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## FARMERS OF COVE CREEK WILL HOLD SERIES MEETINGS

Ways and Means of Improving Farm Conditions Will Be Discussed During First Two Weeks of February. Ladies Also to Hold Sessions. All Farm People Are Invited to Enroll in Classes.

In connection with the Home Economics Department of Cove Creek High School, led by Miss Annie Dougherty, and the Vocational Agriculture Department led by Howard Walker, the farmers of the western section of Watauga will hold a series of meetings during next month and discuss the problems of the farm and home. The meetings will begin at 7:30 p. m. on Monday night, February 1st, and continue for two weeks, including five nights each week.

The discussions for women will embody some of the following subjects: How we can best meet the needs of women. Three meals a day. Easy quick meals. Selecting the spring wardrobe. Food makes a difference. Making new clothes out of old. Saving steps. How to make the dollar go around. How far do you walk in your kitchen? Taking care of Johnny. Make the home more livable.

In the men's group several farm enterprises, such as sheep, swine, beef cattle, dairying, poultry, potatoes, beans, cabbage, corn, hay crops and pastures, tobacco and lime will be considered separately and each of the men present will be asked to give his opinion and relate his experience in regard to the enterprise under discussion.

It is hoped that by summing up the ideas of the group that we can come to conclusions which will be beneficial. Neighbors can often relate things that will be helpful, and a few nights of farm talk together may mean a little more change in somebody's pocket. In this time of depression every scheme for adding a little to the family budget should be appreciated. If these meetings do not help, they certainly will do no harm, as many have stated.

A number of ladies have expressed their desire to enroll in the women's class and attend all of the meetings. Everyone interested is invited to come and join the classes. The following citizens have already signed as members of the men's class:

S. F. Horton, L. E. Moody, W. H. Mast, D. C. Mast, J. J. Mast, D. L. Glenn, Conley Glenn, L. A. Henson, W. R. Billings, Ralph Wilson, T. C. Baird, W. W. Mast, Hard Thomas, J. Y. Walker, R. H. Simpson, E. Y. Edmisten, C. J. Greene, J. O. Ward, G. C. Ward, C. J. Farthing, Bert Farthing, James M. Sherwood, A. M. Banner, T. J. Banner, G. W. Moody, J. D. Stokes, J. W. Henson, Ed Williams, John M. Greer, Roy Adams, J. S. McBride, D. E. Hotten, J. F. Horton, Don J. Horton, A. C. Swift, W. F. Sherwood, J. B. Sherwood, D. M. Edmisten, Don Perry and Dean Swift.

## Local Republicans Will Attend Lincoln Dinner

According to Chairman Russell D. Hodges, of the Watauga County Republican Executive Committee, a number of local party men are making preparations to attend the annual Lincoln Day Dinner, to be held at the King Cotton Hotel, Greensboro, on the evening of February 12.

Patrick J. Hurley, former secretary of war, will be the main speaker, and a program of rare entertainment is said to be in store for those who make the trip. Mr. Hodges urges that Wataugans who contemplate making reservations for the dinner see him at once.

## DEPUTY COLLECTOR TO AID IN FILING TAX RETURNS

For the convenience of those who are required by law to file Federal Income Tax returns, W. M. Thomas, deputy collector of Internal Revenue, will be at the Critcher Hotel, Boone, N. C., on February 17th and 18th to assist taxpayers in preparing their returns. No charge will be made for this service. The matter of filing income tax returns should be given immediate attention, in order to avoid penalty and interest.

## 3,000 Pounds Cabbage Cut in November

The mild fall and winter has been responsible for many curious stories, but Wiley G. Hartzog of Boone tells one that would sound a bit "fishy" had it come from a less truthful source: On the 20th of November the Boone man had occasion to visit his brother, Bower Hartzog, who resides at Idlewild, Ashe County. Arriving at the farm he was surprised to find his relative in the field cutting cabbage. Three thousand pounds of the cole had been trimmed out, carried down State and sold for \$1.25 per hundred, at least three times what the same load would have brought in the early fall.

The Ashe County farmer's main crop had been cut and marketed in September. During October the extreme dry weather held up the growth of undeveloped plants. But when the rains of early November began, the cabbage started to grow again, and by the 20th had reached sufficient size to market. "Winter farming" is certainly a new wrinkle in the mountain section.

## Long-time Mason



Jerry C. Ray, who died several weeks ago, was one of the oldest members of the Masonic Fraternity in Boone. Appropriate resolutions in his memory have been drafted by the lodge and appear on page five.

## ECONOMY MOVE FORCES CUT IN HIGHWAY CREWS

Resident Engineer States that Reductions in Maintenance Crews in Watauga Will Not Be Drastic, But that Construction Forces Will Be Disbanded. Acts in Line With State Economy Plan.

James H. Council, district engineer for the State Highway Commission with headquarters in Boone, gives out the information that pursuant to the economy movement in State affairs brought about largely by the falling away of revenues in all sources of taxation, there will be for the present, fewer men employed on the county road maintenance forces, and that construction crews will be temporarily laid off when the work in hand is completed.

Mr. Council was unable to state just how many men would be dropped from the payrolls of the State, but said that the maintenance work would go forward, and that even under normal conditions there would have been a reduction in forces for the remainder of the winter. It was deduced that the lay-off will be only temporary and that with the coming of spring renewed activities throughout the highway system are expected.

## WILLIAM DAVIS DIES IN MISSOURI

Had Made His Home in the Middle West for More than Twenty Years. A Son of Mr. and Mrs. Holden Davis.

According to belated news which reached Boone yesterday, William Davis, 53, former Watauga citizen, who for the past twenty-odd years made his home in Wise, Mo., died at that place on January 1st, following an illness of two weeks. Burial, it is understood, was made there.

Mr. Davis was born and reared in the Silverstone community, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Holden Davis. Since going to the west, he had paid only one visit to his native county, having spent a few weeks with his parents some three years ago. He had made a wide circle of friends in this and other states who will learn of his demise with sorrow.

Surviving are the aged parents, a wife and two children, one brother, Claude Davis, of Silverstone, and two sisters, Mrs. Roby Wilson and Mrs. James Cole, also of Silverstone.

## Roosevelt's Plan to See Al Smith May Fail

New York.—Less than 24 hours after Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt announced he and former Governor Alfred E. Smith would meet in Albany within two weeks, word came from Smith's office that he had no intentions of leaving the city this month or next.

Roosevelt said Monday night he had heard from Smith that the latter would be in Albany within a week or two to visit his daughter, and that he planned to call on the governor at that time.

The 1928 standard bearer, who has persistently refused to state whether he will be a presidential candidate again, has not seen Roosevelt since the governor placed himself squarely in the presidential picture by allowing Democrats in North Dakota to use his name in their State primary.

Some newspapers predicted, when Roosevelt announced he would see Smith soon, that they would discuss their respective political plans.

Smith made no direct comment on Roosevelt's statement that they would meet.

## John S. Williams Dead

As The Democrat goes to press information is that John S. Williams, prominent Blowing Rock citizen, succumbed some time today from a long illness. A detailed account cannot be published until next week.

## PALATIAL HOME AT BLOWING ROCK IS RAZED BY FLAMES

R. J. Hole Home Completely Destroyed Early Monday Morning. Loss Estimated at Around \$20,000. Occupants Escape by Jumping From Window. Wind Thought to Have Been Responsible for Fire.

A fire that broke out at about 2 o'clock Monday morning completely destroyed the palatial home of R. J. Hole, located in the Mayview Park addition to Blowing Rock. The house was occupied at the time by the owner and a male friend, who had stopped for the week-end enroute from Florida to Philadelphia, and the flames had gained such headway before its discovery by the two gentlemen that they were forced to jump from a window in their nightclothes.

The Blowing Rock Fire Department answered the call, but on nearing the scene an axle snapped on the large truck, forcing the firemen to abandon it. However, it is not believed that water would have had any effect on the nearly-consumed building.

No furniture, clothing or other effects were recovered from the raging holocaust which, fanned by a high wind, obliterated the structure in a very short while.

The Hole home was built several years ago, and stood some three hundred yards from Mayview Manor. It was an imposing building, elegantly furnished, and is said to have been valued at around \$20,000. No information as to the amount of insurance in force was available yesterday.

Mr. Hole states that a large fire had burned all day Sunday in an open fireplace in the home, and that on retiring for the night, fuel had been added. He believes that the building was ignited when the wind, which blew with such force in the early morning hours, swept down the chimney and scattered hot embers over the floor. No plans for rebuilding have yet been made.

## \$52,000 to Be Spent on Highways of Caldwell

Lenoir, N. C.—County highway projects calling for the expenditure of more than \$52,000 have been definitely authorized for Caldwell County immediately, it became known here Monday.

J. C. Walker, division engineer, has conferred with Chairman R. Marvin Smith of the board of commissioners and advised him that he had received notification from the State Highway Department to proceed immediately with the work on the Yadin Valley and the Collettsville roads. It was learned from Representative N. Hunt Gwyn that the short stretch from Granite Falls to Rhodhiss also will be treated.

The Yadin Valley road, from Patterson to the Wilkes County line, is to be of gravel surface and calls for a total expenditure of \$12,500. Treatment of the Collettsville road will be in preparation for a tar and gravel surface but the immediate work calls for spending \$18,000 on the gravel surface and then after July 1 an additional appropriation of \$21,000 will be made for the purpose of applying the tar to the gravel surface.

## Mrs. Sproles Injured When Car Overturned

Mrs. J. A. Sproles of Boone was painfully injured Friday afternoon when the car which she was driving left the road one mile east of Mountain City and overturned. Broken glass from the windshield cut a long gash on the left side of her head, eight stitches being necessary to close the wound. A rib was also fractured.

Mrs. Sproles, who was en route to Boone when the mishap occurred, was carried to the home of Dr. Jim Butler at Mountain City, where medical aid was rendered. Yesterday she was reported to be resting comfortably.

## MANLEY J. WILLIAMS OF LOVILL MAKES EXCELLENT RECORD ON SMALL FARM

"If the farmers of Watauga will grip their plow handles more and the steering wheels of their automobiles less they'll soon find out that money can be made from agriculture in Watauga," says Manley J. Williams, of Lovill, who is looked on as one of the county's most methodical farmers.

Mr. Williams owns a beautiful upland farm of 85 acres situated near Highway 60 some four miles west of Boone. The home sits in a veritable bower of trees and shrubbery, the grounds are immaculately kept, outbuildings painted, and fences repaired with painstaking care.

During the past season eighteen acres of the Williams farm was cultivated. A variety of crops were planted, and the growing plants received generous workings. The harvest came and from these acres more than six hundred bushels of corn, 428 bushels of fine potatoes, 28 bushels of rye and around four hundred pounds of fine Burley tobacco were taken. In plenty of these bountiful yields, plenty of cabbage, turnips, beans, pumpkins and what-not were produced for home consumption.

Thirteen stacks of hay were cut from the Williams meadow lands, and twenty fat lambs were marketed which added \$100 to the family's bank account. And then there were two steers sold which, despite the low market, brought \$86.

## WARN AGAINST USE OF TAR AND PAINT IN SHEEP MARKING

Chatham Manufacturing Company Will Refuse to Purchase Unclean Wool. Former Warnings Have Been Unheeded. Hagaman Asks for Co-operation of Watauga Sheep Raisers.

Smith Hagaman, one of the directors of a pool which for the past several years has handled Watauga's wool output, is in receipt of a letter from the Chatham Manufacturing Company, Elkin, warning against the use of tar and paint in sheep marking. The Chatham company last year bought the country's fleece, and Mr. Hagaman is anxious that sheep growers abide by the warning which is contained in the letter, which follows in full:

"Mr. Smith Hagaman, Boone, N. C. Dear Sir:

"You will recall that the writer has called to your attention many times during the past few years the great amount of trouble that tar and paint have caused us. The results of the past year have proven that our talking has not produced any change in the amount of tar and paint on wool.

"It is therefore necessary that we take drastic steps in the regard and this is to advise you that from now on we shall refuse to accept any wool containing tar or paint.

"By scattering this information early it will be possible to help the farmer avoid the painting that is done when the sheep are turned out to pasture in the early spring; and those that painted the sheep at last shearing time be requested to have the paint clipped off and thrown away at this spring's shearing.

"We will appreciate your co-operating with us in this effort to stop the use of tar and paint for marking the sheep, and would ask you to pass this information along to each and every sheep owner in your section.

"If you wish to continue the friendly business relations of the past we must insist upon the delivery of wool free from tar and paint.

"Very truly yours, "Chatham Manufacturing Co." Mr. Hagaman points out that following shearing paint and tar is used by a majority of stockmen to brand their flocks. The tar adheres closely to the skin of the animal and the wool as it grows forms a mat which is of no use whatever to the manufacturer. He urged that farmers adhere to the demands of the Elkin company if they wish to obtain top prices for their current shearing.

## Chewing Gum King Dies at Age of Seventy

Chicago.—William Wrigley Jr., Chicago capitalist and sportsman, died early Tuesday in his winter home at Phoenix, Arizona, and the world lost its czar of chewing gum. He was 70 years old.

On his penny sticks of confection, Wrigley with novel advertising built a fortune estimate by associates at around \$50,000,000.

Wrigley's illness had been known here for several weeks. He had long been a sufferer from acute indigestion. This affected his heart and brought death by paralysis.

Baseball, coal mining, transportation, the motion picture industry, ranching and hotels were numbered among the enterprises developed by Wrigley in his allotted three score and ten.

His hobby, baseball, was in itself one of the biggest businesses. After buying the Chicago Cubs of the National League in 1924, Wrigley spent more than \$6,000,000 in strengthening the team yet he was never to realize his dream—a world's series championship pennant flying in his Cubs' park.

Few businesses used advertising as widely as did Wrigley. The arrow-headed elves adorning his gum packages were known the world over. Approximately \$100,000,000 was expended by Wrigley up to 1931 for advertising his wares.

## 60-Gallon Still Taken In Meat Camp Monday

A 60-gallon steam distillery and ten gallons of liquor were taken in a raid on Meat Camp Monday afternoon by Deputies John K. Brown, Albert Farthing, Carter Ragan and Wiley Day. Two men, who were operating the illicit plant, fled as the officers approached. The furnace was still hot, and a sizeable stream of the contraband was spouting from the worm and dropping into a rusty galvanized tub, which already contained more than three gallons. Seven gallons more of the fluid was found in cans nearby. No beer was found, the last run of mash having been placed in the distillery just before the raiders made their appearance. Four mash barrels, the furnace, still and other paraphernalia were destroyed.

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## Claimed by Death



John F. Hardin, influential Boone citizen, who succumbed on last Friday evening at the age of eighty-two.

## PATROLMAN HURT WHEN MOTORCYCLE COLLIDES WITH CAR

Raymond Stephens Sustains Broken Collarbone in Sunday Afternoon Accident. Edgar Cook Driver of Car. No Charges Are Preferred. Injured Man Taken to Home at Saluda.

Raymond Stephens, of the State Highway Patrol, who for the past several weeks has made headquarters in Boone, was painfully injured Sunday afternoon when his motorcycle collided with an automobile driven by Edgar Cook on Main Street at the Baptist Church. X-ray examination revealed that his left collarbone had been broken, a severe cut on the head and minor bruises sustained in the near-fatal mishap.

The accident occurred, it is stated, when Cook, driving east, attempted to make a full turn at the intersection of Main and College streets. Patrolman Stephens was following close behind on his motorcycle, and thinking that the car was proceeding toward the college attempted to cross the intersection. When Cook pulled across Main Street in turning, the cycle struck his car about midway, and the impact caused the officer to be thrown against the vehicle. The force of his body dented one of the doors on the auto, and his head is said to have jammed through one of the side glass.

No charges were preferred against young Cook, according to local officers. Following the dressing of his wounds, Patrolman Stephens was carried to his home at Saluda, where he will remain until the broken member has healed.

## MILTON COFFEY DIES AT BRISTOL

Former Watauga Man a Victim of Pneumonia. Funeral Services Monday. Survived by Widow and Two Children.

Milton Coffey, 68, native of Caldwell County, but for many years a citizen of Watauga, died at his home in Bristol, Tenn., Sunday, following a brief illness with pneumonia. Funeral services were conducted in the Tennessee city on Monday.

Surviving are the widow, two children, one brother, Julius Coffey, of Caldwell County, and a sister, Mrs. Sara Vaught, of Butler, Tenn.

Mr. Coffey, with his brother Julius, at one time owned the Finley farm on Meat Camp. As a farmer, stockman and lumberman he had accumulated a comfortable fortune. He possessed a wide circle of friends in Watauga who will hear of his untimely death with sorrow.

## Greer May Make Race For Governor of N. C.

With plans going forward for the biennial State convention of the Republican party, to be held in Charlotte on April 14th, political forecasters are feeling about for a potential gubernatorial candidate. So far as is ascertainable there has been relatively little crystallization of sentiment in the party regarding the man who will make the race for Governor, however, Professor I. G. Greer of Appalachian State Teachers' College here, seems to be one of the favorites for the nomination. For the past several years the Boone man has taken an active part in State politics, and in 1930 was urged by many of his constituency to make the race for Congress in the Eighth District. He refused the honor, however, stating that he preferred his work in the schoolroom to the hectic life of an office-seeker. Whether or not Professor Greer would accept the gubernatorial nomination, should it be offered to him by the convention, cannot at the present be ascertained.

CHAIRMAN JEFFRESS WILL ADDRESS BANNER ELK CLUB Banner Elk.—E. B. Jeffress, chairman of the State Highway Commission, will be the principal speaker at a meeting of the Banner Elk Civitan Club, Friday, January 29th, at 7 p. m. Clarence O. Kuester, secretary of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, and Colonel Wade Harris, editor of the Charlotte Observer, will also be guests.

## FUNERAL SERVICES HELD SUNDAY FOR JOHN F. HARDIN

Dr. O. J. Chandler in Charge of Impressive Rites. 52-Year Old Citizen Passes Following Illness of Several Weeks. Had Been a Leader in Community and Church Life. Survived by Widow and One Sister.

Funeral services were held Sunday morning at 10:30 in the Boone Methodist Episcopal Church for John F. Hardin, 82, who passed away at his home in the eastern part of the city Friday afternoon. Dr. O. J. Chandler in charge of the rites, being assisted by Rev. J. H. Brendall Jr., Rev. J. A. Yount and Rev. P. A. Hicks. A huge concourse of friends packed the auditorium of the church many of them coming from distant points to pay their last respects to the venerable gentleman.

Following the impressive church services the body was laid to rest in Boone Cemetery.

Active pall bearers were James Council, Tracy Council, Jerd Hardin, George D. Hardin, Grady Farthing, Hooper Hendrix, Bus Williams, Walter Church, Henry Hardin and Ronda Hardin. The list of honorary pall bearers was composed of James Ray, John S. Stanbury, R. C. Rivers, R. L. Bingham, B. B. Dougherty, Dr. J. D. Rankin, M. P. Critcher, J. D. Council, W. R. Lovill, Wiley G. Hartzog, Dr. H. B. Perry, George P. Hagaman, J. L. Winkler, Dr. A. M. Gaither and Paul A. Coffey.

Bearing the huge floral offering were Mrs. A. J. Hardin, Mrs. J. H. Council, Mrs. Grady Farthing, Mrs. Hooper Hendrix, Mrs. Jerd Hardin, Mrs. Bus Williams, Mrs. J. T. Southerland, Mrs. Soma Hardin, Mrs. Henry Hardin, Miss Louise Lookbill, Mrs. Tracy Council, Miss Mary Moretz, Mrs. Paul Coffey, Mrs. Luther Clay, Mrs. M. P. Critcher, and Mrs. J. M. Gaither.

Mr. Hardin was born and reared in Boone, a son of the late Henry J. Hardin. In early manhood he became a member of the Methodist Church, and during the years had been one of its most loyal supporters, contributing more, perhaps, than any other local citizen to the cause of Christianity. He was also one of the oldest members of Watauga Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and during his active life had taken great interest in its teachings.

Mr. Hardin for perhaps thirty years pursued the avocation of a stock dealer and his fine business mind aided him in accumulating a comfortable fortune, much of which was expended in laudable benevolences. He had been a director of the Watauga County Bank since its founding, and his excellent judgment on financial matters had been a prime factor in the expansion of that institution. Serving for years as a trustee of Appalachian State Teachers' College, he had been a close friend to education, and dozens of poor mountain boys and girls were given the opportunity for enlightenment and position in the world by his encouraging advice and the ready use of his means.

Following the extension of the Linville River Railway to Boone, Mr. Hardin had thrown open for development what now comprises a large part of the eastern residential section of the city. He watched with parent-like devotion the unusual growth that followed, and lived to see the town of his native develop from a straggling village into one of the State's most promising municipalities.

Mr. Hardin was married to Miss Mattie Council, daughter of the late Jake Council, in the year 1881. To this union was born one child, Miss Mary Lillington, who later became Mrs. Edgar Shull, and whose death occurred several years ago. The widow and one sister, Mrs. W. R. Spainhour of Boone, are the sole survivors of the immediate family.

The death of Boone oldest citizen followed an illness of several weeks which was brought about by advanced age and its accompanying infirmities. The "grand old man of Boone," whose friendship had been an inspiration to hundreds of struggling mortals along life's troublous highway, retained his mental faculties to the end, and quietly passed away, at peace with God and his fellow man.

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