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## SEN. W. R. LOVILL SPEAKS AT LOVE FEAST IN CAPITAL

Watauga Solon Waxes Eloquent as He Delivers Address on Presentation of Senate Gift to Chief Clerk LeRoy Martin. Recounts Civil War Story, and Is Given a New Appellation for Oratory.

By M. R. DUNNAGAN  
Raleigh, N. C.—Senator William R. Lovill, of Watauga County, "sprung one" on the North Carolina Senate at the "love feast" held last Wednesday night while presents were being presented, in his oratory occasioned by his presentation to LeRoy Martin, principal clerk, a set of silver plates as a gift from the Senators. Now, in addition to the "Grand Old Man of the Mountains," he has the additional appellation of, "The Blue Ridge Orator."

He took occasion to speak in glowing terms particularly of the men he had known before he came to the Senate, including Senator Grier, of Iredell, Senator Hendren of Forsyth, and, as he put it, by proxy, Senator John H. Folger of Surry. Also, he waxed eloquent in his laudation of Principal Clerk Martin, recalling that he was born at the old Marion home within one mile of Pilot Mountain in Surry County, and has two uncles, John and Eli Davis, residents of Yadkin County.

Senator Lovill lauded Senator Grier for his steadfast character and honorable and manly traits. He told of an incident in which Senator Hendren had aided him in a matter in Winston-Salem, saying "If you all knew Will Hendren as well as I do, you could not help but love him dearly."

"I did not know Senator Folger until I came here to this session, but I want to recall an incident which draws me near and dear to him. It was his uncle, Rom Folger, sturdy, honorable and brave, who picked up my father, who had been shot through both lips on the battlefield at Gettysburg and left to die, carried him bodily to a safe place, made him comfortable and returned to the firing line. But for that incident, I would not be here today. How can I help loving any relative of Rom Folger. Anything that John Folger, his nephew, wants that I can do for him, will be done without hesitation or question."

Senator Lovill said in the course of his remarks that he was related to Principal Clerk Martin, though he probably did not know it, and that he along with all the Senators had come to love and respect their official.

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## SILVERSTONE BOY DIES SUDDENLY

Andy Greer, 14-year-old Son of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Greer, Succumbs to Spinal Meningitis. Funeral Friday at Union.

Andrew Greer, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Greer, Silverstone, was found dead in bed Thursday morning following an attack Wednesday of what is believed to have been cerebral meningitis. The youth had complained all day Wednesday of a terrible headache, and the father had ridden to the home of a doctor nearby, procured some headache or cold tablets, administered them to his son, and put him to bed late in the afternoon. The boy stated that they had relieved him to a certain extent, and went to sleep. The mother waked early Thursday morning, and seeing one of his feet out from under the cover, went to the bed to replace the blankets. When she touched the limb she observed that it was cold and stiff. Death had probably occurred some four hours previous.

The deceased youth was a member of the Baptist Church, had a pleasing disposition, and was well-liked by his young associates. Besides the parents, he is survived by the following brothers and sisters, all of whom reside in Watauga: Ed Greer, Hubert Greer, Mrs. Charles Miller, Mrs. James Warren, Robert Greer, and one small sister and one brother whose names could not be learned.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Union Baptist Church, and the body was interred in the nearby cemetery. Rev. Roby Eggers was in charge of the rites.

## YOUNG TAR HEEL FARMERS TO MEET AT COVE CREEK ON SAT.

On account of the speaking contest in Asheville the meeting of Young Tar Heel Farmers was postponed until Saturday night, the 8th. It will be held in the agricultural room of Cove Creek School, beginning at 7:30 o'clock sharp. Every member is urged to be present and to be on time. Several important matters are to be discussed: attending State camp, project work, talks by boys who made trip to Asheville, etc. Young farmers will play baseball at Mabel on Saturday afternoon.

## Baseball Candidate



William H. McCarthy, former Pacific Coast leaguer, may succeed the late E. S. Barnard as president of the American Baseball League.

## CLASS OF THIRTY TO RECEIVE B. S. DEGREES FRIDAY

Commencement at Appalachian Teachers College Marks End of Most Successful Term of Institution. Final Enrollment Was 836. Dean Rankin Expects Large Attendance at Summer School.

A class of thirty men and women will be graduated at the Appalachian State Teachers College Friday morning, and the Bachelor of Science Degree in Education will be conferred. At this time Dr. Holland Holton of Duke University will deliver the address and an interesting program has been outlined for the occasion.

The dean of the college, Dr. J. D. Rankin, in commenting on the college year just closing opined that the session was an outstandingly successful one. He points out that the enrollment of 836 establishes a record, and that the graduating class is the largest in the history of the college.

The first term of summer school will open on the 9th and Dean Rankin is of the opinion that the attendance will be large. Many reservations have been made in the dormitories as well as in the city, but no figures are available as to the total applicants at this time.

## Traffic Markers Receive New Paint and Lettering

Mr. A. F. Swift, manager of Swift's Sign Shop, and one of the city's newest citizens, is doing his share toward making Boone look her best this summer. On Monday morning Mr. Swift went to Mayor Swift and broke the good news that if all the traffic signs and markers in the town were taken up and brought to his shop, each of them should be treated to new paint and lettering. And Mayor Swift was, of course, quick to accept Mr. Swift's kind offer; one of the policemen was delegated to look after the task, and now stop signs, speed limit markers, traffic posts, etc., are under the expert treatment of the sign painter. The latter part of this week, they will again make their appearance, all dolled up in new "spring clothes." The best part of the story was omitted—Mr. Swift is doing the job free gratis.

## Mrs. Hatley Succumbs To Pneumonia Attack

Mrs. Isaac W. Hatley, age 70, died Monday morning at her home in the Shulls Mills section, after a short illness with pneumonia. Funeral services were conducted from the Valle Crucis Methodist Church at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, by the pastor, Rev. H. M. Wellman, following which interment was in the East cemetery.

Surviving are the husband and eight children: George M., of Hudson; John W. of Watauga; Wash, Will F., of Hudson; Robert L., of Blair, S. C.; Fred R., of Shulls Mills; Mrs. Mary Clarke, Banners Elk; Lula Elizabeth Hatley, Shulls Mills; Ethel Hatley Maime, Shulls Mills. Twenty-seven grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, one sister and one brother also survive.

Mrs. Hatley was a member of one of the prominent families of the county. She was born at Granite Falls, Caldwell County, but has been a resident of Watauga since 1911. She had been a consistent member of the Valle Crucis Methodist Church for 20 years, was loved by the entire community, and friends and neighbors grieve with the family in their great loss.

Rev. Johnny Greene, new pastor at Boone Adventist Church, preached his first sermons last Sunday morning and evening, and those who attended state that the young minister brought to his audiences most excellent lessons. The public is cordially invited to hear him next Sunday morning and evening.

## Mattie Bentley the Victim of Gruesome Murder; Stone Makes Confession; No Bail

What is thought to be the largest crowd ever to attend a magistrate's trial in Boone, assembled in the courthouse Monday afternoon, when Clint Stone was haled before Justice E. N. Hahn on a charge of murder, growing out of the slaying of Mattie Bentley last Thursday. No less than five hundred persons were present, but the hearing was of short duration, the defendant having been committed to jail to be held for Superior Court without the privilege of bail, after Deputy Sheriff Clint Norris testified that Stone had made a voluntary confession of the crime on Sunday. According to the testimony, Stone expressed a desire to "come clean" with the whole thing, and then related how he had become enraged when the deceased woman wrote letters demanding sums of money, how he "became madder and madder" and "decided to get her out of the way." He then told of the meeting on the mountainside, and gave the deputy an account of a heated argument, following which he said he shot the woman in the breast. His confession indicated that he didn't recall firing a second time, "but guessed he did." Messrs. Bingham and Linney appeared for the State and recommended the commitment without bail.

### STORY OF THE TRAGEDY

For the second time within a period of two years, grim tragedy stalked on a mountain trail in Stony Fork township, this time snuffing out the life of a woman. On a high mountain near the Ashe-Watauga line, not more than one mile from where Andy Johnson met his gruesome end in 1929, one of the most brutal crimes in the county's history was committed sometime Thursday morning when Mattie Bentley, age about 48, was shot and killed from ambush. Two loads from a 12-gauge shotgun pierced her body, one in the back, the other in the right breast. The body was discovered by Earl Greene,

young son of Jim Greene, near night-fall Thursday evening, slumped in a fence corner, rigid in death.

Dr. J. B. Hagaman, Coroner, was summoned, an inquest was held on the lonely summit of the mountain near midnight. More than one hundred residents of Ashe and Watauga were present. Jim Greene, the first witness called, testified that he was working in a field some three hundred yards from the scene of the tragedy, about 8:30 Thursday morning, when he heard the agitated voices of a man and woman, followed by the report of a shotgun. An instant later a woman screamed, "Lord have mercy." Then the gun fired again and everything became quiet. Realizing that something was wrong, the man started in the direction of the shots, came within fifty feet of the body, and abandoned the search. About five o'clock his young son found the mutilated remains.

Floyd Greene, Callie Greer, Will Watson and Frank Bentley, young son of the murdered woman, testified to incidents leading up to the tragedy. All four of them maintained that the Bentley woman had lived in constant fear of Clint Stone, a neighbor, for the past several weeks. Floyd Greene stated that on Wednesday she told him that "There's no use telling a lie about it, Clint Stone is going to kill me if he ever gets a chance." Mrs. Greer recounted a similar conversation with the woman, and Watson told the coroner that she left his house thirty minutes previous to the murder, after telling her and his wife that she was "afraid Stone would kill her that day." Stone, according to this witness, passed by the house in the same direction ten minutes previous, carrying his gun.

Dr. Hagaman, after hearing these witnesses, ordered Deputy Sheriff Clint Norris to place Stone under arrest. He was found at his mother's home nearby about one o'clock Friday morning. When told that he must go to Boone, the man, who is alleged to be of shady character,

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## STONY FORK MAN KNIFED IN BRAWL SATURDAY NIGHT

Guy Carlton Receives Near-Fatal Wounds in What Is Said to Have Been a Drunken "Free-for-All." Preliminary Trial Before Justice Hahn Tuesday. Trio Bound Over to Superior Court.

Cornelius Watson, Calvin Watson and Guy Carlton, of Stony Fork Township, were arraigned Tuesday evening before Justice Hahn on charges growing out of what is alleged to have been a drunken brawl of last Saturday night, at which time Carlton received near-fatal knife wounds, said to have been inflicted by Cornelius Watson. A cut across from one shoulder to another, an ugly stab in the back of the neck and cuts in the arms constituted his principal injuries, none of which are calculated to prove serious. No motive is assigned for the assault, officers stating that it was the result of a drunken quarrel.

Justice Hahn disposed of the case by sending the three defendants to Superior Court on charges of possessing and transporting liquor, drunkenness and assault with deadly weapon. Appearance bonds of \$500 were required, in default of which Cornelius and Calvin Watson were remanded to jail.

## HOW TO RAISE 20 TONS OF CABBAGE TO THE ACRE EXPLAINED BY EXPERT

The following "recipe" for growing twenty tons of late cabbage on an acre of Watauga soil has been prepared by H. R. Niswonger, extension horticulturist at the State College:

(1) Plant Reed's strain of Danish Ball Head.  
(2) Grow plants in plant bed. One-half pound of seed to 1,500 square feet of plant bed will give enough plants for one acre of cabbage. Sow seed shallow and not too thick. Cover seed bed after planting with a litter of leaves or straw to prevent forming a crust on seed bed. Make two or more seed sowings. Previous to planting seed, broadcast 50 pounds of lime and 50 pounds of 8-4-4 or 7-5-5 fertilizer well worked in soil. If cabbage maggot has been troublesome, sow the seed in rows and after plants are well up sprinkle the rows at base of plants with corrosive sublimate—one gallon to every 30 feet of row. Corrosive sublimate is made by dissolving 1

## FEWER THAN 100 BALLOTS CAST IN BOONE ELECTION

New City Officials Will Take Over Reins of City Government at Once. No Opposition Ticket was Presented and Light Voting Results. One Member of Old Board Will Again Serve.

A few more than four-score ballots were counted Tuesday evening, following the municipal election in which only the regular Democratic ticket was entered. This lack of opposition accounted for the small interest taken in the balloting.

Frank Miller received high vote, 84 ballots having been tabulated opposite his name as a member of the new Board of Aldermen; R. L. Clay received 82, while Dr. H. B. Perry, the only member of the former council coming up for re-election, polled 80. J. M. Moretz was elected Mayor, with 81 votes.

The new Mayor and his board will take over the affairs of the town immediately, however, no announcement is made as to plans of the council. General opinion is, however, that a strong bond has been elected and that with the co-operation of the citizenship, and continued strict economy, the affairs of the city will be managed in a highly satisfactory manner.

## Contest Winner



EARL HENSON

## COVE CREEK BOY WINS HONORS IN ASHEVILLE MEET

Earl Henson, of Vilas, Gets Judges' Decision as Young Tar Heel Farmers Debate in Mountain Metropolis. Subject, "The Machine Age and Its Effect Upon the American Farmer."

Earl Henson, 16-year-old student of the Cove Creek High School, was the winner of the Young Tar Heel Farmers' public speaking contest for Western North Carolina, held at the courthouse in Asheville Friday afternoon. Thirteen rural schools in the district entered the contest and seven were represented at the Asheville meeting.

"The Machine Age and Its Effect Upon the American Farmer" was the subject of young Henson's speech. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Henson, Vilas, takes a great interest in the vocational agriculture course given at the Cove Creek school, and is destined, so his tutors say, to become a real "dirt farmer." He will represent the Western District in the State contest to be held in Raleigh late in the summer season. If he is successful over his opponents, he will be given a chance to compete in a national debate for the honor of champion farm boy debater of America.

The judges of the contest were Miss Nancy Morrison, O. S. Dillard and C. E. Bohannon. Sixteen boys of the Cove Creek High School entered the preliminaries and Howard Walker, agricultural teacher, brought four of the winners to Asheville. Each speaker was given ten minutes for his talk. Young Henson was the only one to talk from his school, and the Asheville papers of Saturday were loud in their praise of the manner in which he put across his argument.

Mr. Walker has had a most successful year as head of the vocational agriculture department at Cove Creek, and his class of boys are taking great pride in their work. During the summer months they will tend several acres of diversified crops, in order to become thoroughly familiar with the practical side of America's greatest industry.

## Mother of J. L. Qualls Dies From Paralysis

Mrs. Margaret D. Qualls, of Collettsville, Tenn., aged mother of Mr. J. L. Qualls of this city, died at her home last Sunday, following a light stroke of paralysis, which occurred two weeks previous. Her son was in close attendance at the bedside during the whole of her last illness, returning to Boone Tuesday.

Funeral services were conducted Monday and burial took place in Okolona Cemetery, near Livingstone, Tenn.

Mrs. Qualls was born and spent her early life near Montezuma, a daughter of the late John Gragg. She was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church for many years, and was a consecrated Christian lady, and her many friends in this and adjoining counties will hear of her demise with sorrow.

Since the death of her husband, which occurred twelve years ago, Mrs. Qualls had made her home with a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ben Qualls. Five children survive: J. L. Qualls, of Boone; Burr Qualls, of Livingston, Tenn.; Lonnie Qualls of Kansas City; Mrs. John Mathews of Kansas City, and Mrs. Foster Boman, of Springfield, Tenn.

There will be a special service at Henson's Chapel next Sunday, the pastor, Rev. H. M. Wellman, preaching upon a theme appropriate to the occasion. A special music program has been arranged, and a special invitation to every member who lives near enough to come is extended by Rev. Wellman.

There will be services at Mabel Church in the afternoon at 3 o'clock.

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## JENKINS' ARREST GIVES CLUE BAND OF STORE ROBBERS

Ashe County Man and Wife Now Being Held in Ashe County Jail on Sinister Charges. Search Warrants Reveal Quantities of Merchandise in Dwelling. Eller McNeil Recognizes Cost Mark on Carton.

John Jenkins, resident of the Creston community in Ashe County, was placed in the Jefferson jail last Sunday, his wife who was formerly Miss Josephine Lovill of Boone, was imprisoned a few days previous, the charges including check flashing, forgery, etc., and with the arrest of the former, coupled with subsequent findings, it is believed that a clue has been established which will lead to the complete unearthing of the mystery which has surrounded the robbery of numbers of stores throughout Watauga County, and Johnson County, Tennessee, as well as in Ashe County.

Sheriff Kuel Madron of Johnson County, it is said, first found evidence leading to the suspicion of Jenkins in connection with store breaking. He held a warrant for his arrest, apprehended him near Mabel in Watauga County, and searched his automobile when it was deserted and when various bits and augurs were found in the vehicle, it was immediately recalled that the method of entering the mercantile establishments had been by boring from beneath the floor—an almost noiseless method.

Eller McNeil, of Rutherford, who was the victim of a wholesale robbery a few weeks ago, a section of the floor having been removed by borings, sought the aid of the Sheriff's office and he, in company with Deputy H. A. Hagaman and an Ashe County official, secured a search warrant on Tuesday and made a thorough survey of the Jenkins home at Creston. Mr. McNeil states that quantities of merchandise of various descriptions were found throughout the house, and that while he was reasonably sure of his ownership of some of the wearing apparel, he couldn't have testified to them, as all labels and containers had been removed. However, a carton containing an inner tube, carried his cost mark, which he was able to positively identify.

The Rutherford merchant recalled an incident to The Democrat which occurred some time before his store was entered, which appears to be an important link in the chain of evidence which is rapidly forming. A man and lady stopped at his store to purchase gasoline. While he was transacting the business with the lady, the man walked away to the

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## OFFICERS B. & L. NAMED TUESDAY

Optimistic Meeting of Building and Loan Association. Stock Well Represented. Officers Named for Coming Year.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Watauga Building and Loan Association was held in the B. & L. offices in the Bank Building Tuesday afternoon. A majority of the stock was represented either in person or by proxy and a harmonious helpful and enthusiastic meeting resulted.

Officers re-elected were: W. W. Mast, president; L. A. Greer, vice-president; W. H. Gragg, secretary-treasurer. A board of directors was named, consisting of the following members: G. P. Hagaman, W. W. Mast, C. M. Critcher, H. G. Farthing, R. L. Bingham, W. L. Holshouser, L. A. Greer, W. H. Gragg, R. H. Hardin, A. W. Smith, John E. Brown and W. D. Farthing.

This year, it was said, 146 shares of stock, representing \$14,600 will be matured. Profits on prepaid and instalment stock, \$13,000, making a total of \$27,600 during this period.

The meeting was highly pleased with the accomplishments of the Association in the past, and optimistic over the future.

## Venire of 56 Drawn For Federal Court

A venire of 56 jurors drawn from Wilkes, Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties for service at a term of Federal court at Wilkesboro, beginning May 18th, was announced last Thursday by the office of R. L. Blylock, Greensboro, clerk of the Middle North Carolina District Court. Those selected from Watauga are as follows:

A. C. Moody, Blowing Rock; J. P. Hodges, Boone; William Cook Sr., Bamboo; Cliff McConnell, Boone; Jack Mast, Sugar Grove; Columbus Miller, Lowell; Walter C. Carroll, Boone; Cleveland Gross, Boone; Harston Shull, Boone; D. R. Eggers, Boone; Hardie Thomas, Watauga Falls, and J. H. Robinson, Reese.