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CHARLOTTE MEN ENJOY VISIT TO BOONE SATURDAY

Messrs. Kuester, Williams and Creighton Pleased With Progress of the Mountain People. Williams is a Grandson of Famous Artist Who Painted True-life Portrait of First President.

Clarence O. Kuester, secretary of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, accompanied by his son Faison, C. A. Williams and W. S. Creighton, spent a short time in Boone Saturday morning, en route back to the Queen City from Banner Elk where they were guests Friday evening of the Banner Elk Civitan Club at a luncheon meeting. The four Charlotteans were delighted with the cordiality of their reception in the little town, and extended an invitation to the entire membership of its Civitan Club to come to Charlotte some time during the summer as guests of the chamber of commerce.

Mr. Kuester has long been a frequent visitor to the mountains of the Northwest, and has become an ardent booster of Watauga. Back during the nineties he pursued the avocation of drummer, and on his tours of the highlands came to know the people and began to watch with sympathetic interest the strides they were making in agriculture, stock raising, education and industry. "No better folks live in the world than those right here in Watauga, and this whole mountain section has a wonderful future in store for it," is the way Mr. Kuester feels about it.

Messrs. Creighton and Williams, neither of whom had ever paid Boone a visit before, were also loud in their praise of the well-kept homes they noticed along the way, the generosity of the people, and the beauty of the surrounding highlands. Mr. Williams is a grandson of William Williams, eighteenth century artist, who painted the portrait of George Washington which is used on the present stamp of the Washington Bicentennial series.

The priceless painting of Washington, which is the property of Alexander Hamilton, is a descendant of A. M., depicts the Father of His Country in Masonic regalia, and is (Continued on page eight.)

Banner Elk Civitan Club Hears Highway Official

Banner Elk.—The Civitan Club of Banner Elk held its regular meeting Friday evening at the Banner Elk Hotel. Chairman E. B. Jeffers, the chief speaker of the evening, told of the reorganization of the State Highway Commission, and stated that it is operated on a budget with each district allotted certain funds. He also told of the 10,000 miles of roads in the State system and of the 47,000 miles of county roads that have been taken over by the State.

Clarence O. Kuester, secretary of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, and Miss Beatrice Cobb, editor of the Morganton News-Herald, gave interesting talks.

Guests at the meeting were E. B. Jeffers, Greensboro; C. O. Kuester and son, Charlotte; Beatrice Cobb, Morganton; C. A. Williams, Charlotte; L. L. Browder, Morganton; W. S. Creighton, Charlotte; Howard C. Marmon, president of Marmon Motor Company; F. B. Shumann of Newland; J. C. Walker, Asheville; James Council, Boone; Grady Farningham, Boone; Henry Burleson, Plummer; W. C. Greeding, Johnson City; J. C. James, Johnson City, and S. K. Mortimer, Pineola.

Harris Brothers Feature Merchandising Event

Harris Brothers Department Store announces today through The Watauga Democrat the opening of the most far-reaching sales event in the history of their successful career. Joseph L. Farnsworth, president of the Personal Sales System, West Jefferson, who has been uniformly successful throughout a long career in the sales business, has been secured to direct the selling, and has a man on the job, looking after the many preliminaries incident to the opening on Friday.

Mr. Harris believes that this is the logical time to make large purchases in his line, as there is every indication of an advancing market later on. He further states that never in the history of his establishment have prices been reduced to present low levels. The attention of the reader is directed to pages four and five for details of the unusual offerings of the popular store.

Edward Lee Hagaman Is Claimed by Death

Edward Lee Hagaman, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Hagaman, who reside in East Boone, died suddenly early Friday morning. The child had been ill with tonsillitis for several weeks, but his condition was thought to have been greatly improved, when he suffered a heart attack which proved fatal.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Boone Baptist Church, Rev. E. C. Hodges, Rev. P. A. Hicks, and Rev. George Brown being in charge of the rites, and interment followed in the Hines burying ground west of the city.

Edward Lee was very popular with his little friends, as well as older people who came to know him during his brief life, and his untimely passing is recorded with sorrow. Surviving are the parents and one sister, Wilma.

Town Board Calls for Mass Meeting Friday

By order of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Boone, a mass meeting will be held Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the offices of the Boone Coal Company, for the purpose of discussing various financial problems now confronting the city.

Dr. H. R. Perry, chairman, states that notwithstanding the present economic situation, Boone has so far met her obligations, has retired bonds as they came due, and made interest payments promptly. However, the collection of water rents, taxes and street assessments has noticeably diminished, and unless citizens loyally co-operate, the city stands in danger of defaulting.

The board urges that as many townspeople as possible attend the Friday evening's meeting and join in the discussions.

FISH HATCHERY AT PINEOLA TENDERED TO N. C. BY MARMON

Establishment of Millionaire Automobile Manufacturer in Avery Is Offered to Board of Conservation and Development. Several Hundred Acres of Land and 2,000,000 Fish Included in Gift.

Marion, N. C.—As a gift to the State of North Carolina, the mammoth fish hatchery on the estate of Howard C. Marmon at Pineola, in Avery County, has been offered to the Board of Conservation and Development by Mr. Marmon, president of the Marmon Motor Company, J. Q. Gilkey announced upon his return to Marion Friday.

The hatchery, upon which Mr. Marmon has lavished more than \$60,000 since establishing it five years ago, was declared by Mr. Gilkey to be one of the finest in the entire South. Furthermore, he affirmed, it is the outstanding gift of its kind ever to be offered the State.

In its over a mile of lakes and breeding ponds are 2,000,000 fish, valued at close \$10,000. They are brown trout, rainbow trout, and brook trout, most of which are between six and twenty-four inches long.

The gift includes hundreds of acres of water, the land upon which it lies, and a number of buildings connected with the hatchery, all of which are in first-class condition.

The only requirement to be imposed upon the State is the work of financing and operating the hatchery in the future. If means for financing it can be obtained, and it won't be much, Mr. Gilkey said, the offer will be accepted right away.

Mr. Gilkey visited Mr. Marmon yesterday along with J. W. Harrellson of Raleigh, and J. S. Hargett, of Raleigh, director and assistant director of the Board of Conservation and Development, of which Mr. Gilkey is a member. They discussed the matter and extended to Mr. Marmon their appreciation, but asked for a brief period to see if the necessary money could be raised to finance the hatchery before they formally accepted it.

DEATH CLAIMS MRS. THADDEUS REESE

Well Known Watauga Lady Succumbs in Kentucky. Funeral Services Held Sunday at Beaver Dam Baptist Church.

Mrs. J. J. T. Reese, of the Beaver Dam section of Watauga, who for the past several months has made her home with a son, Rev. Wagner A. Reese, in Norwood, Ky., died at that place on last Friday, following a brief illness. Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at the Beaver Dam Baptist Church, and burial took place in the cemetery nearby.

Mrs. Reese was a native of Johnson County, Tennessee, but had spent the major portion of her life in Watauga, where her kindly smile and charitable disposition had endeared her to a wide circle of friends. She was a consistent member of the Baptist Church and during her long lifetime had been active in its support. News of her demise comes as a distinct shock to Wataugans generally.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters: Rev. Wagner A. Reese and George Reese of Kentucky; Clyde A. Reese, who resides at the old home on Beaver Dam; Mrs. Dan Swift and Mrs. Lillie Masten, also of Kentucky.

NATIVE OF CALDWELL AIDS FLORENCE BOYD'S HOME

A native Lenoir resident, Mr. R. F. Craig of Stanley, has become interested in Miss Florence Boyd's home for cripples, and has sent a package containing many articles of value for the benefit of the home. His letter to Miss Boyd follows:

"Our Mrs. Setzer was telling me about your efforts in trying to take care of orphan children and while I have just contributed to the Thomasville Orphanage, all I felt able to, I feel that I ought to try to help you some. I am, therefore, mailing you via parcel post a package containing five sheets, five spreads, two dozen towels and 25 yards of cloth and if conditions will permit, I will help you some more later on.—News-Topic.

WARM WEATHER PREVAILS DURING MONTH JANUARY

Dandelions Bloom, Rose Bushes Turn Green and Bees Buzz Merrily About as Sun Shines With Summertime Brilliance. Maximum Temperature of 72 Recorded at Local Weather Bureau.

January, which bowed itself out with temperatures that dropped as low as 17 above, presented, during its thirty-one-day stay, a period of the mildest weather ever witnessed in the mountains by even the oldest residents. Dandelions bloomed, bees buzzed busily about, lured from their hibernation by the mild atmosphere, and rose bushes turned green under the spell of Old Sol's summertime radiance. Copious rains fell, but the snow failed to make its expected appearance, only a tenth of an inch of the white having fallen. And the poor old farmer, undaunted by forty-cent spuds and thirty-cent corn, began his plowing for the new crop. The following chart, prepared by the local weather bureau, gives the "low-down" on just what the weather man dished out to Watauga during January.

Average maximum temperature, 51 degrees.
Average minimum temperature, 33 degrees.
Average temperature, 42 degrees.
Average daily range in temperature, 18 degrees.
Greatest daily range in temperature, 40; date, 20th.
Average temperature at 6 p. m. (time of observation), 42.
Highest temperature reached, 72; date, 17th.
Lowest temperature reached, 18; date, 31st.
Number inches of rainfall (including melted snow), 5.88.
Number inches of snowfall, 0.10.
Greatest rainfall in 24 hours, 1.15; date, 6th.
Number of days with 0.01 inch or more rainfall, 15.
Number of days on which snow fell, 5.
Number of clear days, 11.
Number of cloudy days, 12.
Number of partly cloudy days, 8.
Number of days with freezing temperature, 15.
Direction of prevailing wind, west.
Dates of heavy frost, 4th, 11th, 20th and 28th.
Dates of light frost, 19th and 21st.
Other phenomena described as follows, solar halos on 25th; lunar halos on 21st, 22nd.

Ben M. Harrison Buried Thursday of Last Week

On last Thursday burial services were held for Ben M. Harrison, 43, of Blowing Rock, R. F. D., who died on the day previous from acute Bright's disease. The body was interred in Critcher Graveyard.

Mr. Harrison had been an invalid during the whole of his life, and had been closely confined for several months with the fatal illness. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Anse Harrison, and is survived by the following brothers and sisters:

N. L. Harrison, Roe Harrison, Mrs. Lizzie Hartley, Mrs. Dona Coffey, Mrs. Dan Wheeler, Mrs. Sarah Hollar, Mrs. Zora Chumate, Mrs. Docia Cook, Mrs. Horace Cook, Mrs. Bessie Walker, Mrs. Charles Simmons, and Mrs. Roxy Bond.

Carter Cook Closes Lease on Barber Shop

Mr. Carter Cook, native Watauga and for a decade a barber shop operator of this city, came up from Elizabethton Monday and closed a lease for the Sanitary Barber Shop and the Queen Annis Beauty Parlor.

Mr. Spencer Isaacs of Bristol, who is known as a tonsorial artist of marked ability, and Miss Evelyn Sherill of Statesville remains as operator of the beauty parlor. Attention is directed to an advertisement in the Democrat today which features a fifty per cent. reduction in waving, permanent, and all other services in connection with beauty culture, and Mr. Cook says that arrangements have been made for a specialist in permanent waving to come from the creators of famous beauty essentials, and the Democrat will carry special offerings effective during demonstration week.

Mr. Cook will return to Boone from time to time and respectfully solicits a continuance of the patronage which was so freely accorded during his residence here several years ago.

WAR CLOUDS DARKEN AS JAPANESE RENEW BOMBARDMENT OF SHANGHAI

Latest news from the far eastern war fronts indicate that the Japanese have renewed the artillery duels with the Chinese following the taking of the City of Shanghai on last Friday. . . . The Japanese have also had Nanking, capital of the Nationalist Government, "hands up," covered by the guns of warships, and troops have been landed. . . . Most resistance there is 30,000 crack Chinese troops mobilize. . . . Japanese also send troops for seige of Harbin, Manchurian railway center. Twelve United States cruisers join Asiatic fleet in Yangtze River, and regiment of infantry leaves Manila to join in protection of American property in Chinese City. . . . France, England and Italy send troops to join in pro-

Will Govern Reconstruction Finance Board



General Charles G. Dawes, former Vice-President and recently Ambassador to England, is shown leaving the Senate Office Building with Eugene Meyer. General Dawes as president and Mr. Meyer as chairman of the new corporation, will have charge of distributing the two billion financial pool sponsored by the Government to absorb frozen assets.

Frigid Temperatures of '99 May Find Parallel During February

Old Democrat Files Tell of Raging Blizzard That Followed on Tag End of Mild Winter. Fourteen Degrees Below Zero in Boone, Mails Delayed for Several Days, and All Work Suspended.

Cabbage Still Growing On Beech Mountain

Cabbage grown in January is now offered on Boone markets. And the cabbage was not grown in Florida, but right here in Watauga. Last Saturday morning R. D. Edmisten, who resides at Matney, drove to town, bringing with him a bushel basket of large, firm heads, just taken from his patch on the side of the Beech Mountain. Leaving a few of the nicest ones for the editor, he proceeded to a local grocery store where he disposed of them at top prices.

Mr. Edmisten states that perhaps fifteen hundred pounds of cabbage is still growing on his farm, and that during the present month they have actually made noticeable development. The ones he brought to Boone are as hard as bullets and show no sign of freeze. Just another one of the phenomena produced by the exceptionally mild winter.

MRS. HENRY BEACH SUCCUMBS MONDAY

Funeral Services Held at Rich Mountain Baptist Church Wednesday Afternoon. Survived by Husband and 12 Children.

Mrs. Henry Beach, age 44, a resident of the Rich Mountain community, died at her home Monday night, following an illness of several days. Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday afternoon from the nearby Baptist Church, Rev. Roe Payne, pastor, being in charge, and burial took place in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Beach was a daughter of the late Jack Hardy, and was reared in the community where death claimed her. She was a member of the Baptist Church, possessed a kind and neighborly disposition, and was well liked by those who knew her.

Surviving are the husband and twelve children, one an infant ten days old; two brothers, Luther of Howards Creek and Hubert of Michigan; a half-brother, Floyd Tate, of Boone, R. F. D.; two sisters, Mrs. Jack Norris of Boone Route 2, and Mrs. Mae Benfield, of Detroit, Mich.

THUNDER STORM

Tuesday night, just after Herr Groundhog had gone back into his burrow without getting a peep at his shadow, a thunderstorm of great intensity raged for several hours, and this (Wednesday) noon, the rain continues to fall. Old-timers state that lightning in the winter is an indication of falling temperatures, but today the cold spell they predict seems to be a good way off, as the thermometer registers near 60.

Appalachian Girls Win From Western Teachers

The Appalachian girl's basket ball team turned back the Western Carolina Teachers' sextet here Monday night in an easy game, 40 to 21.

Austin led the Appalachian attack, caging a total of 25 points, which was more than twice as many as any of her teammates. Preston, Appalachian center, followed with twelve points, while Higdon scored eleven points for Cullowhee.

Howard Klutz Passes State Bar Examination

A list of the potential lawyers who passed the State bar examination last week carried the name of Howard Klutz of Blowing Rock. Young Klutz is a son of D. A. Klutz, received his A. B. degree at Wake Forest, and will complete his law course at the University of North Carolina in June. He is said to be very adept in his studies and possesses a personality which is calculated to carry him far in the legal profession. No definite plans as to where he will locate have yet been made.

GENERAL HELD FOR JOHN S. WILLIAMS A BLOWING ROCK

Rites Conducted by Rev. Sexton Buchanan. Burial in Boone Cemetery. Nine Children and Widows Survive. Spent Early Life as a Newspaper Man and Teacher in Watauga Schools.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at the home for John S. Williams, of Blowing Rock, who passed away on the morning previous after an illness of several months. The impressive rites were in charge of Rev. Sexton Buchanan, pastor of the Blowing Rock Presbyterian Church, and interment followed in Boone Cemetery. A large concourse of friends and relatives were present for the services, and the large floral offering bore mute testimony to the esteem in which the deceased man was held by those who knew him.

John Syme Williams was born in Warrenton, N. C., on November 23, 1862, a son of the late Buckner Davis Williams and Elizabeth Syme Williams, the latter a native of Petersburg, Va. After completing a course of study at the University of North Carolina, he came to Boone at the age of 25, where he helped to establish and edit The Watauga Enterprise, which was later called The Watauga Democrat. He also helped to establish a paper at Elk Park, and one at Sparta, N. C. Later he gave up newspaper work and devoted about twenty-five years to the profession of teaching. Literally hundreds of men and women all over Watauga County profited by his able instruction. In later years he was connected with the North Carolina Board of Agriculture, and the State Legislature, serving both with great zeal and loyalty.

On January 9th, 1889, Mr. Williams was married to Miss Betty Folke Council, daughter of James Willis Council and Elizabeth Cocke Council, the latter from South Carolina. Following this union, which lasted a little over forty-three years, eleven children were born, nine of whom, with their mother, survive as follows: Mrs. E. F. Fowell, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. U. O. Miller, Hickory; Mrs. J. Clarke Brown, Jefferson; Mrs. H. P. Holsouser, Blowing Rock; (Continued on page eight.)

NEWLAND SPEAKS AT CIVITAN MEET

Lenoir Man Believes that Depression is Largely Psychological. Program of Stringed Music and Chicken Dinner Enjoyed.

Governor W. C. Newland of Lenoir was the principal speaker at the weekly luncheon of the Boone Civitan Club which was held at the Critcher Hotel last Thursday noon. The speaker was introduced by W. H. Crager, who characterized the former Lieutenant Governor as a man "loved, honored and respected by all the people of Watauga County."

Mr. Newland's discourse centered about the general economic depression, and he believes that much of the unrest in the business world has been caused by talking "hard times" until the public believes it—similar to putting a well man to bed by convincing him he is ill. The attorney said that the people of this section are fortunate in that they have plenty of food, enough of raiment, and that patience is needed and hearty co-operation in the restoration of public confidence, which he averred would in turn restore prosperity to a degree. He contended that much of the panic is psychological, and pointed out that civic clubs could be of invaluable assistance in bringing back to the people lost confidence.

Music on stringed instruments by three daughters of Roe Greene of Poplar Grove was an entertaining feature of the session, and the old-fashioned chicken pie dinner which Mrs. Critcher served her guests was the source of much favorable comment.

HAHN—WELBORN

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Hahn have announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Mary Edith, to Mr. John Welborn, which occurred in Mountain City, Tenn., on November 22, 1931. The bride received her education at State Teachers College here, where she is very popular with the younger set. Mr. Welborn is a native of Wilkes County, and for the past two years has been a student at Appalachian. The young couple are making their home temporarily with the bride's parents.

FORMER GERMAN RULER OBSERVES 73rd BIRTHDAY

Doorn, Holland.—Former Kaiser Wilhelm, 73 last Thursday, had the quietest birthday since his Dutch exile began.

None of his relatives who live in Germany, not even the former Crown Prince Frederick Wilhelm, came down to Doorn, nor did Princess Hermine's children, cross the German border to felicitate their stepfather.

"His Majesty's recent attack of bronchitis makes it necessary for him to take special care of himself," said his adjutant, Baron Ulrich Von Sell. "This fact, besides the sorrow over the death of his sister, Queen Sophie of Greece, made it desirable to suggest that no relatives come to Doorn this year."

"I am happy to say, however, that the Emperor's health continues to improve and that the Kaiser was able to take an automobile ride in the morning."