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## 133 MEMBERSHIPS IN RED CROSS ARE SECURED LOCALLY

Roll Call Chairman Reports Enthusiastic Response to Appeal. Miss Jewell Hagaman Leads With Sixty-one Members Enrolled. Blowing Rock and Valle Crucis Not Reported. School Children Donate.

Mrs. Russell D. Hodges, roll call chairman of the American Red Cross from Watauga County, Wednesday morning reported that workers in Boone and surrounding territory have so far reported one hundred and thirty-three memberships and donations of nearly five dollars. She expects the total number of members enlisted to compare favorably with last year's work, and is loud in her praise of the splendid service rendered by the soliciting ladies. Miss Jewell Hagaman, with sixty-one memberships to her credit, still leads, and is hopeful of obtaining several more before the drive ends. Mrs. Wade Wagner, who has charge of the campaign in the Valle Crucis community, and Mrs. Grady Tester, of Blowing Rock, have not yet reported. A complete list of memberships obtained since last Wednesday follows:

Mrs. Herman Eggers—Miss Edna Holsclaw, Clyde Eggers, A. Antonakos, A. E. Hamby, Miss Maxie Green, Smiths' Store, T. Hill Farthing.

Miss Jewell Hagaman—W. L. Cook, Miss Theodora Watson, Tom Cushing, Mrs. L. L. Bingham, David F. Greene, Miss Lily B. Hardin, A. D. Wilson, Mrs. Dean Swift, Grady Moretz, E. N. Hahn, L. M. Farthing, J. F. Hardin, Mrs. L. L. Critcher, Mrs. Mrs. Frank A. Linney, Miss Jane Eliason, Miss Estelle Pye, Miss Gladys Bolt, J. T. Howell, Mrs. J. T. Howell, Miss Eula Todd, Mrs. R. L. Clay, Miss Mildred Richardson, Mrs. D. E. Benfield, R. H. Harman and J. M. Moretz, Mrs. Grace Hardin, and A. R. Smith.

Miss Marguerite Miller—Professor I. G. Greer, Mrs. I. G. Greer, Miss Jennie Todd, Miss Ruth Cottrell, L. G. Jones, Highland Furniture Company, W. R. Spainhour, Mrs. W. R. Spainhour, W. F. Miller, Miss Maude Greene.

Miss Louise Critcher—J. A. Spole, M. P. Critcher, J. L. Wilson and Louise Critcher.

Mrs. Stanley Harris (Cove Creek)—Stanley Harris, Stanley Harris, Jr., Mrs. Enoch Swift, Mrs. N. L. Mast, Mrs. Maude Spainhour, Gordon Spainhour, Mrs. D. F. Horton, Mrs. Sam Horton, Miss Winnie Thornburg, Mrs. Charles Bingham, Miss Pearle Payne, Miss Anna Mae Sherwood, Mrs. L. M. Hampton.

Grade students at the Boone Demonstration school have made donations as follows: Miss Eliason's room, 20c; Miss Pye's room, 23c; Miss Bolt's room, 30c; Mrs. Howell's room, 24c; Mr. Howell's room, 41c; Miss Todd's room, 77c; Miss Day's room, 23c; Miss Bouchelle's room, 37c.

## Three Mountaineers Are Placed on All-Star Team

Salisbury.—His "Little Six" all-star team was announced Saturday night by Charlie Moran, head coach at Catawba College. Catawba and Appalachian State Teachers College placed three men each. The team follows:

Robinson, Catawba, left end; Mahoney, Appalachian, left tackle; Williams, Elon, left guard; Robinson, High Point, center; Sassowitch, Lenoir-Rhyne, right guard; Smith, Appalachian, right tackle; Haywood, Guilford, right end; Witmer, Catawba, quarter; Newton, Lenoir-Rhyne, halfback; Appanatis, Catawba, halfback; Walker, Appalachian, fullback.

Honorable mention went to Cory of High Point and Triplett of Appalachian. Both are halfbacks.

## THE WEATHER

Weather report for week ending November 21, 1931, as compiled by the co-operative station at Appalachian State Teachers College, J. T. C. Wright, observer.

Average maximum temperature, 66 degrees.

Average minimum temperature, 47 degrees.

Average temperature, 57 degrees.

Average daily range in temperature, 19 degrees.

Greatest daily range in temperature, 39 degrees; date 15th.

Average temperature at 6 p. m. (time of observation), 59 degrees.

Highest temperature reached, 72 degrees; date 15th and 16th.

Lowest temperature reached, 33 degrees.

Number inches of rainfall, 0.35.

Greatest rainfall in 24 hours, 0.22; date 21st.

Number of days with 0.01 inch or more rainfall, 3.

Number of clear days, 2.

Number of cloudy days, 4.

Number of partly cloudy days, 1.

Direction of prevailing wind, southeast.

Orders for 1,000 black walnut seedlings and 5,000 pine seedlings have been placed by 4-H club members and adults of Catawba County.

## Hunter Kills 200-pound Bear on Beech Mountain

Mr. G. C. Smith, Boone's premier angler and huntsman, has again "brought home the bacon." In the dawn hours of Friday morning he, in company with Ira S. Ayers, drove to a point on the Beech Mountain two and one-half miles from Banner Elk, where a bear hunt was reported to be in progress. A matter of minutes after they had parked their car, the sound of barking dogs came to their ears. Smith took a position a few hundred yards from the car, and waited. Down the slope came Bruin, galloping along at an easy pace, and apparently unconcerned about the yelping dogs who were far in the rear. The animal approached to within twenty steps of the stand Smith had selected, halted momentarily, and the hunter fired his shotgun point-blank into the bear's head. The animal was a yearling and weighed 200 pounds.

The editor was given a liberal "hunk" of the juicy meat, which he greatly enjoyed.

## AUTOPSY FAILS TO CONNECT DEATH OF SHOOK WITH BLOW

Doctors Hagaman and Perry Perform Post Mortem in Connection With Death of Foscoe Mar. Find Brain Abscess Which Forecasts Charges of Murder in Connection With Assault of Kinsman.

Doctors J. B. Hagaman and H. B. Perry of Boone made a post mortem examination of Joe Shook last Friday morning, following his death on the previous Wednesday, for the purpose of determining whether or not his demise came as any result of injuries received when he was struck with a chunk of wood by a nephew, Mack Shook, who was tried for the offense at the fall term of Superior Court and sentenced to the roads for a period of six months. Mr. Shook suffered partial paralysis just before his death, had been in poor health for some time, and relatives believed his conditions was as a result of the attack of his kinsman. Solicitor L. S. Spurling was notified of the circumstance and acquiesced in the request for an autopsy. When the physician examined the body, however, they could find no condition which would associate the death with the injury, and attributed his demise to an abscess in the tissue of the brain on the side of the head. Accordingly, no further charges will be brought against the assailant of the dead man.

Funeral services were held immediately after the body had been examined, but no particulars are available as this is written.

## Mrs. Martha Ann Greer Dies Friday Near Mabel

Mrs. Martha Ann Greer died at her home in the Mabel community last Friday after a long illness. She was 79 years old.

Funeral services were conducted from the Union Baptist Church Sunday by the pastor, Rev. E. C. Hodges, who was assisted by Rev. Wellington Swift, and interment was in the cemetery nearby.

Mrs. Greer was married to William F. Greer, July 11, 1892, and ten children were born, nine of whom are still living: Henley, Monroe, Andy, John, Filmore, Cicero and Charlie, who died July 20, 1930; and Mesdames John Isaacs, John Oliver and Alfred Thomas.

She was a member of the Baptist Church for about forty-five years. All who knew her found in her life a fine example of hospitality, industry and patience. Her Christian kindness and friendship will be greatly missed by all the people in the community.

## FIVE TO FIVE OPENS NEW STORE IN TENNESSEE CITY

Mr. J. B. Brewer of the Five to Five Store returned last week from Sparta, Tenn., where he dropped off for a while from a buying trip to help with the opening of a new five to five in that city, which is being operated by Mr. W. M. Little, a part owner. Mr. Brewer bought heavily, he states, in the markets, and an advertisement in this issue calls attention to a 95-cent event which will be a feature during the last of the week. The Christmas toys arrived in loads and were being displayed Monday morning in attractive style in the center of the big store room.

## VISITS GAME FARM

Banner Elk.—The Lees-McRae Wild Game Farm had a visit today from Mr. J. E. Trammel, State Fish and Game Warden of Rutherford County. Mr. Trammel is taking back with him twenty-five mature quail to restock the game refuge at Rutherford. These birds were hatched from eggs sent from the State Game Farm at Asheboro to Lees-McRae last spring.

## MRS. A. V. BENNETT, 85, PASSES QUIETLY AWAY ON SUNDAY

Beloved Lady Had Been Ill With Heart Leakage for More Than Three Weeks. Two Daughters Survive. Funeral Conducted Tuesday by Reverends Rankin and Downum. Large Crowd Attends.

Mrs. A. V. Bennett, 85 years old, grand old lady of the Confederacy, passed away last Sunday night at the home of a daughter, Mrs. J. L. Winkler of this city, where she had made her home intermittently for many years. Death was directly attributable to leakage of the heart and followed an illness which had been manifestly serious for about three weeks.

Funeral services were conducted from the Methodist Church Tuesday morning by the Reverends Rankin and Downum, and interment was in the city cemetery. The profuse floral offerings and the large concourse of sorrowing friends were evidence of the esteem in which deceased was held in the community.

The pall bearers were: Frank Cloy and James Winkler, grandsons of deceased; G. A. Thmason, Tracy Council and Walter Winkler. The honorary pall bearers represented the membership of the Methodist Board of Stewards. Eleven young ladies were in charge of the flowers: Mesdames Paul Coffey, Hooper Hendrix, B. J. Council, Alice Robbins, Rob Rivers; Misses Martha Hardin, Margaret Clay, Louise Critcher and Mary Winkler.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. J. L. Winkler of Boone and Mrs. Emma Roland of Alexandria, Va.

Mrs. Bennett was born in Carlton County, South Carolina, but spent the greater part of her life as a citizen of Statesville. The widow of a Confederate soldier, she was one of the few remaining women in this section who lived during the trials and tribulations of the Civil War and the dark days that followed. For more than forty years Mrs. Bennett taught school, and trained countless thousands into the paths of knowledge and right living. She had been a member of the Southern Methodist Church throughout her adult life and worked incessantly in the causes of the Gospel ministry. She was affiliated with the Missionary Society and other church organizations and her counsel was eagerly sought by younger workers in the Master's vineyard. She took great interest in the affairs of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, of which she was a member, and for several winters had chosen to make her abode along with the other ladies of the Old South at the Confederate Women's Home in Fayetteville, where she delighted in the companionships afforded by her sisters of the '60s.

For more than a quarter-century Mrs. Bennett had been a periodical visitor in Boone with Mrs. Winkler, and her friends here were numbered by her acquaintances. She lived a life ripe in years, and ripe from the viewpoint of Christian work and spiritual achievement, and in her going the loss sustained is distinct and cannot be defined in terms of geographical boundaries. The life Mrs. Bennett chose to live furnishes a shining example to the younger generation, and a rich experience in the life's history of the aged.

## Watt Gragg Improves From Arm Fracture

Watt H. Gragg returned Sunday from the Charlotte Sanatorium where he had been a patient for a week following a severe fracture of the arm in an automobile accident, Saturday night a week ago. The member has been placed in a plaster cast, and surgeons believe that while the break is a bad one, he will recover within a reasonable length of time. Mrs. Gragg and son, Horton, went to Charlotte and accompanied Mr. Gragg on the return trip.

Watt's friends still maintain that he is in a winning way in the campaign for appointment as Federal Marshal in the Middle District, and December 5th has been definitely set as the date for the meeting of the executive committee, at which time the recommendation will be made, which will govern the appointment of the official by the President.

## LEN GREER OF TODD IS KILLED BY ACCIDENTAL SHOT

Todd, N. C.—Len Greer, 38, was accidentally shot and killed while bird hunting in a field near Todd Saturday morning about 8 o'clock by Ritter Estep, his hunting partner. He died instantly.

Greer and Estep had gone hunting together and were walking along only a few feet apart when a covey of birds flew up. As Estep raised his gun to shoot the gun discharged, the load striking Greer, who was about three feet ahead, in the back. The dead man was the father of five children, who, with his wife, survive. The killing was accidental and no inquest was considered necessary. Funeral arrangements had not been completed Sunday.

## Reveals Origin of National Thanksgiving



Mrs. Ruth E. Finley, former newspaper woman, disclosed a fact that had lain dormant for many years in her new book, "The Lady of Godcey's" by telling how Sarah Josepha Hale, America's first woman editor, got President Lincoln to issue the first Thanksgiving Day Proclamation in 1863.

## WATAUGA SHERIFF BOUND BY JUSTICE AND DEPUTY FACE CONTEMPT CHARGE

Sheriff L. M. Farthing and his deputy, W. C. Norris, left this (Wednesday) morning for Wilkesboro, where they must answer contempt charges before Judge Johnson Hayes in the Middle District Federal Court, now in session. The indictments were brought as a result of complaints that Cecil Critcher, who served a five-month sentence in the Watauga Jail, imposed by the Federal Court, had been granted undue liberties during the service of his sentence.

Deputy Marshal J. M. Baumgartner came on Tuesday and summoned a number of witnesses to give evidence for the Government in the case, and a number of witnesses were taken by the officers, to hear them out in their testimony as to the occurrence. The case is expected to be disposed of this afternoon.

## Work Begins on New Florence Boyd Home

Ground was broken this morning at the Bridal Veil Falls on the Yonahlossee Road out from Blowing Rock for the erection of the Home for Crippled Children, instituted by Miss Florence Boyd of Lenoir, and which is designed to take care of at least twenty-five otherwise helpless mountain children, who will be trained in various vocations. Miss Boyd owns 250 acres of land with the building site and the plant is expected to be expanded through the years to come. A truck load of workers with their own tools and dinners came up this morning from Lenoir, and are working in dead earnest on the excavating preparatory to the actual start of construction work, and it is expected that the structure will be well toward completion during the winter.

The food supplies have been stored away nearby to take care of the workers, who are volunteering their services in increasing numbers and the eight children being cared for in Caldwell have already been well supplied with provisions by the citizens of that county. The institution will be known as the Florence Boyd Home and Vocational School for Crippled Children, and so far as is known is the only one of its kind in America. Miss Boyd still gratefully receives all food supplies tendered, as much will be required with which to feed the laboring men during the winter months, while the building is being constructed.

## METHODIST BAZAAR

The ladies of the Boone Methodist Church will hold their annual bazaar at the Blackburn Hotel on Thursday, afternoon and evening, December 3. The sale of fancy work will begin at 3:30 o'clock and will continue until 10. Beginning at 5 o'clock, oysters, chicken salad, cakes and pies will be served. The public is invited to attend.

## FOUND GUILTY

Wilkesboro, Wednesday afternoon, 4 o'clock.—Sheriff Luther M. Farthing of Watauga, tried before Judge Johnson J. Hayes in Federal court today on a charge of contempt in connection with liberties granted Cecil Critcher, a Federal prisoner who served a six-month sentence in the county jail here this year, was found guilty and fined \$300. W. Clint Norris, jailer, was also adjudged guilty of contempt in the same case and fined \$200. Critcher was remanded to the Watauga County Jail for a period of six months, and placed in the custody of officers.

## EIGHT WATAUGA MEN ARE TRIED FEDERAL COURT

Prohibitions Are Meted Out While Six Others Are Placed on Probation. Court Now in Middle of Second Week, Trying an Overcrowded Docket Resulting from Recent Raids of Prohibition Sleuths.

Eight Watauga County citizens have been arraigned before Judge Johnson J. Hayes' Middle District Federal Court in Wilkesboro since Monday a week ago, when the tribunal met to begin work on one of the largest dockets it has ever experienced. The increased number of cases comes as a result of recent widespread raids on the part of prohibition enforcement officials, it is said, and the court is still in progress Wednesday, with many cases yet to be heard.

Eight Wataugans have been tried, but only two sentences have been meted out, the others having been placed on probation. The proceedings of the court, in so far as Watauga is concerned, are as follows:

Lee Teague, retailing, sentenced to a term of three years in Chillicothe, Ohio, Industrial School. Placed on probation for a period of five months.

Hal Teague, retailing, six months in Watauga County Jail.

Frank and Lester Woodring, liquor, 3 years probation.

Asa Wolf, liquor, 3 years probation.

Turner Greene, retailing, fined \$100 and three years probation.

Frank Council and Earl Miller, charged with retailing, were placed on probation for a period of three years, and prayer for judgment was continued until next term of Federal Court in the case against Cooge Lovell, also charged with retailing.

It is understood that those placed on probation must make monthly reports to the probation officer and appear at each term of Federal court and prove their abstinence from dealing in intoxicating liquors in any way.

## Watauga Apples Once Prize Winners in Paris

Mr. Robert Mastin of the Matney community recently sent The Democrat a fine box of apples with the request that the variety be determined. Mr. Tom Banner of Sugar Grove positively identifies the apples as the Bughorn, and further explains that his father, Newton Banner, grows the apples, and many years ago through the courtesy of the late Moses H. Cone, of Blowing Rock and Greensboro, specimens of the fruit were exhibited in Paris, and carried second prize in the exposition. The apples Mr. Mastin sends in are very large, smooth, and with a pale pinkish striping.

## Mrs. Rebecca Woodring Dies in Columbia, Mo.

Mrs. Rebecca Elmira Woodring, former resident of Watauga County, died at the home of Mr. J. N. Shoemaker in Columbia, Mo., on November 11, at the age of 78 years. She had been ill only about a week. Remains were taken to Garden City, Mo., for burial.

Surviving her are six children: J. N. Shoemaker, Columbia, Mo.; Daniel Woodring, Creighton, Mo.; J. T. Woodring, Richards, Mo.; W. J. Woodring, Council Grove, Kansas; Mrs. Ada Dintman, La Junta, Colo.; Mrs. Charles Dougherty, Boone, N. C.

Mrs. Woodring had lived in the West for several years and had been at the home of her son for about a year. She was the widow of John A. Woodring of this county, having left here shortly after his death. During the greater part of her absence she had lived with her daughter in Colorado.

## TUESDAY SET APART AS VOLUNTEER SERVICE DAY

Tuesday of each week has been set apart by the local Red Cross as Volunteer Service Day. Those who have clothing that has not been collected are asked to notify the committee so that they may call on Tuesday. Material may also be delivered direct to Mrs. M. B. Blackburn, who is in charge of the loan closet. On Tuesdays for the next few weeks individuals or organizations who wish to help may come to Mrs. Blackburn's to aid in sorting and working over this clothing so that it will be ready for immediate use.

Mrs. Fuller Named Adjutant of Camp Nimrod Triplett

Mrs. Selmer Fuller of Amana and Mountain City, has been appointed by Captain E. J. Norris as adjutant for Camp Nimrod Triplett, United Confederate Veterans. Mrs. Fuller is a daughter of Enoch Swift, of Amana, has for years been active in the Daughters of the Confederacy, and is anxious that veterans who need assistance get in touch with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cushing are spending Thanksgiving in Winston-Salem, the guests of friends.