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MARSHAL TUGMAN PASSES AWAY AT MEAT CAMP HOME

One of Community's Most Prominent Citizens Succumbs to Long Illness. Was 66 Years of Age. Long Prominent in Church Work and Community Enterprise. Funeral at the Hopewell Church. Widow Survives.

Marshall E. Tugman, 66 years old, one of the most prominent citizens of the Meat Camp section, died at his home there on Friday the 17th, after an illness which extended over a period of several months. The immediate cause of his death, it is said, was attributable to pellagra. Mr. Tugman had an ankle shattered in an accident with a wagon about a year ago and was not able to go from the house after that time. The fracture had practically healed, however, when the fatal ailment became manifest.

Funeral services were conducted from the Hopewell Methodist Church on the following Sunday by the pastor, Rev. Honeycutt, who was assisted in the rites by Revs. Moretz and Payne, and interment was in the churchyard cemetery. Never in the history of the church, it is said, has so large a crowd assembled at a funeral. The assembly was estimated at more than seven hundred, scarcely a third of them being able to find seats in the church auditorium.

Surviving are the widow and two sons, Messrs. Charles and Thomas Tugman, the latter named also being residents of this county.

Mr. Tugman was born and reared in the community in which he died, was a leader in church work and all lines of endeavor which were promoted for community betterment and no better citizen lived within the borders of Watauga. Many were heard to say at the funeral that Marshall Tugman was one man about whom no one had ever been heard to make a harsh statement.

Trout Fishing Season Closes September 1st

On September 1 the trout fishing season will close. It is hoped that every angler has caught or will catch just the fish he had in mind when the season opened on April 15th. Small mouth bass may be taken until November 1. Reports are to the effect that there are more large bass in the streams this year than in past seasons.

Anglers seizing minnows preparatory to bass fishing are reminded by game officials that only the dip net seine is permissible and must not contain more than six square feet, this would be a seine two feet wide and three feet long. Anglers are also warned that seining is not permissible in any stream that has ever been stocked with or now contains trout.

On September 1 the squirrel hunting season opens in Watauga and Ashe counties. The State department has arranged that anyone furnishing convincing evidence against any violator of the game laws during the season will be given a reward of five dollars, the reporter to receive money when the fine for the violation has been collected.

Running foxes without hunting licenses is a violation of the hunting law and all violators will be prosecuted if apprehended.

ASKED TO MOW ALONG CURB

Police authorities are calling upon the citizens of the town to mow the tall grass which has grown up on their side of the sidewalks. Action of this sort, it is pointed out, would not only make the town as a whole more attractive but would add tremendously to the appearance of the individual properties. It is hoped that this small work may be done prior to the Boone Trail Highway celebration.

THE WEATHER

Weather report for week ending August 15, as compiled by the Cooperative Station at A. S. T. C., J. T. C. Wright, observer:
Average maximum temperature, 76 degrees.
Average minimum temperature, 58 degrees.
Average temperature, 67 degrees.
Average daily range in temperature, 18 degrees.
Greatest daily range in temperature, 25 degrees; date, 14th.
Average temperature at 6 p. m. (time of observation), 70 degrees.
Highest temperature reached, 84 degrees; date 9th and 10th.
Lowest temperature reached, 48 degrees; date, 13th and 14th.
Number of inches of rainfall, 1.34.
Greatest rainfall in 24 hours, 1.28; date, 12th.
Number of days with 0.01 inch or more rainfall, 3.
Number of clear days, 2.
Number of cloudy days, 8.
Number of partly cloudy days, 2.
Direction of prevailing wind, SE.
Dates of hail, 12th.
Dates of fogs, 13th and 14th.
Dates of thunderstorms, 12th.



Alphonso thinks he is still king of Spain, but the Spanish disagree with him. He's living in London and was snapped while calling a taxi.

BILLIE COFFEY IS FATALLY SHOT BY OLDER BROTHER

Eleven-Year-Old Resident of Grandfather Section Dies in Grace Hospital, Banner Elk, from Effects of Shot. Accidentally Fired. Funeral Services and Burial Conducted Near Home Friday.

Billie Coffey, 11-year-old resident of Grandfather section, died in Grace Hospital, Banner Elk, Thursday afternoon, a few minutes after having been taken there for treatment for a shotgun wound, accidentally inflicted at the hands of his brother, Harrison, 14. From the reports received by The Democrat it appears that a shotgun had been brought into the home by an adult member of the family and the older lad was playing with the weapon, when it was discharged, the full load taking effect in the leg of little Billie, just above the knee. Death was said to have been due to the excessive loss of blood, before the hospital could be reached.

Funeral services were to have been conducted from the home on Friday afternoon and interment made in the family burying ground.

Club Sponsors Program At Pastime Theatre

Monday, August 24th, will see one of the best attractions of the season at the Pastime Theatre. The management has secured "The Girl Habit," starring the distinguished farceur and master of comedy, Charlie Ruggles. His latest hits were "The Lady Lies," "Queen High," "Honor Among Lovers" and "Gentlemen of the Press."

"The Girl Habit" is the funniest picture of the year. Charlie chases the girls and they chase him, the laugh chases the giggles, the guffaws the titlers, in the whirlwind farce.

The Cook Sisters will be the added attraction and will appear at each performance. They have just returned from their second engagement playing in Asheville and have an invitation for next year. Their radio broadcast was sponsored by the Asheville Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Hamby, the manager, has offered to give 40 per cent. of the proceeds to the "Advertise Boone Fund." This money will be used to advertise Boone to the traveling public and will benefit everyone here, directly or indirectly.

This advertising will be given to the Citizens Club of Boone to supervise, and is endorsed by the American Legion also.

DRUNKEN BRAWL DISTURBS REV. ASHLEY'S MEETING

Reports reaching Boone indicate that Rev. W. D. Ashley abandoned his revival services at the Grandfather Baptist Church last week, partly on account of the disturbance created nightly by drunken crowds assembling in the churchyard.

During one service it is stated the store of Mr. L. M. Hodges, nearby, was broken into, but the owner was informed of the broken glass and chased the marauders away before any pilfering could be done. One arrest is said to have been made as a result of the disturbances but the detailed information is unavailable.

EIGHTEEN STUDENTS ON HONOR ROLL AT THE BAMBOO SCHOOL

Following is the honor roll for the first month of school term at Bamboo School, Miss Rena Hampton and Mrs. Russell Henson, teachers:
Seventh Grade—Ruth Bowles, Dillard Hampton, Helen Keller.
Sixth Grade—Cecil Hampton.
Fifth Grade—Orlie Hampton, Vilas Rogers.
Fourth Grade—Alma Bowler, Marie Rogers, Genevieve Cooke, Anita Hampton, Rietamae Hampton, Dora Kerley.
Third Grade—V. C. Younce.
Second Grade—Junior Bowles.
First Grade—Flossy Yates, Dawn Hampton, Mable Hampton, Haden Cooke.

Plans for the Boone Trail Celebration Go Forward; Four States to Participate

Members of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis and Boone Civitan Clubs met together Tuesday at the Daniel Boone Hotel to complete plans for holding the Boone Trail Highway celebration here on the 29th, which will be participated in by four states and mark the completion of the famous thoroughfare through North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and on into Kentucky along the famous Wilderness Trail blazed by Daniel Boone on his pioneering expeditions from the Yadkin Valley into the unbroken territory across the mountains.

Judge T. B. Finley and Joe McCoy represented the North Wilkesboro club and a considerable number of Boone Civitans came together to join in giving an actual start to the movement which the two organizations believe will culminate in the most stupendous celebration ever held in the mountain region. While the detailed program of the event could not be drafted at this time, local Civitans will journey over to North Wilkesboro Friday and the exact order of events will be made known on Saturday.

Gardner to Attend
Governor O. Max Gardner has been extended an invitation to be present.

A Proclamation

Recognizing the great celebration of the opening of the Boone Trail Highway on August 29th, the banks and business houses which conveniently can do so are expected to be closed from 10 a. m. till 2 p. m.

J. M. MORETZ, Mayor.

at the ceremonies, has accepted and will doubtless be introduced to the assembly by Hon. Robert L. Doughton, Eighth District Congressman, whose successful efforts in securing Federal Aid for North Carolina highways has brought him wide acclaim. Invitations have been likewise mailed to Governors Pollard of Virginia, Horton of Tennessee, and Sampson of Kentucky. Prominent figures are expected to accompany each governor and make the introductory remarks, tentative plans calling for four 20-minute periods for their addresses, following the beginning of the exercises on the State College campus at 10:30 a. m.

The entire personnel of the road

Congressman's Spencer Blackburn Won Office Through Personality

By CLAUDE BERNARD WOLTZ

Main street in the interesting and progressive town of Boone, N. C., runs east and west. There is a gradual slope of the street until it reaches its highest altitude, some two blocks west of the Daniel Boone Hotel. From this point you can get a general view of both the mountains and the business section of the town. On this point is also located the old Blackburn Hotel, whose one-time proprietor and keeper was M. B. Blackburn.

This old hotel faces the new modern Watauga courthouse and as you enter it seems to remind one of the old political campaign days of a former generation. The large porch running along the side of the street for about a hundred feet only a few inches from the level of the ground, was at one time the mecca for lawyers, statesmen, judges, politicians and embryonic politicians in the day of Romulus Linney, Esq. The hotel contains twenty rooms, has two stories and as you sit on the porch in a rocking chair, which Mrs. Hardin will ask you to take, you may look toward Howards Knob and Rich Mountain. Even if you have wandered through the Alps and after reaching its highest summit, have stood and looked down at the blue Mediterranean Sea and then glanced over the sunny plains of Italy, you have seen no more wonderful and picturesque scenery than greets you from this position in a rocking chair on the front porch of the old Blackburn Hotel. One can imagine the jokes, fuses, political propaganda and the trades that took place on this spot when campaigns and court trials were the principal subjects of conversation and when party politics and political faction were rife in the days of thirty years ago. People took politics seriously in those days but today life has more of an economic aspect and the question of tariff and free trade have been eclipsed by questions of prices, supply and demand and consumption.

Framed Photograph

On the side of the long hall which runs the entire length of the building, there is a room on the left which has been designated as a parlor or sitting room. This room is on the

east side of the building and the morning rays of a summer's sun stream through the windows and cast a vivid and gorgeous glow on the beautiful walls of the room. As if wishing to add to its cheer and happiness, the sunshine falls directly upon a large framed photograph of several men of national prominence. They are all standing on the rear of a train. One of them is a rugged, mustached, square faced individual, with large heavy teeth and with a characteristic bear-hunting grin. This is Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, and he is touring the South on a special train prior to the coming election in the fall. Near him stands a young man still in his phillies, immaculately dressed, and appearing even more than the President, to be of the aristocracy, bearing as he does, all the marks of intelligence, honesty, affluence and determination. This is Hon. E. Spencer Blackburn, member of congress from the eighth district of North Carolina, his native state. To say the least, one is struck with the idea that this setting is rather unusual. Here is a son of Watauga county, a member of congress, a friend of Theodore Roosevelt and one of his companions on a campaign train through the southern states of this nation.

A history of Watauga county is lying on the center table. Opening it we find these words: "E. Spencer Blackburn was born in Watauga county Sept. 22, 1868; attended common schools and academies and was admitted to the bar in May 1890. He was reading clerk in the session of 1894-95 of the state legislature. He served his county in the state legislature 1896-97 and was elected speaker protem of this assembly. In 1898 he was Assistant United States Attorney for the western district and assisted in the prosecution of Breese and Dickerson in the First National Bank case. He was elected to the Fifty-seventh Congress March 4, 1901, March 3, 1903, and re-elected March 4, 1905. He died at Elizabeth, Tenn., March 10, 1912. Interment was at Meat Camp, the place of his birth, eight miles from Boone.

According to present plans, the celebration will have been completed at 1:30 when a typical Watauga style picnic dinner will be served on the spacious college grounds. Committee members have indicated that a house to house canvass will be made from the Tennessee line to the Yadkin County line, and each housewife will be urged to prepare a basket large enough to take care of her family, friends, and some to spare. Watauga County is doing her utmost to bring enough for a feast for a multitude and the Wilkes Kiwanis Club is preparing to send over truck loads of bread, peaches, apples and other of

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"Alfalfa Bill" Murray, Governor of Oklahoma, jumps to fame by shutting down oil wells to prevent overproduction and making interstate toll bridges free.

REV. YEARBY WILL BE PREACHER FOR BAPTIST REVIVAL

Eminent South Carolina Evangelist to Assist Rev. Hicks in Series of Revival Services Which Are to Commence Sunday. All Denominations Asked to Participate. Two Services Daily for Two Weeks.

Revival services will begin at the Boone Baptist Church Sunday morning, August 29th, and continue until September 4, according to announcement made by the pastor, Rev. P. A. Hicks. Rev. L. L. Yearby, pastor of the Earle Street Baptist Church of Greenville, S. C., has been secured to assist with the preaching. The visiting minister is a native of this State, a graduate of Wake Forest College and the Southwestern Seminary. He did a monumental piece of work at Tarboro and led the congregation in the erection of a splendid house of worship. He has a great church and a large congregation at Greenville and is doing a fine constructive work there. He is known as an unusually forceful speaker, and his messages are described as safe, sound and spiritual.

The public and the members of the other congregations in this city are cordially invited by the Baptists to participate in the meeting. Mr. Hicks and his congregation are anxious that the entire town may receive a blessing out of the revival.

Services will be held Sunday morning at 11 a. m. and evening at 7:30 p. m. and each evening during the week at 7:30. Announcements covering the day services will be made later.

Charles Warner Dies At Zionville Tuesday

Charles L. Warner, native of Columbus, Ohio, died at Zionville Monday after a long illness, and funeral services were conducted Tuesday from the Baptist church and burial in the community cemetery. Mr. Warner served with the medical corps during the World War and has been in poor health since his discharge several years ago. He was married about fourteen years ago to Miss Fairy Younce of Zionville and she and two daughters survive. Other details are unavailable.

Sidewalks Now Being Thoroughly Repaired

This week a small crew of men has been engaged in the work of patching the concrete sidewalks at various points, where sunken spots and holes had appeared probably as a result of intense freezing during the winter months. In some instances the walkways caught puddles of water during showers, and the city fathers will have the thanks of all pedestrians for having this much-needed repair work done.

JUSTICE'S COURT

The following cases have been disposed of by Justice of the Peace E. N. Hahn since last Thursday:

Howard Folk, forgery, probable cause, committed to jail in default of \$500 bond.

C. B. Johnson, worthless check, judgment suspended on payment of check and costs.

Ransom Horton, forgery, not guilty.

R. L. Honeycutt, worthless check, judgment suspended on payment of check and cost.

Roger Graham, assault with deadly weapon, not guilty.

J. S. Hayes, worthless check, judgment suspended on payment of check and costs.

D. E. Hartley, worthless check, judgment suspended on payment of check and cost.

A. H. Hayes, worthless check, judgment suspended on payment of check and cost.

Messrs. J. T. Prevette and Dock Caudill, of North Wilkesboro, were visitors in Boone Monday afternoon.

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WATT GRAGG HAS A GOOD CHANCE IN FEDERAL CONTEST

Local Politicians Believe He Will Be Named U. S. Deputy Marshal. Contest Believed by Some to Have Narrowed Down to Fight Between Gragg and Prevette; Others Maintain Advantage for Incumbent.

That Watt H. Gragg, secretary of the Watauga Building and Loan Association and prominent Republican leader of Watauga County, has an even chance for appointment as United States Deputy Marshal, is now generally conceded by politicians on both sides of the fence in this section, but admission is made at the same time that the friendly battle being engaged in by Gragg, J. T. Prevette of North Wilkesboro and the incumbent, Mr. Jenkins, is going to be a fight to the finish.

Mr. Gragg has absented himself considerably from the city of late, and while he doesn't say as much, it is generally believed that he is engaged in a "check-up" of the members of the Republican State Executive Committee, which body will recommend the appointment next November. At the same time J. T. Prevette is going the rounds of the State, calling on Republican leaders and friends in the ranks and getting the "lay of the land." He is no mean campaigner and appears to believe that he has the appointment pretty well sewed up.

Gragg is rather silent on the subject but is evidently sawing wood and not mind to admit that he has an even chance. Most of his friends seem to think that his most formidable opposition comes from the incumbent, while others aver that Prevette is furnishing him whatever of worry he might have over the ultimate outcome. Many Wataugans believe that Gragg will be the organization candidate, and it goes without saying that the support of the heads of the party would make him invincible. At any rate the three-cornered race is providing a regular topic for conversation in Mr. Gragg's home county, and his friends are exerting every influence to secure his appointment. It is understood that the official appointment comes in January following the committee recommendation in November at which time it is necessary that a candidate to be successful must have a majority of the 85 members behind him.

Observe Orphanage Day At Blowing Rock Church

Blowing Rock.—Dr. James J. Vance delivered the sermon for the Grandfather Orphan's Home Day at the Blowing Rock Presbyterian Church Sunday.

The Grandfather Orphanage Service, which has been observed at the Blowing Rock Church for a number of years, was opened with a short talk by Edgar H. Tefts, president of the Home. Mr. Tefts reviewed the history of Grandfather Day at Blowing Rock and asked that the church make the gift this year equal last year's contribution of \$1,000.00. At eight o'clock the youngest children of Grandfather gave a program of songs. Dr. Vance delivered the morning sermon. Dr. Vance's subject was atheism, developed from the text, "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God." He said that atheism was the oldest, the easiest and the silliest belief of man; and he attributed this belief to a weak head, a bad heart, or the wrong conception of God.

The offering, which was made for the benefit of the Grandfather Home, amounted to \$3,000. This Blowing Rock contribution has become an essential part of the support of the Home, and the administrators of the institution are most grateful to all who had a share in the gift.

TO THE CHURCHES OF THE THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION

This is to call your attention to the fact that on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, August 24 and 25, the association will meet in its 91st session with the Meat Camp Church. We want to urge that every church in the association be represented by a strong delegation.

Come early and remain till the close of the session.

Those who have reports to write should have them ready and come prepared for a good discussion. Some of the leading Baptists of the State are planning to be present. The church clerks should mail their church letters to the clerk, W. Y. Perry, not later than this week.

Let us all look forward to a great session.

I. G. GREER, Moderator.

BOUND TO COURT

Kernit Wilcox was brought before Mayor Moretz Saturday on a charge of operating an automobile while intoxicated and carrying concealed weapons. He waived examination and was bound over to the fall term of Superior Court.

Jack Bell, drunkenness, was fined \$5 and the costs.