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## NISWONGER TO BE MAIN SPEAKER AT FARM INSTITUTE

Department of Agriculture Expert to Speak on Vegetable Crops at Third Annual Farm Cathering. Practical Experiences to Be Related by Local Agrarians. Large Attendance Is Urged by Committee.

The third annual Farmers Institute for Watauga County, will be held in the courthouse in Boone on Thursday, February 18th, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. The sessions this year are under the auspices of the Boone Civitan Club, and a program of rare interest has been worked out by a special committee.

Mr. H. R. Niswonger, of the State Department of Agriculture, will be the main speaker, and will discuss the culture of vegetable crops. He appeared here at preceding institutes and his knowledge along horticultural lines has proved of great benefit to county farmers.

The Asheville Citizen-Times is sending a speaker from Buncombe County who will discuss the "five-to-ten-year plan for Western North Carolina," which has been given such wide publicity for the past several weeks. This plan, the committee points out, is of vital importance to the farm population of this section, and during the institute it will be fully explained.

A number of local farmers will appear on this year's program and give the assembly practical experiences in agriculture, gardening, poultry and livestock activities for the past year. These talks, it is believed, will be the source of valuable information, and will lead to many progressive changes in rural life.

A plan of farming without the use of so much commercial fertilizer will also be stressed during the institute. Farmers of the section are changing their mind, it is stated, relative to the huge output of money for fertilizers, and are seeking a way whereby stable manure, leaves, etc., may be used as a soil builder rather than the commercial product. A speaker will give practical experiences along this line.

A member of the institute committee states that never in the history of Watauga has it been so necessary for farmers to plan their activities wisely. He is anxious that all who are able attend the meetings in order that a definite agricultural program may be worked out.

Various features of entertainment, in addition to the addresses and demonstrations, are being prepared, and those who attend the meeting are assured of a well-balanced program.

## MORATORIUM DECLARED ON HANDSHAKING BY PRESIDENT

Washington.—A moratorium on periods of extended handshaking was declared Tuesday by President Hoover.

His place will be taken, however, at the formal reception of groups and organizations by Mrs. Hoover.

It having been found that an ever mounting succession of telephone calls capped by tens of thousands of handshakes, were making inroads on the Chief Executive's time and strength the ban was laid today in a formal White House statement against his participation, for the next few months at least, in "formal reception."

The announcement said: "Mrs. Hoover will be delighted, whenever possible, to extend the courtesies of the White House to visiting organizations, the officials and members of which desire to be received. The President, however, must request to be excused from participation."

## BOUND TO COURT

Minnie Horton and Katie Grimes, both colored, who engaged in a "first and skull fight on Main Street Saturday afternoon, were tried before Mayor J. M. Moretz shortly after the "smoke of battle" had cleared away, and each was fined \$1 and the cost. Later, however, the Grimes woman, displaying a three-inch scalp wound, swore out a warrant for Minnie Horton, charging the use of a knife during the affray. The case was brought before Justice E. N. Farthing for trial, but the defendant was bound to court under a bond of \$100.

## INCOME TAX EXPIRING

Marion Thomas, collector of Internal Revenue, will be at the Critcher Hotel in Boone on February 17th and 18th for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in filing income tax returns. He asks that those who have received blanks by mail bring them along.

## PARENT-TEACHERS TO MEET

The Parent-Teacher Association will meet Thursday afternoon. There will be an interesting February program by some of the children. Miss Grace Graybeal will sing. A large attendance is urged.

## Watauga Man Tells of Blizzard in Washington

While springlike weather prevails in Watauga County, residents of Lancaster, Wash., are getting their part of winter. J. Polk Todd, former Watauga man who for the past thirty years or more has made his home at that place, tells The Democrat in a recent letter that the ground has been covered with snow since November 14th, and that Washingtonians are now in the midst of a terrific blizzard, which has blocked roads and brought traffic practically to a standstill.

Mr. Todd's letter also states that Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hagaman and Mr. George Presnell, natives of this county who have been in the Northwest for a long while, are quite ill, and that wheat is being sold at the elevators for twenty-five cents per bushel.

## MANY TO ATTEND LINCOLN DINNER

Goodly Number of Leading Watauga Republicans Expected to Go to Greensboro Friday. Many Notables to Be There.

A number of the leading Republicans of Watauga County are expected to go to Greensboro Friday to attend the annual Lincoln Day dinner given under the auspices of the Young Republican Club of the State. Baxter M. Linney of Boone and Lenoir is secretary of the organization, and this year's event is scheduled to be held in the ball room of the King Cotton Hotel.

Russell D. Hodges, Watauga chairman of the local committee, has invited the leading Republicans of the county to attend, and among those who have signified their intention of accepting the invitation are: W. H. Gragg, R. D. Hodges, Fred Hodges, John W. Hodges, A. W. Smith, Miss Blanche Smith, W. D. Farthing and C. K. Moore.

About fourteen hundred Republicans from every section of the State are expected to be present for the annual meeting, and several prominent leaders from outside the State are slated to appear on the program.

## MRS. GRADY BROWN CLAIMED BY DEATH

Funeral Services Held Wednesday at Home and Burial Took Place in Joint Brown Graveyard. Survived by Three Children.

Mrs. Grady Brown, 33, of Boone Route 2, died at her home on Tuesday morning, February 2, following a stroke of paralysis on the previous evening, from which she never regained consciousness. Funeral services were held on Wednesday noon at the home, with Rev. W. C. Payne in charge, and burial took place in the Joint Brown Cemetery.

Mrs. Brown was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Greene, and was born and reared on Howards Creek. She was a member of the Baptist Church, was highly respected in her neighborhood, and her untimely passing is lamented by a large concourse of friends.

Surviving are the husband, father and mother; three children, Virginia, Bernice and William; two brothers, John and Lee Greene, of the Howards Creek section, and one sister, Mrs. Clarence Baker, of Bowie.

## Full Section of Paper Used by Popular Store

Spainhour's store has done the unusual in local mercantile circles by buying a full four-page section of The Democrat today for advertising its periodical Banner Bargain period. This, incidentally, presages the most far-flung advertising program thus far attempted by the popular local store. According to Mr. W. R. Spainhour, who was here last week assisting Manager A. S. Harris in preparing for the big event, the surest way out of the present depression is through noteworthy mercantile values, coupled with systematic newspaper advertising. He, however, states that for the period of the year, the Spainhour stores are enjoying their usual trade, notwithstanding curtailment of sales of seasonal merchandise through the warm weather.

The last four pages of The Democrat today are perhaps the most valuable portion of the current issue, and contain the complete details of the Greatest Banner Bargain period in Spainhour history. The stocks are full to overflowing with the best merchandise the markets afford, and the prices are the lowest which have been offered in more than twenty-five years. Thrifty persons will read carefully each word of the extended message, and profit by the unusual savings being offered them.

## FARM MEETINGS AT COVE CREEK SCHOOL DRAW BIG CROWDS

Thirty of the County's Most Progressive Farmers Attend First Week's Sessions. Dr. B. B. Dougherty Delivers Address. Growing Crops Will Feature Second Week. Uses of Fertilizer Is Discussed.

The night farm meetings at Cove Creek High School drew large and enthusiastic crowds during last week, about thirty of the most progressive farmers of the section attending practically every session. The study of livestock and poultry proved very interesting and helpful to the group, and various suggestions on the feeding and care of herds were offered.

Several farmers related practical experiences in livestock culture and marketing, which brought out new ideas and led to many lively discussions. Watauga County has the natural conditions for livestock and poultry raising, but the group at the "night school" saw the need of improving breeds and management of these enterprises.

It was the opinion of all that the Hampshire sheep, the black Poland-China hog, Shorthorn and Hereford cattle are best adapted to the county and that everyone should breed to improved sires.

Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian State Teachers College, was in attendance at some of the meetings and gave valuable talks, emphasizing the importance of correct breeding and the use of manure as a soil builder. He brought out the fact that farmers of Watauga are losing tens of thousands of dollars annually by buying fertilizers instead of making use of leaves, etc., with barnyard manure.

The second week of the group study course is given over to the discussion of growing crops.

## Town Mass Meeting Was Well Attended

A good crowd of representative citizens of Boone met with the Mayor and Board of Aldermen last Friday evening. The meeting was presided over by Alderman Luther Clay, and after a few explanatory remarks by board members, a general discussion of the tax situation was entered into. During the two preceding months collection of revenues by city authorities had greatly diminished, and fears were entertained that the town might default in her obligations.

However, a spirit of co-operation was manifest in those who attended the meeting Friday, and a notable increase in city tax collections is reported so far this week. Officials urge that property owners who are in arrears may just as much as they can within the next few days, and do their part toward retaining the town's good financial name.

## Local Taxi Man Injured When Car Strikes Pole

Letcher Teague, Boone taxi driver, sustained severe cuts around the head and face Tuesday afternoon, when a car he was driving collided with a telephone pole near the Sprinkle Oil Station on Main Street. Following treatment by a local doctor, Teague was arrested on a warrant charging speeding, reckless driving, and driving under the influence of liquor, was tried by Mayor J. M. Moretz and fined ten dollars and costs.

Other cases disposed of by Mayor Moretz within the past few days were: Henry Ragan, drunkenness, fined \$5, including costs.

Roy Bumgarner, drunkenness, \$5 and costs.

## THE WEATHER

Weather report for week ending February 6, 1932, as compiled by the Co-operative Station at Appalachian State Teachers College:

Average maximum temperature, 50 degrees.

Average minimum temperature, 28 degrees.

Average temperature, 39 degrees.

Average daily range in temperature, 21 degrees.

Greatest daily range in temperature, 29 degrees; dates 1st and 4th.

Average temperature at 6 p. m. (time of observation), 9 degrees.

Highest temperature reached, 59 degrees; date, 4th.

Lowest temperature reached, 17 degrees; date, 1st.

Number inches of rainfall (including melted snow), 2.45.

Greatest rainfall in 24 hours, 2.05; date, 3rd.

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

Number of clear days, 4.

Number of cloudy days, 2.

Number of partly cloudy days, 1.

Direction of prevailing wind, west.

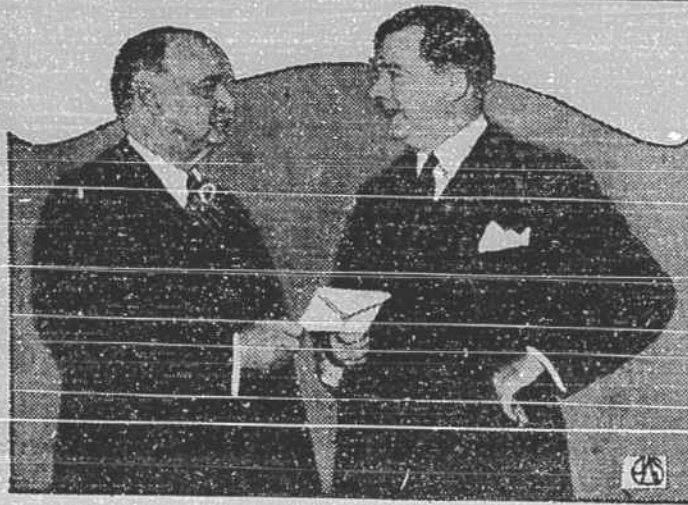
Dates of light frost, 1st and 5th.

Dates of fogs, 4th.

Dates of thunderstorms, 3rd.

Other phenomena described as follows: Solar halo on 1st.

## Huey Long Sworn in as Senator



Governor Long of Louisiana, a dynamic politician, has transferred his activities to the Senate, after his own choice as successor in the Governor's chair had been duly elected. Long is shown handing his credentials to Vice-President Curtis.

## T. F. LOVILL HOME IS DESTROYED BY FIRE SATURDAY NIGHT

Practically Nothing Salvaged From Flaming Residence in Greene Heights. Loss Estimated at Around \$5,000. Partial Insurance Coverage. Flames Originated in Absence of Family.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. (Cooge) Lovill, which was located on the highest eminence of the Green Heights section, just within the western limits of the town of Boone, was burned to the ground shortly before 10 o'clock last Saturday night, only a very small amount of foodstuffs having been salvaged from the doomed structure. The building was a seven-room frame structure, well furnished, and a minimum estimate of the loss has been placed at \$5,000. There was a partial insurance coverage.

The building became ignited during the absence of members of the family. Mr. Lovill was at the home of his father a few hundred yards away and the wife and children were in town, therefore there has been no theories advanced as to the origin of the flame. When the alarm was sounded the fire was so far advanced that all efforts to have saved the building would have been futile. It was a substantial structure, adequately furnished, and one of the principal items of loss consisted of several hundred cans of fruits and vegetables, prepared during the past season.

Mr. Lovill expects to start construction of another residence at a point not far removed within the next few days.

## Roby Farthing Dies at Blountville, Tennessee

Roby Farthing, 53 years old, former resident of Watauga County, died at his home in Blountville, Tenn., on Monday morning, February 1st, after having been seriously ill since a stroke of paralysis during last July. Funeral services were conducted from Blountville Baptist Church, and interment was in that city. Several relatives and friends from Watauga County attended the rites.

Mr. Farthing was reared in the Beaver Dam section of Watauga, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley H. Farthing. He moved to Tennessee about twenty-five years ago, and at the time he was stricken was engaged in photography at Pulaski, Va. He was well and favorably known throughout this county, where his many friends learn of his death with sorrow.

Surviving are one brother and three sisters: Albert of Bristol; Mesdames Nine Truelove of Johnson City, Clay McBride, Limestone, Tenn., and Miss Jennie Farthing of Blountville. He was never married.

## HONOR ROLL FOR FIFTH MONTH AT THE BOONE HIGH SCHOOL

Eighth Grade—Edward Lovill, Margaret Hampton, Helen Jones, Billy Cook, Clarence Berryman, Daisy Austin, Mary Bingham, Thelma Bond, Wylene Dickson, Charles Wright, Thomas Moore, Alonzo Moretz.

Ninth Grade—Odessa Lookabill, Annie Norris, Margaret Ray, Virginia South, Annie Adams, Jean Bush, June Bush, Ollie Jean Coffey, Winfred Hampton.

Tenth Grade—Helen Edmisten, Anna Hayes, Gladys Hampton, Della Hayes, Jean Little, Alice Nichols, Rex Hagaman, Dale Keller, Banner Miller, Karl Sawyer.

Eleventh Grade—Ira Coffey, Tom Crowell, Sam Austin, Helen Benson, Ruby Byers, Nannie Byrd, Lottie Dickson, Glenda Hampton, Mary Hayes, Ruby Trivette, Rubye A. Trivette, Rex McGuire, Winton Rankin, Woodrow Winebarger.

## LENGTHY ILLNESS IS FATAL TO POPULAR COVE CREEK LADY

Miss Edith Henson Dies at Amantha Home. Former Teacher in County Schools. Was a Leader in Community Life. Funeral Services Conducted Tuesday and Burial at Henson's Chapel.

Miss Edith Henson, 20 years old, died at her home at Amantha Monday morning, after having been a sufferer from tuberculosis for more than a year. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday from the Henson's Chapel Methodist Church, of which deceased was a loyal member, by the pastor, Rev. G. C. Graham, and interment was in the nearby cemetery.

Surviving are parents and a number of brothers and sisters.

Miss Henson was one of the most popular young ladies of the Cove Creek section, was educated at the Normal College in Boone, and had taught for about three years in the schools of the county. She was exceptionally bright, and extreme diligence in her scholastic work is said to have been partially responsible for a weaker condition which allowed the incurable malady to gain the fatal foothold. She was a leading spirit in religious and other worthy community causes, and had an unusually widespread circle of friends.

## ZIONVILLE LADY DIES SUDDENLY

Widow of Richard Eggers Succumbs to Apoplexy. Burial Thursday. Operator of Sugar Grove Telephone Office for Years.

Mrs. Callie Eggers, 61 years of age, died at the home of Mrs. Sarah Grogan, Zionville, on Wednesday, February 3rd, following an attack of apoplexy.

Funeral services were conducted from the Zionville Church, of which deceased was a faithful member, on Thursday by Rev. R. C. Eggers, pastor, and the body was laid to rest in the nearby cemetery.

Mrs. Eggers was the widow of Richard Eggers, who died thirty-five years ago, and had spent her entire life in the county. For many years she was telephone operator at the Sugar Grove office. Mrs. Eggers was favorably known by a large number of acquaintances, and general sorrow was caused by her unexpected passing.

Surviving are four children: Carl Eggers of Diliner, Penn.; Claud Eggers of Chatham Hill, Va.; Gaither Eggers of Akron, Ohio, and Blanie Eggers, of Banner Elk, N. C.

## Well Known Physician Remains Critically Ill

Dr. J. B. Hagaman remains critically ill at his home on North Water Street, suffering, it is said, with angina pectoris. Reports from the bedside this (Wednesday) morning are to the effect that no change was noted in his condition during the night, and that he is holding his own well against the inroads of the disease. No visitors are being allowed to see the popular physician, whose illness has caused grave apprehension in and around Boone.

## REV. R. L. ISBELL TO SPEAK AT BOONE ADVENT CHURCH

Rev. R. L. Isbell of Lenoir will speak at the Advent Christian Church in Boone on Sunday, February 14th, both morning and night. Rev. John Greene, pastor of the local church, will fill the pulpit at Rev. Isbell's church on the same day. Boone people generally are cordially invited to hear the Lenoir man.

## EPHRIAM WALLACE TAKEN IN CUSTODY BY TENN. OFFICERS

Layer of Thurston Oliver Arrested on Drunkenness Charge at Elizabethton Sunday. Brought to Watauga Jail by Sheriff Farthing on Monday. To Receive Trial for Gruesome Killing at Spring Term.

Ephriam Wallace, 30, who has been sought by Watauga officers since December 26, 1931, for the slaying of Thurston Oliver in the Mainey section, was arrested by Elizabethton, Tenn., officers Sunday on a charge of intoxication. Following the arrest, which was made at an airport nearby, Wallace was given a thorough questioning, and circumstances surrounding the case led court officials to believe him to be a fugitive from justice. Getting in touch with local authorities, the Carter County sheriff ascertained that he was holding the man wanted in Watauga.

Sheriff L. M. Farthing and Deputies E. Y. Edmisten and Lee Mast, went to Elizabethton Monday afternoon and brought Wallace to the county jail, where he will be held until the Spring Term of Superior Court.

Wallace is alleged to have killed Oliver with a shotgun on the day after Christmas. There were no eyewitnesses to the murder, but a strong chain of circumstantial evidence pointed to Wallace as the man who fired the fatal shot. An argument over liquor is said to have started the quarrel which ended in the tragic homicide.

Forest McGinnis, McKinley Ward and Sherman Baird were tried for complicity in the murder by Justice E. N. Hahn on January 2nd, and bound to court under bonds of \$1,000 each. The complicity charges against the trio grew out of a minor quarrel in which they participated which is said to have taken place earlier in the day of the tragedy.

## PLEADS SELF-DEFENSE

Pleading self-defense, Ephriam Wallace told his story of the murder of Thurston Oliver to Sheriff L. M. Farthing Tuesday. According to his account of the affair, he, Wallace, had been at outs with the murdered man for some time, and several quarrels had been engaged in. On the day of the homicide, he declared, Oliver was seen approaching the Wallace home, where Mrs. Wallace lay ill. Fearing for the safety of his mate, the husband picked up a shotgun and went down the trail to offer entreaties of peace to the enraged neighbor. When the two met, a conversation was engaged in, and a decision was reached "to remain friendly, but not to speak to each other." They then decided, Wallace continued, to go to the home of Walt Church, who resides nearby, and have him witness the agreement. They started, but Oliver "got boiling mad again" and Wallace discovered that he had "a knife and a rock in each hand." He threw one of the stones at Wallace, so the defendant stated, and he, Wallace, warded off the blow with his shotgun. In the struggle that ensued the firearm was discharged. Wallace claims he asked Oliver if he was hurt, and received a negative reply. Oliver then renewed his attack with knife and rocks and Wallace fired the fatal shot.

Since the murder a baby has been born at the Wallace home.

## Watauga Offenders Are Arrested in Tennessee

Connelly Woodring, Walter Woodring and Ray Pennell, wanted in Watauga for manufacturing liquor, were arrested by Johnson County authorities in Mountain City, Tenn., Saturday afternoon, on a warrant charging the possession of three pints of booze.

Tried in recorders court there Monday, each of the three offenders was fined twenty dollars and costs. In default of these fines they were remanded to the county jail, and this (Wednesday) morning had not gained their liberty.

Hearing of the arrests, Sheriff Luther M. Farthing of Watauga got in touch with the Sheriff of Johnson County and asked that the trio be held for local officers. The charges here grew out of the capture of a still some two weeks ago in Meat Camp Township, at which time the Woodring boys and Pennell were seen running from the plant. Warrants were issued immediately but the sheriff's office here had been unable to make the arrests.

## HARRIS BROTHERS' SALE IS MEETING MARKED SUCCESS

The sale which began last week at Harris Brothers store has met with popular approval and an increased number of people are trading daily, and taking advantage of the reduced prices. The sale still goes on and an advertisement in the paper today calls attention to a group of last-minute inducements.