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## AUXILIARY LADIES TO CONDUCT SALE OF POPPIES, 23RD

Committees Formed to Work Out Plans for Day. Every Section of County Will Be Given Opportunity to Aid in Rehabilitation of Helpless Veterans. Mrs. Isaacs Acts as Chairman of Group.

The little red memorial poppies which disabled World War veterans have been making through the winter and spring, will be sold in various parts of Watauga on Saturday, May 23rd. Mrs. Fred Winkler, publicity chairman of the American Legion Auxiliary, announced today. A complete organization which will give practically everyone in the town and county an opportunity to buy and wear a poppy in memory of the World War dead is being developed by the unit under the leadership of Mrs. L. S. Isaacs, chairman of the poppy committee, with Mrs. R. D. Hodges and Mrs. Fred Winkler as assistants. A larger sale of the memorial flowers than ever before is anticipated by the unit.

"The purpose of the poppy sale is two-fold," Mrs. Winkler explained, "first, to honor the war dead by wearing the poppy which grows on the fields of France and Flanders where they fell, and second, to aid the living victims of the war, the disabled veterans, their families and the families of the dead. Every penny of the money which the people of Watauga pay for their poppies will go to the relief of war sufferers, the bulk of it to needy veterans and families right here in our home county."

"Saturday, May 23rd, the Saturday before Memorial Day, will see the whole nation wearing the memorial poppy," continued Mrs. Winkler. "Poppy sales conducted by 7,200 Auxiliary units will cover practically every city and town in the country. More than 10,000,000 Americans are expected to pay tribute to the World War dead and help the war's living victims back to health and happiness through buying and wearing a poppy on that day."

For the benefit of many who may not fully understand the meaning of Poppy Day, the following explanatory facts are given.

**Poppy Sale Facts**  
What is the memorial poppy?  
The memorial poppy is a replica of the poppies which grew on the battle fields of France and Belgium during the World War.

Why was the poppy chosen as a memorial flower?  
The poppy was chosen as the memorial flower for the World War dead because it grew where they fell, the one touch of beauty in the desolate battle areas.

Who makes the memorial poppy?  
The memorial poppy is made by disabled veterans working in hospitals and workrooms under the direction of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Who sells the memorial poppy?  
Women of the American Legion Auxiliary and co-operating organizations working as unpaid volunteers.

What is done with the money paid for the poppies?  
Every penny is used to support the work of the American Legion and Auxiliary for the welfare of the disabled veterans, their families and the families of the dead.

How can the purchaser be sure that he is buying a veteran-made American Legion and Auxiliary poppy?  
By the distinctive badge of poppy sellers and by the Legion and Auxiliary label on the poppy.

What does wearing the poppy mean?  
Honoring the dead and serving the living.

## Ben Wise Is Seriously Injured in Collision

A dispatch from Newland states that Ben Wise, saw mill operative employed by the Linville Improvement Company of Linville, was seriously injured Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock when the motor car on which he was riding on the E. T. and W. N. C. Railway was struck by a special freight train one mile south-east of Linville.

Mrs. Wise, who was riding with her husband, was thrown from the motor car, but escaped with slight bruises. Their 10-year-old son escaped injury, having jumped before the motor car was hit by the train.

Mr. Wise received a fractured skull, three broken ribs, and possibly internal injuries. He was rushed to Grace Hospital at Banner Elk, where he is said to be resting fairly well.

The injured man and his family were en route from Linville to Boone when they met the freight train. The engine, which was not being driven at a very fast pace, struck the motor car and knocked it off the tracks, Mr. and Mrs. Wise being thrown clear of the wheels.

Mr. Wise was employed at Shulls Mills for several years during the lumber operation there.

## Busy Yale Boy



Theodore R. Fisher Jr., of Scarsdale, N. Y., runs three camps while working his way through Yale.

## LOVILL BILL WOULD HELP TAXPAYERS IN THREE COUNTIES

Local Senator's New Act Would Require Sheriffs and Tax Collectors to Accept Quarterly Payments of Taxes. Would Only Apply to Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany. Placed on Senate Calendar.

Raleigh, N. C.—Senator William R. Lovill, of Boone, introduced a bill in the Senate on Wednesday last week which would authorize, direct, and require the sheriffs or tax collectors of the counties of Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany to accept quarterly payments of taxes of not less than 25 per cent. of the amount of the taxes due by any taxpayer. The bill was placed on the Senate calendar. This plan of tax payment has met with the approval of many Watauga citizens, who believe that the instalment method will greatly aid both the Sheriff and landowners in making prompt settlement of the county's business.

The text of Senator Lovill's bill follows:

"The General Assembly of North Carolina Do Enact:

"Section 1. That the Sheriff or Tax Collector of Watauga, Ashe, and Alleghany Counties be and they, or either of them, are hereby authorized, directed and required to accept quarterly payments on taxes of not less than twenty-five per cent. of the amount of taxes due said counties by any taxpayer thereof.

"Section 2. That all laws and all clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

"Section 3. That this act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

## Deceased Beaver Dam Man Had Large Family

Mr. Rufus May, who died in the Beaver Dam section on April 28, at the age of 82, probably had more descendants than any man who has dwelt in the county in many generations. A relative Saturday disclosed the fact that Mr. May reared to manhood and womanhood fifteen children. Two of his daughters were the mothers of fifteen children each, all of whom are living. The grandchildren of the deceased gentleman number one hundred and twenty, and the great grandchildren are so numerous that no one has hazarded a guess as to their quantity.

## KENT SPEAKS AT B. ROCK FINALS

Principal Nye Awards Diplomas to Four Seniors. 80 Students Enrolled Last Year in High School. Nye Resigns.

Blowing Rock High School came to a close on Tuesday night, May 5th. The literary address was delivered in a very forceful and practical manner by Rev. L. F. Kent, pastor of Valle Crucis Associated Missions, and head of the Valle Crucis School for Girls. A well-rounded-out program of music and songs added to the pleasantness of the occasion.

Principal F. C. Nye delivered diplomas to Misses Annie Louise Coffey, Virginia Suddreth, Mary Wooten and Veltie Hartley.

The enrollment for the year was 317, with eighty in the high school department. Last year the enrollment was 261 with 71 in high school. Patrons of the school look on the term just closed as the most successful in the history of the institution.

Mr. Grady E. Tester will be principal next year, succeeding Mr. Nye, who resigned the position some weeks ago.

Made of steel, a sectional rowboat for one man that can be transported by automobile has been invented for fishing and camping trips.

## Twenty-nine Bachelor Arts Degrees Conferred at State Teachers College on Friday

The annual commencement of the Appalachian State Teachers College on Friday, May 8th, called together one of the largest audiences ever assembled in Boone. Every section of North Carolina was represented: fathers, mothers, friends and school officials.

The speaker of the day, Dr. Holland Holton of Duke University, greatly endeared himself to his hearers as he drew a parallel between the rapid development of Duke University which began as a normal school in the early days, and the unusual growth of the Appalachian State Teachers College. His address was replete with the eloquence of vigorous thought that reveals him as an educational statesman. All schools of higher education, he said, if they do their duty to the State, must give attention to teacher training, because these schools, with the public schools are the safeguard of civilization. They are charged with the duty of teaching the best things that the race has learned in all the past, and in unifying the community and the State to an acknowledgement of obligation for bringing these things to bear on the present and future. It was a great address and brought to a fitting close the greatest year in the history of the college, which has enrolled 835 students.

The senior class play, "Tweedles," which was presented on Thursday evening, was witnessed by a large audience, the clever manner in which

the laughable comedy was produced proving round after round of applause.

At this commencement seventeen young men and twelve young women received Bachelor of Science degrees:

In Physical Education and Science: W. J. Fulkerson, Jonesboro, Tenn.; Mary Beth Garrison, Burlington; Conrad Hinson, Marshville; Kermit Hinson, Marshville; Mid L. O'Hare, Syracuse, N. Y.

In Physical Education and Mathematics: Clyde Canipe, Alexis, N. C. In Science and Mathematics: Carl Hendrix, Murphy; Lloyd Hendrix, Murphy; Frank Houser, Vale; Hugh Boyle, Vale; Cam H. Landreth, Stratford; Clem Lipscomb, Milton; James Miller, Todd; Robert Williams, Table Rock.

In Grammar Grade Education: Mrs. Norma Brown Gragg, Boone; Irma Hinson, Monroe; R. W. Hovis, Alexis; Chivous Hoyle, Shelby; Esther Niblock, Cleveland; Gladys Payne, Granite Falls; Elmer Rankin, Boone. Also Science and Mathematics: Lillie Belle Slaton, Montgomery, Ala.; Gladys Swift, Boone; Annie Utley, Charlotte; May Utley, Charlotte; John Warden, Laurel; Theodosia Watson, Boone; Margaret Woodward, Warsaw.

In Primary Education: Beatrice Cline, Newton.

In addition to the four-year graduates, sixty-nine young men and wo-

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## W. B. ROGERS DIES FROM PNEUMONIA

Had Been a Resident of Watauga for Near Fifty Years. Burial at the Hampton Graveyard. Survived by Eight Children.

A belated account of the death of Mr. W. B. Rogers, of the upper Elk community, reached the Democrat Saturday. He succumbed on Friday evening, May 1, after an illness of only four days with pneumonia. He was 80 years old. Funeral services were held at the Hampton graveyard by Revs. Finley Watts and S. E. Gragg on Sunday, the 3rd.

Surviving are the widow and eight children: Mrs. H. M. Ashley of West Lafayette, Ohio; Mrs. Ada Hampton, Blowing Rock; Mrs. Pearl Reynolds, Triplett; Shober J. Rogers, Fallon, Nevada; G. C. Rogers, Fallon, Nevada; W. D. Rogers, Chemawa, Ore.; D. E. Rogers, West Lafayette, Ohio; Charles C. Rogers, of Boone.

William Rogers was a native citizen of Alexander County, having come to Watauga in the year 1883 for the purpose of erecting the Elk old home near the Blair place on New River. He became so much in love with this region while his work was progressing that he made his home here. For several years he and two brothers did carpenter work throughout this section. Later he bought a tract of timber on the Elk side of the Ridge and built a home where he resided until death claimed him. He had been continuously engaged in the lumber business and in farming operations since that time. Will Rogers was well known throughout Western Carolina, was a fine citizen and will be sorely missed.

## STATE HORTICULTURIST TELLS HOW TO CONTROL PESTS IN POTATO FIELD

(Prepared by H. R. Niswonger, Extension Horticulturist)

The potato field kept free from weeds and the vines free of damage caused by the flea beetle and late blight disease will result in large yields of Irish potatoes. Weeds compete with the potato vines for moisture and plant food. The flea beetle and late blight injure the foliage, thereby interfering with nature's process of converting the plant food in the soil into marketable potatoes.

### WEED CONTROL

The best time to destroy weeds is when they first appear. Run over the field with a light harrow with teeth pointing backward before and after the potato plants have come through the ground. Cultivate frequently without ridging.

### BEEBLE AND BLIGHT CONTROL

Spray or dust with Poisoned Bordeaux. Make first application when potato plants are about three inches high and repeat every two weeks until plants begin to die.

### BORDEAUX FOR SPRAYING

Formula: Blue stone, 3 pounds; hydrated lime (plasters finishing lime), 4 pounds; 2 pounds arsenate of lead; 50 gallons of water. Dissolve blue stone in wooden or ear-

then vessel, mix hydrated lime and arsenate of lead to a thin paste, each in a separate container. Fill a 50-gallon barrel three-fourths full of water; add the lime paste and stir thoroughly. Mix thoroughly the dissolved 3 pounds of blue stone with the lime water. Fill the barrel full of water and add the arsenate of lead paste. A stock solution of blue stone may be made by putting ten pounds in a burlap bag and suspending it in 10 gallons of water until dissolved. One gallon of this solution will equal one pound of blue stone. Make spray application as soon as Bordeaux Mixture is made. Each spraying for an acre (when the vines are young) will require 75 gallons and about 125 gallons when they are about grown.

### BORDEAUX FOR DUSTING

Commercial poisoned Bordeaux dusts or copper lime dusts are very satisfactory if thoroughly applied. A good dust gun is necessary to apply these compounds. It will take from 15 to 25 pounds of dust, depending upon the size of the vines, to cover an acre of potatoes at each dusting. Make dust applications early in the morning or late in the evening during periods when little wind is blowing.

## An Apple Queen



Miss Harriet Anderson will represent North Carolina at the Virginia Apple Blossom fête.

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETS IN FIRST CALL SESSION

Newly-Elected Board of Aldermen Meet With Mayor and Pass Important Ordinance Regarding Operations of Fire Department. Financial Situation Draws Attention. Norris Named Temporary Officer.

The first meeting of the newly-elected city governing body, composed of J. M. Moretz, Mayor; H. B. Perry, Frank Miller and R. L. Clay, Aldermen, was held Monday evening, the quorum having been induced into office last Thursday, following the election of the previous Tuesday.

Aside from a round-table discussion of the present fiscal affairs of the municipality, the outstanding item of business was the adoption of an ordinance relative to the operations of the fire company, in the case of out-of-town conflagrations. In view of the fact that the members of the voluntary fire company have been paid at the rate of two dollars each for every fire call answered, the fees coming from the city treasury, it was unanimously agreed that in the future when fires are attended outside the city limits the beneficiaries shall pay for the services rendered. No charges will be made for services within the city, as the revenue for the support of the fire department is derived from the taxpayers of the town.

Deputy Sheriff Clint Norris is acting in the capacity of policeman for the time being, succeeding Messrs. Lee Gross and Poly Wyke who have rendered faithful service for a period of two years and who, it is understood, did not seek reappointment. It is not given out whether or not Mr. Norris would accept the position permanently if tendered him. Meantime, it is said there are numbers of applications on file, but it is being hinted that only one patriot man will be employed. It is felt by many that by requiring water tests to be paid at the office, and with the provision for additional help at special times, one man can handle the job. The board, however, has not taken any definite action in this connection.

## MAYOR MORETZ IS GUEST OF CIVITAN

Reviews Progress of Town During the Twentieth Century. Club Pledges Support to New City Administration.

Mayor J. M. Moretz was the guest of the local Civitan Club at their noonday meeting last Thursday, and delivered a most entertaining talk on the progress made by the city of Boone since he became a citizen some thirty-five years ago. The newly-elected Mayor stated that he was a member of the city administration when the first tax levy was made, and that the highest taxpayer at that time was assessed only \$75. Previous to this time public works were maintained by free labor.

Mr. Moretz dwelt at length on the co-operation which should exist between the citizen and administration, and pledged his best efforts to the forwarding of the town as a resort center. Civitan I. G. Greer answered Mayor Moretz on behalf of the club, and offered him the unstinted aid of the membership during his administration.

Rev. John Greene, new pastor of Boone Advent Christian Church, was introduced to the Club by W. H. Gragg, and made a few appropriate remarks.

An announcement was made of an important business session of the club to be held Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. A full attendance is urged.

Motion picture censoring in Latvia has been placed in the hands of the ministry of education.

## STROKE FATAL TO P. L. HAMBY AT LENOIR HOME

Former Prominent Citizen of Watauga County Succumbs Early Wednesday Morning from Stroke Suffered a Week Ago. Had Been in Failing Health for Some Time. Funeral Thursday Afternoon.

News reaches Boone today (Wednesday) of the death of Mr. P. L. Hamby, which occurred at his New Lenoir this morning at 2 o'clock. Although Mr. Hamby had been in extremely poor health for a long period of time, suffering from high blood pressure and accompanying ailments, death is directly attributable to a stroke of paralysis which was suffered about a week ago. He was 71 years old. Funeral services will be conducted Thursday afternoon from the Baptist Church at Lenoir by the pastor and interment will be in the cemetery there. Numerous friends and relatives from Watauga county are expecting to attend the rites.

Mr. Hamby was a native of Wilkes County, having moved to his New River farm just east of Boone in the year 1900. For about eighteen years he was a resident here, was a prosperous farmer and succeeded well. However, thirteen years ago his health became so impaired that he thought it unwise to continue his strenuous farm duties, and he moved to Lenoir where he has since been engaged in the produce and general mercantile business. Mr. Hamby was a prominent citizen of this section, was well known throughout this county, and it was regretted when he felt it advisable to move his place of residence. He represented the highest type of citizenship and his death is cause for genuine sorrow among the wide circle of friends acquired during his long sojourn in Watauga County.

Surviving are a widow and seven children: Mesdames Alice Watson, San Diego, Calif.; Roxie Clawson, Lenoir; George Blair, Fort Myers, Fla.; C. W. Woodward, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Clarence Crigg, Lenoir; and Messrs A. E. Hamby of Boone and Don Hamby of Lenoir.

## Children's Clinics to Be Held in Watauga

Parents are invited to bring their babies for a free health examination at one of the following clinics:

Boone, at the home of Miss Fiskel, Watauga parish nurse, on Thursday, May 14, at 1 o'clock, conducted by Dr. Hagaman and Dr. Perry.

Bailey Camp, on Wednesday, May 20, at 2 o'clock, conducted by Dr. Warfield.

Governor Pollard of Virginia recently made this statement: "No life can be truly happy or develop normally that is handicapped by ill health. The time for conserving and promoting positive health is in childhood, and child health problems should be the foremost concern of all thinking people."

Your own family physician is interested in the health of your children. Give your doctor a chance to help you keep your children well.

## Ralph Lyons Honored At Salesman's Meeting

Mr. Ralph Lyon, manager of one of the local Carolina stores, won signal honors in sales competition contests last Tuesday evening when 28 managers from District No. 2 were feted at a banquet given by officials of the organization at the Caldwell Hotel, Morganton. Mr. Lyon received a five-dollar gold piece for having shown the greatest increase in business over last year, and had no close second. In a contest on the most coffee of a specified brand to be sold in proportion to total sales, Manager Courtney of Newland won, he having disposed of 270 pounds of the commodity. Lyons, however, sold 320 pounds, but less in proportion to the total volume. Barnett of West Jefferson scored high as to produce, but Ralph ran him a close second.

Mr. Howard Gragg, manager of the original Carolina Store here, also showed a highly satisfactory increase in business.

## SERVICES AT ADVENT CHURCH

Rev. John Greene, pastor of Boone Advent Christian Church, announces the following services for next Sunday: At the 11 o'clock hour, Mr. Greene's subject will be "The Christian Church." At 7 o'clock he will use "The Kingdom" as his theme. The public is cordially invited to attend both services.

## BARGAIN DAYS

Spainhour's store is announcing another series of Bargain Days during which time special inducements are being made to stimulate buying. It is the purpose of the store to sponsor these events at regular intervals throughout the year. Page three of the Democrat gives full details of the unusual mercantile event.