate of the institution for many years, passed away Saturday morning. He was a former resident of the Stony Fork section. He had been in declining health for several months and his death was not unexpected. The emaciated body was not claimed by near relatives, and Sunday was consigned to the grave in the cemetery provided for the county's unfortunates.

Local Artists Will Be Heard at Banner Elk

Lees-McRae College at Banner Elk will present Remmel Porter, violinist, assisted by Ruth Coffey, in a benefit concert at 8 o'clock Saturday evening, January 24th. It will be much appreciated if friends of the college will attend, and they are assured a musical program worth while. Mr. Porter and Miss Coffey are experienced musicians, well and favorably known in concert work.

LOVILL NAMED TO HEAD IMPORTANT COMMITTEE TUES.

Boone Man Chosen Chairman of Reorganization Group. In Spot Light Twice. Introduces Measure Proposing Sales Tax on Luxuries in State. Shotguns, Cigarettes and Candy Among Items.

Raleigh.—Senator W. R. Lovill, of Boone, was named in the 15-minute session of the North Carolina Senate Tuesday morning by Lieutenant Governor Fountain to head the reorganization committee of the Senate, that will look-step with a similar committee of the house, of which E. B. Jeffress is chairman, in feeling the way for what may be big changes in State government.

Other members of this committee are: A. A. Hicks, of Greenville, J. W. Hindsdale, H. L. Price, W. M. Henderson, W. G. Clarke, John Folger, K. R. Nixon and W. F. Ward.

Senator Lovill had the time given in his seat twice today, once for being chairman of this important new committee and the other by virtue of introducing another variety of luxury sales tax aimed principally at shotguns and cigarettes. The shotguns he would tax at the rate of \$1 a hundred pounds and the cigarettes at one cent for each package that sells for five cents or under and one cent additional for each additional five cents in retail price or fraction thereof.

Other items on which this bill proposes a levy, all for the support of a constitutional six-months school term are: Shells and cartridges; candy; playing cards, snuff, chewing and other manufactured tobacco. The jobs, wholesalers and retailers are required by this proposed measure to have the stamps on the packages within 72 hours after they have received same unless manufacturers had previously placed them there, which may be done in case the goods are manufactured in North Carolina. There are certain exceptions to the 72-hour rule for unbroken cases set forth in the document which suggests a measure of leniency on those who will put the stamps on the goods.

Embryo Radio Creates Excitement at College

Today, down at the Y. M. C. A. office at the Appalachian State College, a little radio no larger than a mouse-trap was bringing in distant stations as far away as Cincinnati, Detroit and Chicago. The little outfit is the result of some experimentation which Kelly G. Miles, a radio student, has been making.

It can easily be carried in the vest pocket and requires no electricity to operate. Although its life history dates back only to January 9th, it has as yet to bring in its first static. The voices of Amos and Andy have been "trapped" too successfully that every word could be heard. Glen Hickman, president of the "Y," states that visitors are welcome to see the music trap at any time.

Change in Personnel Of Boone Feed Store

Messrs. Charles Younce and J. R. Gragg have purchased the interest of W. D. Farthing and Howard Mast in the Boone Feed Company, according to an announcement made Tuesday. Mr. Farthing, who has been actively identified with the business for some years, relinquished his holdings in order to accept the position of cashier of the Bank of Blowing Rock. Messrs. Gragg and Younce are now sole owners of the establishment and joint managers.

Boone Is Listed Among Towns Defaulting in Settlement of Bonds

An Associated Press dispatch from Raleigh, carried in all the State papers under date of January 19, carries the information that twelve North Carolina counties, and 20 cities and towns have defaulted in the payment of the interest or principal of their notes and bonds, according to an announcement of the State Sinking Fund Commission. The Town of Boone is listed among those who have failed to meet their obligations.

The Board of Aldermen and Mayor of the Town of Boone cite this condition as being wholly caused by the failure of a large part of the taxpayers to make even partial payment of their taxes to the town. The board has been criticized as being "harsh" in matters of collection, when the methods used were merely for the purpose of trying to save the town. The Board and other right-thinking people of the town realize the seriousness of the situation caused by this delinquency, and notice is officially given that the taxes must be paid. Officials have been kind enough to grant taxpayers the privilege of paying a part of the amount of the receipt, and now they insist again that the citizens had better pay PART now than to be forced at a later date to pay the lump sum into the hands of a receiver. TAKE YOUR CHOICE!

BABSON CHECK PLAN HAS BEEN LAUNCHED HERE

"Prosperity Checks," Each Designed to Pay as Many as Ten Obligations. Are Now Going the Round of Business Houses. Bankers Endorse New Plan, Which Is Expected to Promote Business Revival.

A number of the citizens of Boone, "got together" last Friday and instituted the Babson system of debt paying, with the co-operation of both the banks and now perhaps as many as a dozen of the "prosperity checks" have been issued and are going the rounds. The checks are made out in the sum of ten dollars or less, and caused to be certified before they are first presented. Each check provides space for ten endorsements, and it is expected under the plan that checks be held not longer than 24 hours by any one person, and that they shall not be offered any bank for deposit until at least ten endorsements have been written. They will then be payable at either of the banks.

Roger Babson, the noted statistician, who originated the plan now being used in many small cities, figured that a few small checks circulating rapidly would pay off debts that in the aggregate would be enormous. In a town where everybody owes everybody else the indebtedness would be canceled and prosperity would come. Mr. Babson was quoted as saying that by the time each check had on its back all the endorsements it would hold, the residents of a town of from five to ten thousand people would be practically out of debt.

Under the plan, a ten-dollar check, for instance, would have to pay \$100 in debts or in trade before it could be deposited, and local bankers are enthusiastic over the new movement. Interest is growing, and it is expected that within the next few days no less than 25 will be in circulation here.

Christians Associations Give Chapel Program

Among the finest organizations of the Appalachian State Teachers College are the Young Women's and Young Men's Christians Associations. They hold up standards of conduct and enter fields of activity that will wield a large influence for good in North Carolina.

Yesterday morning at the weekly association chapel program, the subject was "Divine Love." Miss Jessie Mae Triplett of Watauga County read St. Paul's idealization of love, in the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians, and led the seven hundred and fifty students in prayer. Miss Nancy Caldwell of Lincoln County was pianist, Miss Lois Whitesides of Buncombe County and Mr. Alton Young of Yancey, sang a duet, with Miss Ruth Averet of Robeson at the piano. Miss Virginia Wary also gave a delightful piano solo.

W. RALPH WINKLER BUYS CHEVROLET GARAGE, AGENCY

Manager of Central Tire Company Becomes Owner of Local Agency for Chevrolet Cars Under Terms of Saturday Trade. Will Devote Most of Time to New Business. To Render Complete Service.

W. Ralph Winkler, manager of the Central Tire Company and pioneer garage man of this city, on Saturday closed a deal whereby he assumes the agency for Chevrolet automobiles in this city and also takes over the shop and equipment of the Boone Chevrolet Company who have handled and serviced the cars since their introduction into this city. The deal was made subject to the approval of General Motors Corporation, and the building remains in the hands of the former owners, Mr. Winkler having secured a lease for twelve months with privilege of purchase. Mr. Winkler will devote the principal part of his time to his new interests while Edwin Hodges will be active manager for the Central Tire Company.

Messrs. W. T. Payne, A. E. South and L. L. Brigham were the members of the old firm from whom the purchase was made. They had been in the Chevrolet business for several years and have placed hundreds of the popular cars on the roads of this section.

The new owner plans extensive improvements in the sales rooms and mechanical department and in order that this work may be completed, the house will be closed until February 1. During the intervening time, arrangements for washing cars will be made. Hints will be dug to facilitate repairs and greasing, and the office and salesrooms rearranged. Mr. Winkler expects to go to Charlotte next week, where he will purchase the complete line of Chevrolet parts, and the same degree of service will be rendered Chevrolet users here as in the larger cities. Firestone tires will be added, batteries and other accessories will be handled, and washing and greasing will be another new feature.

Mr. Winkler has had 15 years' experience in the automobile business in Boone, and expects to push the sales of new cars during this remainder of the winter and spring. During the period in which the garage will be closed, the affairs of the agency will be conducted from the Central Tire Company. Mr. Joe Greer has been retained as foreman of the shop but no sales force has as yet been employed.

Girls Basket Ball Team Wins Over Cullowhee

Appalachian State's great girls basket ball team went to Cullowhee Monday night and routed through Western Carolina Teachers College, 16 to 12, before a fair-sized crowd. The invaders, coached by Mrs. Elizabeth Crow, led from the start and were never in danger.

Preston, Appalachian center, ran the floor beautifully and was the spear head of the winning attack. She registered 12 points. Johnson, flashy forward, accounted for 28 points. Appalachian's line-up included Johnson, forward; Hatcher, forward; Preston, center; Powles, Garison and Steshman, guards. Substitutions for the locals were Reeves and Thornberg.

Many Watauga People Attend Dula Funeral

The following Watauga people attended the funeral of Dr. Alfred W. Dula in Lenoir last week:

Mrs. C. D. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Baird, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mast, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Baird, Mrs. Leona Mast, Mrs. Daisy Mast Greer, all of Valle Crucis; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mast, of Boone; Clint Baird, Appalachian State College; L. H. Mast, Miss Nora Mast and A. N. Mast of Zionville; Mrs. W. F. Sherwood of Sherwood, and Mrs. Finley Mast of Valle Crucis.

RETURN FROM CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Greer, of Zionville, have returned to their home at that place after spending two and a half months with relatives at Patton, Calif. They were accompanied by a son, Theodore Greer, who spent three days in his native county before returning to the far West. The trip was made by auto, and the drive of near three thousand miles was negotiated in a little more than five days. Mr. Greer was carried away with Southern California and had intended to spend several more months there, but Mrs. Greer's health was affected by the climate, necessitating an early return to Watauga, which she believes to be the very best county in the Union.