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COMMENCEMENT AT LEES-M'RAE ENDS SUCCESSFUL TERM

Twelve College and Eighteen High School Graduates Receive Degrees at Impressive Services. Dr. McCallie Delivers Baccalaureate Sermon. Banner Elk School Celebrates Thirty-second Anniversary.

Banner Elk.—Commencement at Lees-McRae College began with the class night exercises on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in the auditorium. The stage was arranged very artistically as a garden, with pergolas and trellis and decorated with crabapple blossoms and azalias. The class made a very effective entrance, passing down the main aisle and entering from the rear of the stage, the girls being dressed in white, with poke bonnets in spring colors and carrying bunches of spring flowers. The salutatory was given by Roby Painter and the valedictory by Grace Ramsen. Fred Dickerson read the class history and Mursetts Young delivered the last will and testament of the class of '31. A duet was played by Miss Joy Bailey and Wilma Robbins, and Margaret Mazingo gave a symposium of poetry. The exercises closed with the chorus, "Goodnight," sung by the class.

The baccalaureate services were held on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock in the Banner Elk Presbyterian Church. The twelve college graduates in black caps and gowns and the eighteen high school graduates in gray caps and gowns marched in after the congregation was seated to the "Hymn of Lights," the traditional processional of the school. Special music, "God of the Nations," and Handel's "Largo" were rendered by the college choir under the direction of Miss Joy Bailey. Dr. T. C. McCallie, of the Central Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga, Tenn., preached the baccalaureate sermon, taking as his text Psalm 144: 12. Speaking of the dreams and ideals of youth, Dr. McCallie said that our castles in the air become substantial only as, day by day, we build solid foundations of labor and endeavor beneath them and the idea becomes the real only as we give Jesus Christ the first place in our lives; that the Christian religion is not, as some say, one of the forces of the world; it is the force, the way of life.

On Sunday evening at 4 o'clock the Simerly Orchestra of Elizabethton gave a beautiful and artistic concert of sacred music in the Presbyterian Church. Vocal selections were a duet by Wilma Robbins and Mrs. Reschie Schell and a solo by Miss Bailey. "In the Secret of His Presence."

In the evening at 7 o'clock the senior vesper were held, led by Otis London, president of the senior college class. The speaker of the evening was Dr. H. H. Thompson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Bristol, Tenn., who took as his subject "The Life of Samson," and worked out a most interesting and inspiring address. This is the thirty-second commencement of Lees-McRae Institute and the first of Lees-McRae College.

Civitan Clubs to Hold Joint Meeting Thursday

At a meeting of the Civitan Club at the Daniel Boone Hotel, Thursday, May 21, it was decided that the club from Blowing Rock and the Ashe County Club would meet with the Boone Club at Banner Elk next Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the dining room of the Lees-McRae Institute, for the purpose of instituting a club there. It is hoped that every member of the club can be present at this meeting.

Rev. F. L. Conrad, of High Point, who is conducting evangelistic services at the Grace Lutheran Church in Boone, was a guest of Reverend J. A. Yount, pastor, and made an interesting speech on the value of civic clubs.

Prospects Bright for Summer College Terms

Information coming from the Appalachian State Teachers College indicates that an exceedingly large enrollment is in prospect for the summer school terms. Two hundred and sixty applications have thus far been received, the dormitory is already full, which a large portion of the space in White Hall is reserved. Numbers of students have, it is thought likely, arranged for accommodations at hotels and private homes in town.

The Fifth Sunday Meeting of the Three Forks Baptist Association will be held at the South Fork Church, Todd, next Sunday. The program committee believes that this year's meeting will feature unusually able discussions of the topics of most concern to the church and it is hoped that the attendance will be gratifying.

English Apple Queen



Patricia D. Morton, of Winchester, Eng., came over to queen it at the Shenandoah Valley apple festival, at Winchester, Va.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE TO BE HELD SUNDAY A. M.

Reverend R. L. Isbell to Deliver Sermon at Advent Christian Church. Congregations of City to Joint in Co-operative Meeting Honoring America's War Dead. Legion Band to Furnish Music.

The annual Memorial Day service in honor of those who have died in three wars will be held Sunday morning at the Advent Christian Church, at which time Rev. R. L. Isbell of Lenoir will preach the sermon. Rev. Isbell had one son in the World War, and his discourse will be all the more entertaining from the fact that he has visited the battlefields of Europe. The American Legion band will furnish music for the occasion, while a select choir will sing selections from the Old Christian Harmony. Short recitals by members of families of veterans will be rendered, and the program bids fair to be a most enjoyable one. The beautiful and newly-decorated auditorium will be draped with flags, and profusions of evergreens and wreaths will brighten the setting.

The church, which is receiving the united co-operation of the American Legion and Auxiliary, extends an invitation, especially to the soldiers of the three wars since the 60s. All others from over the country of all denominations are asked to attend. A very special effort is being made to bring out the one dozen survivors of the Civil War, the Confederates and two Union soldiers, but likely infirmities will keep some of them away.

In former years it has been the custom for all churches of the town to unite in these memorial services; the Lutherans held them last year, Baptists the year before, the original memorial having been with the Methodists.

Trio Bound to Court on Charges of Transporting

Messrs. Roy and Walter Bumgarner and Jim Brown were bound over to Superior Court Monday afternoon by Mayor Moretz on charges of possessing and transporting intoxicating liquors, the arrest having been made in the eastern part of town by Patrolman Clint Norris, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Hagaman, a few hours earlier. One-half gallon of whisky was found in the car. Officer Norris saw the car approaching his near Smith Hagaman's residence, at which point two cars were parked on either side of the road, allowing only a passway for one vehicle. Although the Bumgarner car was being driven rapidly, Officer Norris drove his machine into the niche. A head-on collision preceded the arrest, the officer's car being considerably damaged, the other practically wrecked.

PARTY FROM WATAUGA VISIT POINTS OF INTEREST IN EAST

Mr. and Mrs. Odus Wilson, of Zionville, Miss One Farthing of Beaver Dams, and Miss Grace Bingham of Amana returned Sunday from an eleven-day tour through Northern states. They traveled through the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, visiting Natural Bridge and the Endless Caverns, on their way to Washington, D. C. Many points of interest were visited in the Capital City. The route from there was by way of Bel Air, Md., through the mountains of southern and western Pennsylvania to Farrell; thence to Akron and Cleveland, Ohio.

The return trip was made Sunday from Akron, Ohio, through West Virginia. An enjoyable trip is reported by the young people.

Misses Mary Kidd, Mary Cable Diggle, Messrs. Horton Gragg and Hubert Coffey spent last Sunday in North Wilkesboro, where Mr. Gragg went to gain extra flying hours in a ship owned by Mr. Carl Coffey.

Lenore Ulric and Sidney Blackmer Vacationing in Blowing Rock Region

In a rustic cottage overlooking beautiful Johns River Valley, Sydney Blackmer, noted star of stage and screen, and his brilliant actress wife, Lenore Ulrich, are spending a brief vacation. The Blowing Rock retreat which these stellar performers chose to hide away from the gridding toil and manifold vicissitudes of professional life, has been the property of Mr. Blackmer for a number of years. It is hidden away in a bower of red rhododendron, just beginning to blossom; the walls are of bark, the interior is unfinished oak, and a home-like atmosphere pervades the whole. A blazing log fire chases away the chill of a spring afternoon, and adds cheer to the comfortable living room.

The Blackmers seat their guests with genuine hospitality, draw up chairs and enter into every-day conversation. Miss Ulric, who has been termed by many critics "the Sarah Bernhardt of America," is much interested in North Carolina, especially the Blowing Rock country, and to this subject directed her conversation. "The sweetest people I have ever met are in North Carolina," she stated; "the most beautiful country I have ever visited is North Carolina's mountains; and the most inspiring scenes that have ever greeted my vision are right here at Blowing Rock."

Miss Ulric was born and reared in Milwaukee, entered the theatre early in life, and a few years later attracted the attention of David Belasco, dean of the American drama, whose death occurred only a few weeks ago. Under Belasco's skillful direction the young actress was developed into the nation's leading exponent of the dramatic art, and during the colorful career, which has increased in brilliance with the passing years, the name of Ulric has been written in lights before the leading showhouses of the world.

The inimitable Lenore, whose vehicle to fame came in the title role of "Tiger Rose," demurely relates experiences which have occurred during her travels, tells of her successes, the people she has met, and the acclaim which was extended her during engagements on the Continent.

But there is no attempt on her part to reach for unearned laurels. Every word she utters is sincere, and the cultured manner in which she replies to each question lends an additional charm to her most pleasing personality.

Mr. Blackmer is a native of Salisbury, N. C., and, quite naturally, is one of Tarnelia's most ardent admirers. The difficulties he encountered on the road to stardom closely rival the characters in Alger's boyhood stories. Success came to the Carolina man through hard work, coupled with a remarkable aptitude for the imaginary, a proclivity which is most essential to the actor. For several years he has devoted a great deal of his time to cinema work, but his first love, the stage, seems to be his hobby. The Blackmers contemplate returning to the stage this fall, and it is likely that they will be cast, for the first time, as opposites in one of the most promising plays of the coming season.

Great lovers of nature are these Blowing Rock visitors. Miss Ulric speaks of the beauties of a mountain scene, and an expression akin to the infinite appears in her wondrous eyes. She compares the grandeur of the Rockies, the inspiring panorama of the California desert from a lofty peak in the Sierras, the placid Hudson from heights of Westchester, then turns in her seat and lets her vision encompass the Grandfather range of mountains, the sun hanging low, the valleys turning to a soft purple. "In all the world there is nothing so beautiful as this," she quietly states.

Saturday Miss Ulric and Mr. Blackmer celebrated the second anniversary of their marriage. At a small theatre in the village the two actors made an appearance—Miss Ulric's first out of character. At the close of their brief talks, three husky men carried in what was termed by many the largest floral offering ever presented a celebrity—a tremendous clump of rhododendron in full bloom. Miss Ulric asked that

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Popular Young Couple Married Last Friday

Mr. Charles Farthing of Boone, and Miss Dottie Roberta Edwards, of Gibsonville, were married Friday, according to announcements which have been received by friends of the young couple here. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride in Gibsonville, and was witnessed by relatives of the contracting parties and a few intimate friends.

Mrs. Farthing is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Edwards, and received her education at State Teachers College here. She is a most talented young lady, makes friends easily and is very popular with the younger set.

Mr. Farthing is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Farthing, was born and reared in Boone. He received his early education at the old A. T. S., and later graduated from Carson-Newman College. For the past two years he has been principal of Johnson County High School at Mountain City.

At present the newly-weds are on a brief honeymoon tour to points in Western Carolina, and no information is available as to their plans for the future. It is the hope of their many Boone friends that they will choose this city for their home.

Twelve acres of grass on the farm of B. L. Dunlap in Anson County is carrying fifteen head of cows this season. That part of the pasture which received an application of ground limestone has a sod about twice as thick and vigorous as where no limestone was used.

STATE HIGHWAY TO BE CONSTRUCTED DOWN GAP CREEK IF BILL IS RATIFIED

A standard hard-surfaced highway will be built from Deep Gap to connect with No. 69 at Glendale Springs in Ashe County, a distance of ten miles, if the ends of a bill introduced by Senator W. R. Lovill are met. The measure directing the Highway Commission to construct this link of road, and which passed the Senate Tuesday, is as follows:

"Section 1. That the State Highway Commission of North Carolina is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to establish and construct a standard, dependable, and hard-surfaced highway in the counties of Watauga and Ashe, connecting State Highway No. 60 in Watauga County with State Highway No. 69 in Ashe County, said highway to be established and constructed leaving Highway No. 60 at, or near, Deep Gap in Watauga County, and following the old road as nearly as may be practicable, placing it at or near the A. D. Cole's old store stand on Gap Creek, thence passing near Idlewild post-office and village, then by way of Obids, at or near J. H. Colvard's store, and then following the old road to, or near, Glendale Springs, intersecting there with State Highway No. 69, being a distance of about ten miles between points of intersection."

Team Belonging to North Fork Man Shot

According to a report reaching Boone Saturday, two fine work horses belonging to Marion Thomas in North Fork Township, were shot and badly wounded one day last week while grazing on the property of J. M. May, a neighbor. As the story was told, the horses either broke down or jumped over a line fence dividing the two properties, and had strayed into a corn field belonging to Mr. May. Missing the team, Mr. Thomas sent a son to look for the animals. The young man discovered them near the May property, each of them in bad condition from shotgun wounds, apparently inflicted at rather close range. It is understood that Mr. Thomas communicated with his neighbor relative to the damage, and effected a settlement. However, Mr. May is said to have steadfastly denied any part in the dastardly act.

It is believed by persons who have looked at the animals that they have a poor chance for recovery from the wounds, infection having set up before their injuries were discovered.

THIEVES TAKE CORN

Unknown parties on Tuesday night of last week broke a door to a house being used by Mr. J. R. Bryan of the Meat Camp section as a granary, and took therefrom five or six bushels of corn, leaving the owner only a small gunny sack filled with nibbles. The identity of the robbers has not been determined. Tracks were obliterated by a heavy downpour of rain following the depredation.

In Foreign Countries



Lord Amphil, Pro Grand Master of English Freemasons, attended the 150th anniversary of the New York Grand Lodge.

WATAUGA COUNTY SHIFTED TO 16TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Bill Authorizing Change Passes Both Houses of Legislature Without a Dissenting Vote. Solicitor Spurling Will Prosecute Criminal Docket at Fall Term of Superior Court. Will Go Into Effect at Once.

Under the terms of a bill which passed both houses of the Legislature Tuesday, Watauga County has been shifted from the Seventeenth to the sixteenth Judicial District, information coming from Raleigh being to the effect that the legislation passed without an opposing vote. The change is understood to be effective following ratification Tuesday night.

Under the new arrangement Watauga comes in with Cleveland, Catawba, Lincoln, Caldwell and Burke, and L. S. Spurling, Lenoir solicitor, will prosecute the docket here in the future. The Seventeenth District remains unchanged, aside from the omission of Watauga. Both districts are now composed of six counties each, whereas the Seventeenth had seven formerly and the Sixteenth had five.

Establishment of different recorders courts in Mr. Spurling's district makes it satisfactory to him to appear in the Watauga courts, and the load has been equalized between his and Mr. Jones' districts. The change will of course not affect the judgments, and it appears that it will not even be necessary to change the dates of the court terms in Watauga.

Bill to Fix Salaries of Boone Officers Ratified

Raleigh, N. C.—Senator W. R. Lovill, of Watauga, introduced a bill in the Senate Monday night to fix the compensation for the Mayor and members of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Boone. The Mayor's salary is to be fixed by the Board of Aldermen at a sum not to exceed \$25 a month, while the members of the Board of Aldermen are to receive not exceeding \$100 for the year.

All costs accruing in the Mayor's court and collected by the officers are to be turned into the town treasury and used for any purpose which the aldermen and Mayor may direct. The bill was passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives, and ratified Tuesday night.

Spanish War Veterans to Observe Memorial Day

The Spanish-American War Veterans of Camp Wilkesboro No. 13 will assemble at the courthouse in Wilkesboro on Saturday, May 30th at 9 a. m., and will go in a body to the Edgewood Church Cemetery, where, at 10 o'clock, they will hold a short memorial service and decorate the grave of Comrade J. Ed Winkler. They will then proceed to Buck's Arbor and at 11 a. m. will decorate the grave of Comrade Milan. All veterans of the war with Spain, whether members of Wilkesboro Camp or not, are expected to take part, and a cordial invitation is extended to Watauga veterans to attend the services. By invitation from the World War Veterans of Wilkes County, the camp will join them in a memorial service in the afternoon.

SEVENTH GRADE DIPLOMAS MAILED OUT BY HAGAMAN

County Superintendent Smith Hagaman states that he has mailed out all of the seventh grade diplomas to students in Watauga schools, and asks that those who have not received them let him know at once. He further says that a few diplomas have been returned marked "party unknown."

A set of examination papers without name, address or school, are also in the Superintendent's office. Mr. Hagaman says that the unknown student made a good passing grade.

IV GREENE DIES FROM EFFECTS OF INSHOT WOUND

29-Year-Old Resident of Cove Creek Section Fatally Wounded by Ed Stokes Thursday. Death Occurred at Banner Elk Hospital. Old Grudge Said to Have Been Responsible for Tragedy.

Ivy Greene, 29 years old, resident of the Cove Creek section, died at Grace Hospital, Banner Elk, Saturday morning from the effects of gunshot wounds, said to have been inflicted by a neighbor, Ed Stokes, on the previous Thursday, the culmination of bad feeling which started several years ago over the alleged poisoning of a fox hound, the property of the deceased. Both men were dog fanciers, and followers of the chase.

Several more or less conflicting reports have been circulated as to the shooting, however, there seems to be agreement as to the underlying causes. The ill will is reported to have been intensified over several fox pups, which had been taken from a den, the offspring of co-operatively purchased stock, there apparently being disagreement either as to the disposition of the animals or as to the division thereof. The most authentic information, however, indicates that Thursday afternoon Greene, in company with Charlie McConnell, sought Stokes, apprehended him in the woods in the community in which both resided. An argument ensued in which it is alleged Greene told Stokes that he had been to see Nat Taylor at Johnson City, who told him that Stokes had poisoned his dog several years ago. The argument is said to have immediately waxed hot, both men were armed with shotguns, and Stokes fired, the lead taking effect in Greene's left thigh, just below the hip joint, about two inches of the bone having been torn out by the terrific impact. Following the shooting, Stokes is said to have announced his intention of surrendering, but being dissuaded by McConnell, was soon overcome by fear, and has not, as this is written, been apprehended by authorities.

The injured man was taken to the Banner Elk Hospital where within a few hours the limb was amputated. Excessive loss of blood, however, before medical aid was reached, resulted in his death two days later.

Funeral services were held at Cove Creek cemetery Sunday morning by Rev. J. A. McKeehan, and the body interred. A widow and three children survive.

Stokes is 37 years old and the father of six sons.

Miles and Caudle Freed In Avery Slaying Case

Newland, N. C.—Following a hearing here Tuesday before Acting Governor T. J. Kay, the case against J. M. Miles and Jack Caudle, both of Sparta, arrested in Tennessee in connection with the death of Gue Foster, 25, of Linville, was dismissed on account of lack of sufficient evidence to hold them.

The two men were brought here from Tennessee Tuesday and the acting governor immediately called a jury together to hear any evidence that was to be presented. Following the hearing, the two men were freed.

On Wednesday, May 13th, following an investigation by an Avery County coroner's jury, warrants for Miles and Caudle were issued, the jury finding that Foster came to his death from injuries received when struck on the head with a bottle.

Foster died in a hospital at Banner Elk on Sunday, May 10th.

Officers have been investigating the circumstances surrounding his death, but have been unable to obtain any direct evidence as to the guilty parties.

Fifty Persons to Square Mile in Watauga Co.

Raleigh, N. C.—Watauga County has a population density of fifty persons to the square mile, according to the 1930 census, which gave the county a population of 15,165 in the 303 square miles of its land area, a report to the Department of Conservation and Development shows.

The average density of population in the State is 65 persons for each square mile, or 3,170,276 persons living in the 48,740 square miles of land area. The range is from 287.8 persons per square mile in Forsyth to 13.2 persons per square mile in Tyrrell. Forsyth, Durham, Gaston and Mecklenburg have more than 200 persons per square mile, and more than 100 persons live to the square mile in New Hanover, Guilford, Buncombe, Wilson, Rowan, Wake, Cabarrus and Cleveland counties. Forty-four counties have less than 50 persons per square mile.

Through F. D. Kelly, of Mount Holly, Gaston County, has forty cows in milk, he has grown more feedstuff this season than he knows what to do with, says County Agent L. B. Altman.