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MRS. RUTHERFORD APPEARS IN PIANO CONCERT, ATLANTA

Former Boone Woman Thrills Enthusiastic Audience at Music Club in Georgia City. Lillian Rogers Gilbreath Assists Local Artist in Two-Piano Recital. Newspaper Critic Gives Favorable Notice.

Ruth Rankin Rutherford, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Rankin of Boone, nationally known for her work as a concert pianist, drew high praise from Atlanta, Ga., critics when she recently appeared with Lillian Rogers Gilbreath in a two-piano ensemble program before the Music Club of the Georgia city. Mabelle S. Wall, writing in the Atlanta Journal, says the following about the concert:

"The debut of the two-piano recitalists, Ruth Rankin Rutherford and Lillian Rogers Gilbreath, drew a large, representative and enthusiastic audience Wednesday at the Atlanta Woman's Club to hear the first and only piano ensemble program to be presented before the Atlanta Music Club this season.

The field for this type of playing is fallow and practically unfurrowed in Atlanta and the welcome news of this excellent two-piano giving promise of development into an ensemble that will mean much to Atlanta and its environs, was demonstrated at the close of the program Wednesday morning when the pianists were brought back by an enthusiastic encore.

Two classical numbers, "Sicilienne," by Bach, and "Menuet," by Mozart, favorably introduced the artists to their audience. Then followed the work in large form, Brahms' Sonata in F Minor Opus 34, which was originally for two pianos and later changed to a piano quintet. This was the first hearing of the work by this reviewer and most likely by the audience, and a work of this type would require a second hearing to justly estimate it. It appears to be, on first hearing, a somewhat ungrateful work with the exception of the "Scherzo" and the "Inale." In these two movements the pianists achieved their highest success. The boisterous humor of Brahms was portrayed with rhythmic verve and adequate understanding by the two artists who united in an astonishingly good team work by an ensemble so recently formed. There was refined shading, flexible phrasing and taste in their interpretation of the entire program and in many instances fine bravura.

It was in the last group, however, that these pianists achieved the highlight of the morning, "Op. Bateau," by Debussy; "Serenade," by De Paz, and "España," which was built on the tango dance rhythm and other Spanish rhythms and was rightfully the climax of the program. In the last group these artists united in a purification in tone and character of the music typical of this country.

LEES-McRAE JUNIOR COLLEGE SPONSORS FARMING CONTEST

Banner Elk School Offers Three Prizes for Best Essays on "The Western North Carolina Organized Farm Movement." Papers Must Be Turned in by March 1. Rules of Competition.

For the three best essays on the subject, "The Western North Carolina Organized Farm Movement," the Department of Mountain Farming at Lees-McRae College is offering three prizes in the form of \$50, \$25.00 and \$10.00 scholarships to Lees-McRae for the school year 1932-33. It was announced from Banner Elk last Friday.

Judges of the contest will be, Edgar Tufts, president of the school; Bruce Webb, director of promotion, and H. A. Osborne, chairman of the regional council. The competition is open to boys and girls of Western North Carolina, and the essays are to be sent to the Department of Mountain Farming, Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk, N. C., before March 1st, 1932. Complete rules of the essay contest follow:

1. Any high school senior or high school graduate under 21 years of age is eligible to enter this contest.
2. Contestant must reside in one of the counties included in the W. N. C. area. Organized farm movement.
3. Essays must not exceed 2,000 words in length.
4. Essays must be submitted before March 1, 1932.
5. Contestants may interview the county agents, agricultural teachers and others in an effort to gather necessary information.

MOUNTAINEERS PLAY TWO GAMES HERE THIS WEEK

Appalachian State Teachers will play Western N. C. Teachers College here on Thursday night and Wingate on Friday night. Each game will be called at 8:00 p. m. The bleachers came in last night and today workers are busy putting them up in the gymnasium so that from now on all who attend the games can get a comfortable seat.

The college authorities have also decided to reduce the price of admission to 20c and 35c. This is not done because of decreased costs of bringing teams here, but is done so that everybody may attend the games.

Blowing Rock Bank May Open on Monday

If there is no hitch in negotiations now under way, the Bank of Blowing Rock is expected to be open to the public for the transaction of its usual business next Monday. Information is that details of plans for the reopening of the institution, drafted by officials, have been laid before the State Commissioner of Banks, and that permission has been granted for the opening, when these plans are fully worked out.

It is believed that the intricacies incident to a resumption of business may be solved and that business will be transacted next week as usual.

ONE PER CENT TO BE ADDED TO TAX AFTER THE FIRST

Sheriff Farthing States Penalty Must Come According to State Law. Discount During Fall Months Brought Small Returns. Official Reports Collections Fair. Small Property Owners Lead in Payments.

One per cent will be added to all county tax receipts after the first of February, according to an announcement made Tuesday by Sheriff L. M. Farthing, and the same amount will be added to the assessments, at the beginning of each month until final settlement is made.

The Sheriff explains that this action is taken pursuant to the State law governing the payment of taxes, and that local authorities are without power to release taxpayers from the payment of the penalty. During the late summer and fall months, discounts were allowed on 1931 taxes, ranging from 2 1/2 per cent down to one-half of one per cent, but Sheriff Farthing noted no appreciable change in his collections as a result. He states that while collections are fair, considering depressed business, that far fewer tax receipts are being taken from the books than a year ago. Small taxpayers are reported as having responded more freely to previous calls than the owners of extended properties.

Basket Ball Squads Face Hard Schedules

The Mountaineers of Appalachian State Teachers College, beginning the toughest basket ball schedule of their history, have already annexed three games, and are making a strong bid for the Little Six championship of North Carolina. Union College of Kentucky, Catawba and Mountain Park are the teams teams that have fallen before Appalachia since the season began. Other games on the schedule are as follows:

- January 19, East Tennessee State, there.
 - January 21, Cullowhee, here.
 - January 23, Wingate, here.
 - January 25, Guilford, here.
 - January 28, Lenoir-Rhyne, here.
 - February 6, High Point, there.
 - February 9, Catawba, here.
 - February 10, Atlantic College, here.
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 - February 18, High Point, here.
 - February 20, East Tenn., here.
 - February 24, Campbell, here.
 - February 29, Guilford, there.
- The girls at State College are also hitting a lively pace. Their first two games, with Bemberg and Cullowhee, resulted in victory for the locals, but they still face a world of hard scraps on their schedule, which follows:
- January 23, East Tennessee, there.
 - January 30, Milligan, here.
 - February 6, Lenoir-Rhyne, here.
 - February 9, Wingate, here.
 - February 15, Cullowhee, here.
 - February 20, Lenoir-Rhyne, there.
 - February 24, Wingate, here.
 - Milligan, there (date undecided).

Personality Conference To Be Held March 4-5

Banner Elk—The executive committee of the Personality Conference is extending its scope this year to include eighteen high schools to whom invitations have been sent for the third Personality Conference, to be held at Lees-McRae College on March 4th and 5th. The following schools have been asked to participate: Tipton Hill, Crossnore, Burnsville, Newland, Bakersville, Micaville, Cranberry, Banner Elk, Clouland, Spruce Pine, Cove Creek, Boone, Blowing Rock, West Jefferson, Jefferson, Dayton Bend, Bethel Junior High, and Lansing.

Delegates are to be voted for by each school, subject to endorsement by the faculty, and on the following basis: four from the senior high school class, three from the junior class, two sophomores and one freshman.

The speakers are to be Dr. A. Monroe Stowe, professor of Education, Randolph Macon College, and Victor M. Davis, University of Tennessee, with a third speaker to be announced.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Don Calloway of the Shulls Mills section on January 7th, a daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Winebarger of the Meat Camp section announce the arrival of a son on Tuesday, January 19th.

LOCAL LEGION POST WANTS IMMEDIATE AID FOR VETERANS

Resolution to be Drafted Asking N. C. Representatives in Congress to Support Measures for Compensation Payment. Large Crowd in Attendance Friday Night. Professor V. C. Howell Delivers Address.

Watauga Post of the American Legion met in special session Friday night, January 15th, with a large crowd of ex-service men present. The treat of the session was a speech by Professor V. C. Howell of the State Teachers College. Mr. Howell, in his usual direct manner, laid special emphasis on the necessity of unity among ex-service men. Unity is just as necessary in our fight for right and justice, Americanism, the upbuilding of our citizenship and the enforcement of our laws as it were in the front line trenches during the war, the speaker said.

After reading communications from other posts in regard to the ex-service men's adjusted compensation, a lively discussion was entered into. It was pointed out by some of the members that the United States is the richest country in the world, now controlling more than half of all the gold. It was also pointed out that due to the fact that the Government is appropriating money to send to foreign nations, to aid railroads, banks, big business corporations, etc., that it is only right and just for Uncle Sam to pay his obligations in full to the ex-service men. After every ex-soldier is paid in full, the Government will not owe one dollar more than at present, it was stated.

The sentiment of the meeting was that if money can be borrowed to help big business it can also be borrowed from the same source to help the men who offered their lives for the "protection of big business." There was a committee appointed to draw up resolutions and forward them to North Carolina representatives in Congress requesting them to use their influence in securing the passage of a bill whereby each ex-soldier would receive his pay in full at once.

The necessity of a night policeman for Boone was also discussed and upon recommendation of some of the members it was taken under advisement until the next regular meeting of the post, which will be held Friday night, February 5th. Legionnaires are urged to attend this meeting. Several new members were enrolled at the last session.—Reported.

Mrs. Granville Norris Dies After Long Illness

Mrs. Mary Adeline Norris, wife of Granville Norris, died at her home on Route 1, January 8th, after an illness of more than a year's duration with cancer. Funeral services were conducted by her former pastor, Rev. Levi Greene, and burial took place at the Norris graveyard nearby.

Mrs. Norris was 72 years old, and had spent her entire life in Watauga. She was a member of the Baptist Church, took a great interest in its affairs, and was known in her community as a consecrated Christian lady.

Surviving are the husband and the following children: Mrs. Amos Stanberry, Mrs. Frank Carroll and Mrs. Charles Taylor, all of Route 1; Mrs. W. W. Miller of Boone, and Messrs. Clay Norris of Deep Gap, Fess and Eugene Norris, of Bentonville, Ark. Twenty-four grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild also survive.

JOSEPHUS DANIELS RECOVERS FROM AUTOMOBILE INJURIES

Atlanta, Ga.—Josephus Daniels, Raleigh editor, was reported Tuesday by his physicians to be improving satisfactorily at a hospital here where he is a patient.

The former Secretary of the Navy suffered a fractured wrist and painful lacerations in an automobile accident here Wednesday of last week.

PHILIP BENTLEY BURIED THURSDAY

Aged Resident of Laurel Creek Dies From Pneumonia. Was 82 Years of Age. Funeral Services at Brushy Fork. Widow Survives.

Philip Bentley, 82, of the Laurel Creek section, died at the home of his son, Jeff Bentley, on Wednesday of last week, following an illness of several days with pneumonia. Funeral services were conducted Thursday at 1 o'clock p. m. from the Brushy Fork Baptist Church, his pastor, Rev. W. D. Ashley, assisted by Revs. Roy Payne and E. C. Hodges, being in charge of the rites. Burial took place in the Adams cemetery.

Surviving are the aged widow and several sons and daughters, all of whom were at the bedside when the end came.

Mr. Bentley was born and reared in Watauga County, a son of the late Moses Bentley. For many years following the close of the Civil War he was a teamster in the employ of the late Benjamin Council of Vilas. For the past several years he had made his home near Danner's Sidling, where he engaged in farming. While Philip Bentley had lived a life of simplicity, divorced from the worries that high position brings to man, perhaps no more honorable citizen could have been found within the borders of Watauga. He possessed a kindly smile, a generous heart, and those who had the privilege of touching his lowly garments on life's highway will reverently mourn his departure.

Serpent Enters Island Paradise



Mrs. Granville Fortescue and her daughter, the wife of Lieut. Thomas H. Massie, U. S. Navy, are two of the central figures in a murder in Honolulu. Mrs. Fortescue, who is a niece of Alexander Graham Bell, and her son-in-law, Lieut. Massie, together with Alexander Jones, an enlisted man, are held for the slaying of Joseph Kawahawai, one of five Hawaiian natives charged with a serious crime against Mrs. Massie. After the jury disagreed, Kawahawai's body was found in a car in which Mrs. Fortescue and Lieut. Massie were riding.

To Place Tablet at Wade Harris Bridge

A dispatch from Charlotte yesterday states that the North Carolina State Highway Commission will erect a large granite boulder at the Wade Harris Bridge in Wilkes County and place on it a bronze tablet with an inscription dealing with the work and accomplishments of the editor of The Charlotte Observer.

The bridge, named in honor of the veteran Charlotte journalist, is one of the highest highway bridges in the State. It is on the new highway, Route 60, between North Wilkesboro and Boone. Arrangements will be made for a formal unveiling ceremony when the tablet has been completed.

WINBORNE NAMED AS RECEIVER FOR CAROLINA STORES

Board of Directors of Grocery Chain Requests Action for Temporary Receivership. Court Appoints Winborne. Action Taken Solely for Purpose of Protecting Stockholders and Creditors.

Carolina Stores, Incorporated, with home offices in Lenoir, and operating a chain of about forty grocery establishments in this State, has passed into the hands of a temporary receiver, according to information reaching Boone yesterday. Mr. R. M. Winborne, who has been connected with the institution in the capacity of general manager, has been named as receiver, and it is pointed out that this action was taken after the board of directors had advanced the temporary receivership as the "best available solution of present difficulties."

In a letter addressed to the Landlords of the Carolina Stores, it was stated that the sole idea of the receivership is to best protect the interests of all creditors and stockholders and at the same time maintain the organization as a going concern, with all the efforts of the receiver directed toward the permanent improvement of the company and its development for the future.

Carolina Stores was incorporated in the year 1924, and during the years of its existence has enjoyed a lucrative business. Two stores are operated in Boone and one in Blowing Rock, and it is understood that a number of Wataugans are shareholders in the concern.

MR. TUFTS IS SPEAKER AT WALTON LEAGUE MEETING

Banner Elk—Edgar H. Tufts, president of Lees-McRae College, was principal speaker at the quarterly meeting of the Asheville Chapter of the Izaak Walton League at Asheville last week. Mr. Tufts spoke enthusiastically of Western North Carolina as an ideal fishing and hunting ground that would more and more prove an attraction to visitors. He also described the work of the Wild Bird Farm which the college has been operating in co-operation with the More Game Birds in America Foundation. The college has set aside 700 acres for the propagation of ruffed grouse which it has raised very successfully the past year as well as 200 quail, 150 pheasants and 100 mallard ducks.

JUSTICE'S COURT

The following judgments have been handed down by Justice of the Peace Edwin N. Hahn within the past few days:

Jack Smith, violation sanitary law; judgment suspended on condition that defendant place his premises in sanitary condition in five days.

J. H. Brown, worthless check, not guilty.

J. D. Phillips, worthless check, judgment suspended on payment of check and cost.

Willie Jackson, forgery, probable cause, committed to jail in default of \$300 bond.

Stanly Ward, breaking and entering; not guilty.

W. F. Robbins Jr., worthless check, judgment suspended on payment of check and cost.

CIVITAN CLUB WILL SPONSOR FARMERS INSTITUTE IN FEB.

Committee Appointed at Thursday Night Meeting to Arrange for Gathering. Will Stress Western North Carolina 5-10-Year Plan. Institutes of Two Previous Years Drew Enthusiastic Crowds.

Definite decision was made at a meeting of the Boone Civitan Club held Thursday night at the Critcher Hotel, to again stage a farmers institute in Boone, and Thursday, February 18th, was set as the date. A large number of Civitans were present, together with several of the county's leading farmers, and sentiment proved to be unanimously in favor of again giving the agrarians of this section an opportunity to study advanced methods of farming and stock raising.

A committee was appointed composed of Smith Hagaman, W. H. Walker, Russell Hodges, Tracy Council, G. P. Hagaman and G. K. Moore, to arrange preliminary plans for the event. If it is found to be necessary, the institute may be turned into a two-day session, but until the program has been formulated, no announcement will be forthcoming.

One of the important things to be stressed at the institute is the Western Carolina 5-10-year plan, which has been so widely discussed for the past several weeks. The Democrat will from time to time carry information on this plan.

Watauga's first farmers institute was held in 1930, and several hundred farmers and farm women assembled for its sessions. The number of attendants increased in 1931, and, despite the low levels to which farm products have sunk, it is believed that the 1932 meeting will draw unprecedented crowds. The North Carolina Department of Agriculture last year sent several experts in the various branches of farming, and the practical demonstrations they gave have been a great aid to Watauga people, it is said, in tiding over the financial crisis which has enveloped the country for the past year. An effort will be made to improve this year's program, and many features of entertainment not heretofore used will add to the enjoyment of the sessions.

ELECTION CASES WILL BE CALLED ON MARCH 21ST

Thirty-seven Democratic Election Officials Will Be Tried Before Judge Hayes at Wilkesboro on Charges Growing Out of Alleged Conspiracy at Polls in 1930 Balloting. Jury to Be Selected from Nearby Districts.

On motion of defense lawyers, Judge Johnson J. Hayes of the Middle District Court now in session at Greensboro, last Friday ordered that the trial of Watauga County Democratic election officials be held at Wilkesboro on Monday, March 21. At the same time the court specified that the jury for the trial of the local men should be selected from the Winston-Salem and Greensboro districts, so as to leave out the territory directly affected by the indictments.

Thirty-seven Watauga Democrats, it will be remembered, were indicted as a result of the balloting of 1930, when it was alleged that voters were interfered with in the exercise of their civil rights.

Woodcraft Novelty Co. Resumes Operations

Woodcraft Novelty Company, manufacturers of souvenirs and toys which closed several weeks ago, resumed work Monday with a limited force of men. Manager David F. Greene states that more than twice as many orders are on hand now as had been received at this time last year, and that the factory will reach full capacity within the next thirty days. He is highly pleased with the outlook and does not contemplate any suspension of activity during the coming year.

Monster Still Captured By Charlotte Police

Charlotte—Police Thursday night searched for men "higher up" in connection with the capture here earlier in the day of what they said was the largest liquor distillery ever discovered in North Carolina.

Four people were arrested and two automobiles were seized along with a 1,000-gallon capacity still, 400 gallons of whiskey and 10,000 gallons of mash.

The huge plant was located just inside the city limits in the old Lex Marsh home on the Pineville road. Rural officers, acting on a tip of a person who said he smelled the whiskey being distilled, raided the place.

Police refused to believe Thomas Grice, white, owned and operated the still. They said he probably was only manager. Two negroes and a negro woman also were arrested. The four will have a hearing this week.

Officers said the distilling plant was highly intricate and that it utilized the three floors of the house.