

## COURT TERMS WILL NOT CONFLICT IN SWITCH OF COUNTY

Transferring of Watauga from Seventeenth to Sixteenth Judicial District, on Move Superior Court Dates Up One Week. Bill Met the Unanimous Approval of General Assembly.

Raleigh, N. C.—Representative Greer's bill, taking Watauga out of the Seventeenth and placing it in the Sixteenth Judicial District, which met with favorable action by both Houses of the Legislature last week and was ratified into law, will cause no conflicts in courts. The courts provided for Watauga in the bill are as follows: Fifth Monday after the first Monday in March, to continue for two weeks; second Monday after the first Monday in September, to continue for one week. Under the old schedule, the spring term occurred on the fourth Monday after the first Monday in March, and the fall term convened on the first Monday after the first Monday in September.

The full text of Representative Greer's bill follows: "Section 1. That section one thousand four hundred and forty-three of Volume Three of the Consolidated Statutes be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the paragraph relating to Watauga County under the sub-section headed 'Seventeenth District.'"

"Section 2. That section one thousand four hundred and forty-three of Volume Three of the Consolidated Statutes be and the same is hereby further amended by adding at the end of the sub-section headed 'Sixteenth District' the following: 'Watauga—Fifth Monday after the first Monday in March, to continue for two weeks; second Monday after the first Monday in September, to continue for one week.'"

"Section 3. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed."

"Section 4. That this act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification."

## Four Local Bills Ratified On Last Day of Session

Raleigh, N. C.—Ratified on the last day of the 1931 session of the North Carolina General Assembly were four bills relating to Watauga County, introduced by Senator W. R. Lovell and Representative R. T. Greer.

One amended the charter of the Town of Boone, fixing the salaries of the Mayor and members of the Board of Aldermen; another took Watauga out of the Seventeenth Judicial District and placed it in the Sixteenth District and fixed the terms of court. Two others placed the names of Mrs. W. H. Hampton and Mrs. William Payne, widows of Confederate veterans, of Watauga County, on the Confederate pension roll, subject, however, to approval by the State Pension Board.

Senator Lovell's bill to require the State Highway Commission to build a road to connect two State highways in Watauga and Ashe counties, passed by the Senate, failed to pass in the House.

## BASEBALL AT MABEL

The Young Tarheel Farmers of Cove Creek will play baseball against Elk Park at Mabel on Saturday afternoon. The boys lost to Elk Park at Elk Park last Saturday afternoon, the score being 3 to 2.

## PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY DIRECTOR OF THE CENSUS ON 1930 AGRICULTURAL SURVEY IN WATAUGA

Washington, D. C.—The following statement, issued by the Director of the Census, gives some of the results of the 1930 farm census for Watauga County, North Carolina, with comparative data for 1925 and 1920 for selected items. The 1930 figures are preliminary and subject to revision. (1930 Census taken April 1 and 1925 and 1920 Censuses, Jan. 1):

FARM ACREAGE AND VAL.	1930	1925	1920
Number of farms	2,375	2,133	2,020
Acres of all land in farms	163,136	159,577	171,935
Average acres per farm	68.7	74.3	85.1
Value of land and buildings	\$8,042,418	\$7,343,776	\$7,721,426
Land alone	5,784,168	5,724,641	6,367,788
Buildings	2,258,250	1,619,135	1,353,638
Dwellings alone	1,562,360		
Value implements and machinery	298,896	257,702	188,472
Average value land and buildings			
Per farm	3,386	3,584	3,822
Per acre	19.30	47.50	41.91

TENURE OF FARMS		SIZE OF FARMS (Number)	
1930	1920	1930	1920
No. operated by:		Under 3 acres	1
Owners	1,915	3 to 9 acres	229
Managers	9	10 to 19 acres	291
Tenants	451	20 to 49 acres	710
Acres operated by:		50 to 99 acres	637
Owners	133,926	100 to 174 acres	312
Managers	5,292	175 to 250 acres	92
Tenants	23,297	250 to 499 acres	56
Val. of land and		500 to 999 acres	10
buildings of farms as by:		1,000 acres and over	3
Owners	\$6,776,948		
Managers	221,500		
Tenants	1,045,970		

LIVESTOCK (Numbers)		CLASSES OF LAND (Acreage)			
1930	1920	1930	1920		
Horses	1,694	2,639	Crop land, total	33,310	29,677
Mules	291	136	Harvested	28,242	24,899
Cattle	9,329	11,013	Crop failures	362	251
Milk cows	3,924	4,193	Idle	4,066	4,531
Hogs	2,434	1,271	Pasture land, total	73,640	64,448
Chickens	50,208	52,660	Plowable	10,867	38,753
(Figures do not include livestock and poultry born or hatched after January 1, 1930)			Woodland	21,622	13,659
			Other	5,681	12,044
			Woodland not pasture	48,834	59,460
			All other land	7,328	5,995

SELECTED CROPS	Acreage Planted			Production (Bushels)		
	1929	1924	1919	1929	1924	1919
Corn harvested for grain	8,825	8,546	8,970	202,691	177,366	206,751
Oats threshed for grain	567	578	1,985	6,591	10,751	27,875
Wheat	470	765	3,086	4,844	4,080	26,335
Rye	1,299	784	2,158	10,488	6,001	16,592
Puckwheat	1,388	1,659	1,340	26,129	23,295	17,411
Hay (ton production)	4,186	9,600	9,127	8,549	8,576	8,422
Potatoes (Irish or white)	1,873	781	532	213,583	82,566	37,634

## Newspaper Article Tells Of Death James Brown

James Brown, formerly of Watauga, whose death occurred in Anchorage, Alaska, on April 8th, died from ptomaine poisoning, according to a newspaper clipping received from the far northern territory last week by a brother, Conley Brown, of Hudes Gap. No information concerning the demise of the well-known man other than a brief wire had been received until the article came, which was taken from an Anchorage newspaper of April 8th. It follows:

"What is said to have been a case of ptomaine poisoning, resulted early this morning in the death of Jim Brown, well known local man. A violent illness developed shortly after the unfortunate man had partaken of some canned fruit and mushrooms at his cabin, and when he was removed to the hospital shortly after 6 o'clock, his condition was such that not a great deal of information could be obtained from him for the hospital records. His death occurred at about 2 o'clock this morning (April 8)."

"The deceased was well known in Anchorage and adjacent districts, where he had long resided. He was

## Watauga Included in Johnson's Tax Law

Raleigh, N. C.—Twenty-seven North Carolina counties were included in the provisions of the bill introduced by Senator Rivers B. Johnson, of Duplin County, and ratified the last day of the 1931 session, providing that these counties may levy a special five-cent tax on the \$100 valuation of property to pay the cost of the quadriennial assessment of property, to pay the costs of courts and of maintaining jails and caring for prisoners.

Senator Johnson admitted he thought the bill unconstitutional, but said it was a way by which the county commissioners would be prevented from going to jail for levying a tax above the 14-cent constitutional limit for operation of county activities.

Watauga is one of the counties included in the provisions of this act. About 53 years of age and was a cook by trade. He has relatives living at Boone, N. C. A letter which accompanied the article states that the deceased man was buried on April 26th.

## Solicitorial Change Is Attacked by Linney in Address at Jefferson

West Jefferson, N. C.—The Democratic party has showed that it is important to run the affairs of North Carolina, Baxter Linney, attorney of Boone, N. C., told members of the newly-organized Ashe County Republican Club at its first meeting here Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Linney pointed to the long session of the General Assembly which had established a new record for costly legislation by spending \$224,782.89. He also attacked the legislature for eliminating Watauga County from the Seventeenth Judicial District, which he termed a political move, wholly unwarranted and unjust.

Gwyn Graham was elected president of the club. Other officers are Perry Greed, vice president, and Miss Mary Johnson, secretary-treasurer. The organization meeting was held at the West Jefferson Hotel. Ray Knight was toastmaster at the banquet, after which officers were elected and several speakers heard.

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