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WATAUGA WOMAN HONORED BY N. C. OSTEOPATHIC SOC.

Dr. Ella J. Hardin, Well Known in this County Named Vice-President of State Organization. Received Her Education at Old A. T. S. Has Developed a Large Practice at Durham, North Carolina.

The following article, taken from the Durham Herald of May 24th, is of unusual interest to friends of Dr. Ella J. Hardin, former Watauga woman who for the past number of years has been practicing her profession in Eastern Carolina:

"Dr. Ella J. Hardin, of Durham, was elected vice-president of the North Carolina Osteopathic Society at the annual convention held in Raleigh Saturday, it was learned last night. Dr. Hardin delivered one of the addresses at the meeting."

Miss Hardin graduated from the old A. T. S. here in 1915, and later took a business course in Wilmington where she worked until 1920. Her health, so she states, was never very good, and the confining duties of office work resulted in a long illness. Osteopathy restored her to health, it is said, and she decided to study that profession. In June, 1920, Miss Hardin left Wilmington for Knoxville, Mo., and entered college, graduating in June, 1924. Returning to North Carolina, she opened an office in Wilmington, later moving to Fayetteville, where she engaged in general practice for several years. In August of last year, Dr. Hardin sold her practice in that town and moved to Durham where she permanently located, and since that time has been enjoying a lucrative practice.

Dr. Hardin is a hard-worker and has received the merited recognition of osteopathic practitioners in the South. She is proud of her profession, and believes it to be the most complete system of healing yet developed. Last Sunday she spent the day with her mother, Mrs. Chanie Hardin, near Rutherford.

Young Watauga Lawyer Receives Degree at Wake Forest College Wednes.

Wade E. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Brown, of Blowing Rock, received on Wednesday of this week the degree of Bachelor of Laws from Wake Forest College. Mr. Brown's school career has been marked by many noteworthy honors and exceptional achievements in the field of religious work and scholastic activities while at Wake Forest. He was elected to the presidency of the large Sunday school class on the campus and under his able leadership the class doubled its attendance. He was also a leader of one of the many R. Y. P. U. S. located at the college.

Mr. Brown won quite a reputation in the system of moot courts connected with the school of law, but one of his greatest achievements was in the field of oratory and debate. He was a member of the intercollegiate debating team for three years and the team this year won the State championship and ranked among the highest in the South. He was affiliated with the Euthalian Literary Society, the Pi Kappa Delta National Forensic Fraternity, and the Gamma Eta Gamma, an outstanding legal fraternity.

Mr. Brown received his license to practice law last year. He has not definitely decided where he will locate, but friends in Watauga are hopeful that he will locate in his native county.

LEGION COMPLETES PLANS FOR FIDDLERS CONVENTION

The American Legion has completed its plans for the big fiddlers convention which is to be held in the courthouse in Boone on Friday and Saturday nights of next week, and the indications are that the various contests will be participated in by a record-breaking number of stringed musicians from all over this section, some even coming, it is understood, from other states. The contests have been separated into the following several classes and four prizes will be awarded under each heading: Individual fiddlers, string bands, banjo pickers, guitars, Charleston and buck dancers, male quartet, and a prize to the motor truck bringing the most people to the event. The total awards will aggregate \$200.

Advertising matter will be distributed throughout Watauga and adjoining counties, and it is believed there will be full houses at both entertainments. Proceeds will be used for the benefit of the American Legion Band.

LOVEN BACK FROM HOSPITAL

Ed S. Loven returned last week to his home at Linville after spending some time at Johnson City where he underwent hospital treatment. Mr. Loven who has been ill for many months is reported to be improving slowly.

Champ Clark's Son



Col. Bennett C. Clark, son of the Democratic leader, is running for U. S. Senator from Missouri.

COUNTY TO HAVE HEALTH OFFICER

Meeting of Board Held Monday and Other Members Named. Duties of New Federal Officer Will Include Inspections.

At a meeting of the county board of health Monday, which consists of County Superintendent Smith Haganman, Mayor J. M. Moretz and Chairman T. C. Baird of the Board of County Commissioners, three additional members were named, two medical doctors and one dentist: Dr. W. O. Bingham of Sugar Grove, Dr. Scates of Blowing Rock and Dr. F. G. Farthing of Boone.

During the meeting it was disclosed that in the near future Watauga County is to have a full-time health officer, to be paid by the Federal Government. His duties will include the inspection of dairies, cafes, markets, and sanitary conditions in general. Detailed plans for the important work will be announced following a call meeting to be held in the near future, at which time the county physician will be named.

Democrat Ad Brings Results from Afar

The Highland Furniture Company of this city recently staged a selling event wherein with the purchase of certain large rugs, a small one would be given free. As was anticipated, Democrat advertising brought entirely satisfactory results from all over the county, and business was good. However, the management was a little surprised to receive an order from Cleveland, Ohio, for two rugs, which the buyer had seen advertised in the columns of the Watauga Democrat. Immediate delivery was made exactly according to the order, and the furniture people believe that a record has been established in long-distance selling, at the same time they are highly pleased with the investment in newspaper space.

AGRICULTURAL BOYS OF COVE CREEK TO MEET ON SATURDAY

The agricultural boys of Cove Creek will have their next meeting at 7:30 p. m., June 6th. The program will be interesting, and will be interspersed with string music. Every member will certainly want to be present and ready to vote for the two candidates to attend the State meeting in Raleigh. A definite decision on attending State camp will also be requested.

BANNER ELK NEWS

Miss Louise VonCanon, a student of Flora MacDonald, has returned home for summer vacation.

Miss Marlyn Tate, a student of Agnes Scott, and Mr. Lawson Tate, a student of Darlington College, have returned home for summer vacation.

Mrs. R. C. Lowe and children have returned home after spending the past week with her mother, Mrs. T. L. Hunsucker, at Conover, N. C.

Mrs. R. L. Cook spent the week with her sister, Mrs. M. E. Proffitt, at Johnson City, Tenn.

Mrs. Nollie VonCanon has returned to her home after spending the winter with her daughter in Florida.

Mrs. F. M. Richards of Elizabethton, Tenn., visited friends in Banner Elk Sunday.

Mrs. J. H. VonCanon will speak Wednesday morning at a conference at Knoxville College.

The annual birthday party for foreign missions was celebrated by a pageant, "Love's Answer," at the Presbyterian Church on Wednesday night. Immediately afterwards tea was served at the home of Mrs. G. A. Banner.

A pie supper was given at the Banner Elk public school for the benefit of the Mount Calvary Baptist Church. The proceeds amounted to \$35.00.

Married in Boone on last Saturday afternoon, Miss Ruth Main of Zionville, to Mr. Dell Greer of Brownwood. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Ed Hodges.

Modern New Hospital to be Started Soon; \$40,000 Duke Funds Now Ready

Forty thousand dollars were available Monday to be used in the construction of a modern three-story fire proof hospital in Boone, according to word coming to the board of trustees of the proposed building last Friday from officials of the Duke Foundation. This amount is to be supplemented by a like sum appropriated by the State at the 1929 session of the General Assembly, and active work is expected to begin on the structure as soon as the official transfer of the site may be made.

Almost simultaneously with the news of the definite inclusion of the Boone project in the Duke program came a group of five architects to look over the situation and County Superintendent Smith Haganman, chairman of the board of trustees, says that the location selected was the lot now occupied by the Watauga Hospital and which was formerly the old Lovell Home, the first dormitory of the Appalachian Training school. Two acres of land will be deeded to the trustees and the location was pronounced ideal by the builders.

For more than two years word has been anxiously awaited from the Duke interests which would guarantee the establishment of the institution here, and the hitch is said to have come from the fact that it appeared as a partnership deal with the State Teachers College and it was primarily for the benefit of the students. The difficulties encountered in this connection, however, have been ironed out and neither the college nor the Dukes will be in control. Rather the whole enterprise will be directed by the committee of local men, and the hospital will be for the good of all the people of this region. Under the plan of the Foundation, the County Superintendent and the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners must be trustees and they are empowered with the naming of the three additional members of the board, which is now complete with Smith Haganman, chairman, J. G. Greer as secretary, and T. C. Baird, W. F. Sherwood and T. H. Coffey the additional members.

The deeds to the beautiful site will be made out to the board of trustees, the building will be erected under the direction and subject to the plans and specifications of Duke architects. Actual operation will be in the hands of the trustees, subject to Duke approval. It is understood that local labor will be employed, and that work will begin tearing away the old frame structure and preparing the foundation just as soon as the transfers may be made.

The building is expected to be of three-story brick construction and there are to be fifty beds. Provision is said to be made in case of poorer patients for the further contribution of \$1 a bed per day for operation, by the Foundation.

12 U. S. PLANES PASS OVER BOONE

Twelfth Observation Squadron, Returning from Maneuvers in the East, Viewed by Local People. Bound for Texas.

Twelve airplanes, flying in loose formation and at high altitude, passed over Boone Tuesday afternoon at 2:30, and while citizens of this region have long since been accustomed to seeing an occasional ship cruising through the ether, the flock of noisy birds provided quite a sensation. It developed almost immediately that the ships comprised the twelfth observation squadron of the United States Army Air Corps, en route to the home field at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, after having participated in the maneuvers of last week over large eastern cities.

The fleet, which was in command of Major E. A. Lohman, spent two hours in Winston-Salem Monday, where the pilots were guests of the Chamber of Commerce at a chicken luncheon. The ships left the ground at 1:45, and although they staged demonstrations before heading west, they passed over Boone just forty-five minutes later. At 5 o'clock, or exactly two and a half hours after the war birds glimpsed Boone, they landed in Chattanooga, where they spent the night. Twenty-four men occupied the twelve fast ships.

HIGH SPOTS AND SHADOWS OF NORTH CAROLINA'S LONGEST LEGISLATIVE TERM

Some of the high spots of the 1931 North Carolina General Assembly:

Adopted the principle of the McLean school law providing for State instead of county operation of the six-months' schools. As an emergency measure counties will run State with a 35-cent ad valorem levy for two years.

Gave State supervision and control of 15,000 miles of county roads and some 4,000 convicts to be used in maintaining them.

Created an eleventh congressional district but failed to redistrict for the State Senate or re-apportion for the house.

Created a central purchasing agency.

Created personnel commission. Consolidated North Carolina State College and North Carolina College for Women with University of North Carolina.

Provided \$400,000 for the erection of a new central prison.

Created local government commission and gave it control over all local government finances.

Organized a new State system of bank supervision.

Enacted largest revenue bill in history, estimated to raise about \$26,000,000 annually, included a 15-cent county ad valorem tax.

Enacted largest appropriations bill in history, estimated to spend about \$28,500,000 annually.

All State salaries cut 10 per cent.

Defeated repeated attempts to enact a sales tax.

Killed three attempts to legalize pari-mutuel betting.

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SLAYER OF GREENE SURRENDERS WED.

Ed Stokes Placed in County Jail by Deputy Sheriff Lee Mast. Preliminary Hearing Before J. S. McBride Thursday.

Ed Stokes, of the Cove Creek section, who has been sought by the Sheriff's office since May 21, on a charge of the fatal shooting of a neighbor, Ivy Greene, walked into the DeWitt Brown filling station at Sugar Grove on Wednesday morning and surrendered to Deputy Sheriff Lee Mast. He was brought to the county jail where he will be held until one o'clock this (Thursday) afternoon, and given a preliminary hearing before Judge J. S. McBride at the Cove Creek High School building. Stokes is said to have first acquired Lee Mast was in the Garage. He was answered in the affirmative by a bystander, and when the deputy came in view his conversation was reported thus: "How I am, Leo, I have come to surrender. Now I'm in your Garage do as you please with me. I'm ready to go with you anywhere. How I haven't given you any trouble whatever."

MAYOR'S COURT

Con Deison and a Mr. Gragg were halted before the Mayor on Monday on charge of intoxication. The former was fined \$5 and the costs and the latter was released on payment of costs.

Gets Washing Job



Harvey H. Gundy, Boston lawyer who was with Hoover during the war, has been appointed Assistant Secretary of State.

TAX RATE IS CUT FIFTEEN CENTS

County Auditor Austin E. South Prepares Annual Budget Estimate. Levies Based on Property Valuation of \$8,000,000.

The equality of the uniform annual budget estimates for Watauga County was prepared Monday by County Auditor Austin E. South, and publication of the detailed statement is being made pursuant to the requirements of the county fiscal control act.

According to the estimated levies for the four general funds, the tax rate per hundred dollars valuation this year will be \$1 instead of the \$1.15 levied last year. The levy for the general county fund remains at 15 cents, a public health fund is expected to require 5 cents, the road tax has been removed and the interest and sinking fund levy changed from 38 to 55 cents. The rate for the general school fund has been lowered from 47 cents to 25 cents.

The levies are based on an estimated property valuation of \$8,000,000.

Scenes of Beauty Await Summer School Students

It is beautiful in the mountains now. The coves and mountain sides are still spotted with the dainty white of the departing dogwood bloom which is being replaced by the varying yellow of the azalea. The evergreen background of pine and spruce and hemlock and balsam is reinforced now by the foliage of all the deciduous mountain shrubs and trees. Among these shaded, bleeding greens and yellows comes the purple rhododendron, developed by an occasional number with the delicate crown of its perfect bloom with here and there a jacinth-like purple shouting that winter has departed and that the ever-changing beauty of the summer months is hastening to us with its thrilling epics of bees and birds and flowers and fruits.

Such is springtime in the mountains. Such is the scene in store for those who come by automobile to the summer school at the Appalachian State Teachers College on June 9th, or who travel over any of the more elevated mountain highways.

Watauga County, as was fitting, led the counties of the State in number of students enrolled in Appalachian—112. The second in enrollment was Ashe with 75. Watauga, it seems, will lead again in summer enrollment. The teachers, it is pointed out, are more appreciative now than ever of the advantages of "raising" their certificates.

Rutherford Postoffice Discontinued Friday

The postoffice at Rutherford, seven miles east of Boone on Highway 60, which has been operated for many years by Eller McNeil, member of the Board of County Commissioners, was discontinued last Friday, following instructions from Washington. The thirty-six families which had been served at Rutherford will now receive their mail from three sources, Boone R. F. D. 1, Laxon and Deep Gap R. F. D.

CHEVROLET COMPANY SENDS EXPERT TO BOONE AGENCY

Mr. Charles Pruitt, of the Chevrolet Motor Company's service department came in from Atlanta last Thursday and for an indefinite period of time will be employed as superintendent of the shops of the Boone Chevrolet Company. Mr. Pruitt is a factory-trained mechanic and during his stay here it is expected that a large majority of the Chevrolet owners of the county will avail themselves of the opportunity of securing the superior service. An advertisement in The Democrat today calls attention to a "spring tune-up" which has been arranged at bargain prices.

SIXTEEN WATAUGA CITIZENS INDICTED IN FEDERAL COURT

True Bills Charging Conspiracy to Injure Persons in the Exercise of Civil Rights Returned by Grand Jury at Greensboro. More Than Twenty-five Wataugans Give Testimony. Brown Makes Statement.

Greensboro, N. C.—Indictments charging 16 citizens, some of them election officials, with conspiracy to injure a number of persons in the exercise of civil rights in the election in Watauga County, November 4th, 1930, were returned by the grand jury in Federal Court here Tuesday.

One group of defendants against whom a true bill of this kind was found is composed of the following: J. Smith McBride, Chairman Moody, Roy Wilson, Henry J. Bingham, Lee Mast, Ed S. Williams, J. K. Horton, Allen A. Perry and John L. Brown. One indictment of this type was returned against Eddy B. Haganman, J. D. Scates, Claude Emberton, Henry Mast, Charlie McConell, Will Rominger and Walt Ward.

More than twenty-five Watauga County citizens were in Greensboro Tuesday, having been subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury in United States District Court. Many of them were in the grand jury room for examination and it is quite possible that others will be questioned Wednesday in regard to alleged irregularities in the general election in that county last November when a representative from the Eighth Congressional District and 8 United States Senators were chosen.

In the indictments it is alleged that the defendants conspired to injure, oppress, threaten and intimidate Watauga County citizens who were attempting to exercise their civil rights in the election of November 4, 1930, also that a number of citizens were prevented from exercising their civil rights.

N. T. Byers, a Republican election judge in Cove Creek township, Watauga County, in conversation with newspaper men here said that on the morning of the general election he desired to watch the ballot boxes; that Democratic election officials in the precinct asked him to stay at a table and hand out tickets instead of remaining at the ballot boxes, but that he insisted on remaining at the ballot boxes. Mr. McBride, a Democrat, a justice of the peace as well as registrar in the precinct said that it would be necessary to arrest Mr. Byers. It was stated that the arrest following Mr. Byers' was charged with horridous conduct and resulting in the conviction of election officials. He was compelled to talk the sentence stipulated in full term of one day, it was said. He stated that bond of \$3,000 for his release was offered, but that it was refused. He was placed in jail at Boone about 2 o'clock on election day and released about 7 p. m., he said. It was stated that Roy Wilson, Democratic county chairman, was called to assist in conducting the election in that precinct after the arrest of Mr. Byers and was permitted to serve in the capacity of an election official. Voting began about 8:30 a. m.

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