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## HUNTING-FISHING CLUB ORGANIZED LAST THURSDAY

Will Take the Place of Izaak Walton League. All Funds to Be Used in Watauga County. Tom Cushing Is Elected President. Drive Will Be Made for Members Soon. Fishing Seasons Opens April 15th.

At a meeting characterized by the fire and enthusiasm usually found in any group of men who ardently fish and hunt, the Watauga County Fishing and Hunting Club was brought into being last Thursday night at the Daniel Boone Hotel.

Every member present was a tried and true hunter or fisherman, and the vigor ordinarily expressed in field or stream was displayed in this meeting to form a club, the objects of which will be the propagation and protection of fish and game in Watauga County, the education of the public in the importance of protecting our wild life for future generations, the building up of the Watauga country as a center for both local and visiting sportsmen.

Many of the men attending this meeting were former members of the Izaak Walton League, a national organization of fishermen; but in an open discussion that consumed most of the meeting time, it was decided that the question of stocking the hills and streams of Watauga and the protection of fish and game had become a problem that must be solved locally if the county, a natural home of game fish, birds, and small game that is without superior in the United States, was to retain its importance as a sporting country or was to be able to attract visitor-sportsmen to this section. So it was decided to reorganize along purely local lines, devoting all the interest and funds of the club to the already vitally important question of saving what fish and game that remains and to building up the wild life of the section until Watauga should once more occupy the position it formerly held as a hunting and fishing country.

Instead of continuing affiliation with the national organization, it was deemed more important to solve the local problem first, and then, when Watauga County had once more become a sportsman's paradise, to return to the larger club if that step was considered desirable.

Tom Cushing, whose interest in hunting and fishing is well known, was elected president of the newly-formed Watauga County Fishing and Hunting Club, while R. L. Clay, former president of the Izaak Walton League and a sportsman of great ability and enthusiasm, was chosen vice-president. Paul Coffey, an ardent sportsman who has the welfare of both his county and its game much at heart, was elected secretary and treasurer of the club.

A drive for members of the new club will be put on at an early date. Committees have been appointed and have already begun to function with a view to getting noticeable results before the opening of the fishing season, which will be on April 15th.

Those attending the first meeting of the club were: Tom Cushing, R. L. Clay, Paul Coffey, J. H. Brendall, "Bud" Heifner, Dr. J. M. Gaither, B. Frank Williams, H. Grady Farthing, R. F. Coffey, J. L. Reese, R. B. Hodges, C. B. Duncan and Homer Farthing.

## Mrs. Frank Miller, Aged Resident of Meat Camp, Passes Away Thursday

Funeral Services for Widow of Confederate Veteran Conducted on Friday at Hopewell Church. Two Children Survive.

On Thursday morning, February 25th, Mrs. Melissa Miller, age 81, died at her home on Meat Camp. She was one of the oldest citizens of her section, and had been an invalid for the past thirteen years. Surviving are a son, Claud Miller; a daughter, Hannah Miller, both of Meat Camp; one sister, Mrs. Mary Isaacs, of Mast.

Mrs. Miller was the widow of the late Frank Miller, a veteran of the Confederate armies, who died several years ago.

The esteem in which "Aunt Melissa" Miller was held by those who knew her was attested by the large crowd that attended the funeral services Friday at Hopewell Church. Rev. L. A. Wilson was in charge of the rites, and interment was made in the cemetery nearby.

Mrs. Miller had been a member of the Christian Church for more than fifty years.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE.** Perry Morgan, Baptist Sunday School Secretary, is offering unusual advantages this year for Sunday School enlargement. It is hoped that every school in the Three Forks Association will be represented at the next general conference to be held with Middle Fork Church, March 6th, 1932. At this meeting, says Roy Dotson, plans for definite summer work will be formulated.

## Tiny Silverstone Baby Attracts Much Attention

Up in the Silverstone community lives a teeny-tiny young lady, just a month and a half old who tips the scales at three pounds, eats her meals regularly, coos one minute, cries the next, and conducts herself, regardless of abbreviated stature, much the same as babies three or four times her size.

This "midgety miss" is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Eggers, and she made her arrival at Grace Hospital, Banner Elk, on January 18th. Mrs. Jim Warren is her nurse and this lady bears witness that she is just as normal as they make 'em and is getting along fine. More than three hundred people have visited little Miss Eggers within the past few days.

## FORMER WATAUGA MAN IS KILLED BY WEST VA. YOUTH

Danson Warren Succumbs to Bullet Wounds Inflicted by 15-Year-Old Boy. Fatal Shooting Follows Quarrel With Landlady. Body Brought to Zionville for Burial. Deceased a Son of Melissa Warren.

Danson Warren, 33, formerly of the Zionville section, died in a Beckley, W. Va., hospital on February 22, from the effects of five gunshot wounds inflicted by a fifteen-year-old son of the woman with whom he boarded. According to meagre reports reaching Boone, Warren came to the rooming house operated by a Mrs. Nuckles on the Saturday night previous to his death, and engaged in a quarrel with the landlady. Her son came down the stairway armed with a .22 calibre automatic rifle, and opened fire on Warren, five of the bullets piercing his body, and one lodging in the hip of Mrs. Nuckles. The wounded man was taken to a hospital but succumbed two days later. Mrs. Nuckles' wound was not serious.

Mr. Warren was the son of Mrs. Melissa Warren, of Zionville, and had been a resident of West Virginia for the past fifteen years. His body was brought back to this county and on last Thursday funeral services were conducted from Zionville Baptist Church by Rev. R. C. Eggers. Burial took place in a nearby cemetery.

## DUGGER HOME IS RAZED BY FLAMES

Thursday Morning Fire Destroys One of County's Most Handsome Residences. Loss Partially Covered by Insurance.

The handsome brick bungalow of Mr. and Mrs. John Dugger, located on Highway 60 six miles west of Boone, was completely destroyed by fire last Thursday morning. The destructive flame was discovered while the family was having breakfast, but it had gained such headway that efforts to save the structure were futile. A cook stove and a few chairs were all of the household effects recovered from the blazing house.

It is said that the home and its furnishings were valued at around seven thousand dollars, a part of which was covered by insurance. The bungalow had been built about three years, and was one of the most beautiful in the rural section of Watauga. Faulty electric wiring, it is believed, caused the fire.

## Revival Meeting to Open At Boone Church on 13th

Rev. B. Townsend, pastor of Salem Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, will be the evangelist in a series of meetings which begin at Boone Baptist Church on Sunday, March 13th, according to announcement made by Rev. P. A. Hicks, pastor, Tuesday.

The Winston-Salem minister is a former State Board evangelist, and has built for himself an enviable record in gospel work. He is said to be one of the most gifted orators in North Carolina, and possesses an unusual Biblical knowledge.

Pastor Hicks states that special musical numbers are being arranged by the church choir, and that a very helpful revival is in prospect. This is the first spring meeting held by the local church in a number of years, and people of all denominations are cordially invited to attend. Announcement as to hours of services, etc., will appear in next week's paper.

Forests constitute a vital part of the capital stock of North Carolina. They are reservoirs of wealth that may be tapped at appropriate periods when prices of timber make it attractive. These resources will be steadily reduced unless a wise forest policy is pursued.

## GRAYBEAL YOUTH DIES IN BRISTOL HOSPITAL FRIDAY

Bullet of Unknown Assailant Proves Fatal to Resident of Creston. Pennington Proves Perfect Alibi and Is Released. Victim of Shooting Dies Without Divulging Information of Tragic Affair.

Joe B. Graybeal, 19, of Creston, N. C., died Friday in a Bristol, Tenn., hospital of pistol wounds inflicted by an unidentified assailant on the Sunday night previous. The young man was returning home from a rehearsal of an entertainment when someone jumped from an automobile parked by the highway, said "I've got you where I want you," fired point-blank at him and disappeared. The bullet entered the abdomen and punctured the intestines at eleven places.

Thomas Pennington, a student at Appalachian State Teachers College here, was taken into custody by Sheriff Luther M. Farthing on Tuesday of last week. No specific charges were brought against the youth, but suspicion is said to have pointed to him as having knowledge of the fatal assault. He gave bond of \$1,000 for appearance before Magistrate Osborn at Creston on March 21st.

Following the death of Graybeal, Pennington was turned over to Ashe County authorities and on Saturday was given a hearing, at which time he was vindicated of all suspicion. He returned to his school work here on Monday.

Pennington states that he and the murdered man had always been the best of friends and had roomed together while attending an Ashe County school.

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## BANNER ELK MAN GUEST OF CIVITAN

Charles Zimmerman Speaks on Work of Neighboring Club at Luncheon Meeting Thursday. Large Crowd in Attendance.

Charles Zimmerman, president of the Banner Elk Civitan Club, was the guest speaker at the regular weekly meeting of the Boone Civitan Club at the Daniel Boone Hotel on Thursday last. With an unusually large group of members and visitors as an audience, Mr. Zimmerman spoke interestingly of the work of the Banner Elk club, emphasizing the enthusiasm of Clarence Kuester, secretary of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, and E. B. Jeffries, State Highway Commissioner, over the possibilities of the Watauga section when these men were visitors in Banner Elk recently.

Linking Banner Elk into the Park-to-Park Highway by bringing that important scenic road via Linville, Banner Elk and on to the Southern mountains was discussed encouragingly, said Mr. Zimmerman, and the possibility of such a routing does exist, though not in the immediate future.

Mr. Zimmerman expressed the desire of the Banner Elk Civitan Club to hold a joint business and social meeting with the Boone Civitan Club at an early date. The local club accepted his invitation with pleasure.

In the absence of the club's president and vice-president, Tom Cushing acted as chairman of the meeting.

The week of prayer and self-denial has been observed by all the congregations of the Watauga Lutheran Parish, greatly to the benefit of communicants. The attendance was good, states Rev. J. A. Yount, and an inspiring interest was manifest.

## NEW BUS LINE INAUGURATED BETWEEN BOONE AND JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE

A new and most important link was added to the motor transportation system affecting this immediate section Tuesday when the East Tennessee and Western North Carolina Motor Transportation Company, a subsidiary of the railway bearing the same name, operated its first luxurious passenger coach into Boone, completing a direct service between Chattanooga, Tenn., and Norfolk, Va. The first bus to travel the new line arrived in Boone promptly at 9:20, exactly two hours and twenty minutes after leaving Johnson City, and besides its regular passengers carried J. E. Vance, vice-president of the railway company, Mrs. Vance, Superintendent C. G. Beasley, J. D. Leach, head of the motor transportation division, while Edgar H. Tufts, F. H. Stinson, of Banner Elk, and J. M. Dearmin, of Elk Park, were special guests of the officials on the maiden run.

Two of the superb safety coaches will leave the terminal in Boone daily at 12:01 and 8 p. m., the first named carrying its passengers into Knoxville at 6:30 and the latter at 1 a. m.

## MILK CAMPAIGN IS LAUNCHED HERE; BATTLE IN CHARGE

County Committees Formed at Friday Night Meeting to Aid in Drive for Increased Use of Milk. Various Prizes Being Offered to School Children. Civitan Club Will Discuss Work at Thursday Meeting.

In connection with the State-wide Milk-for-Health Campaign which will be waged in every nook and corner of the Old North State during the week of March 14-20, an enthusiastic meeting of Watauga people was held at the Critcher Hotel in Boone Friday night, and initial plans were laid for carrying on the health-giving work locally.

Among those who attended the meeting were members of the county board of health, doctors, ministers, teachers, and representatives from the Parent-Teacher associations, Welfare Board, Red Cross and civic organizations generally. Smith Hagaman, superintendent of Watauga schools, acted as chairman, and following explanatory remarks on the purpose of the Milk-for-Health campaign, a general discussion as to ways and means of educating the people to regular use of the fluid in their diet was engaged in.

Watauga, it was pointed out, is one of only nine counties in North Carolina producing more milk than it consumes, its ration being one cow to each four people. But certain sections, it has been found, produce little milk, and that, generally, is used for other purposes than as a diet. The Milk-for-Health campaign is purely of an educational nature, and

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## GRAGG NAMED AS U. S. MARSHAL

President Appoints Boone Man Last Thursday, But Action by Judiciary Committee Not Taken. Expected Next Monday.

The nomination of Watt H. Gragg of Boone as Marshal for the Middle North Carolina District was sent to the Senate last Thursday by President Hoover, and action was to have been taken on the appointment last Monday. However, advices from Washington Wednesday noon indicate that no action has been taken and that the appointment is expected to have the attention of the Senate Judiciary Committee next Monday. Senator Bailey was quoted as saying that he knew of no charges against the appointee.

Mr. Gragg will succeed J. J. Jenkins of Siler City, and was to have taken his office on January 11, as was J. R. McCrary who won the appointment as District Attorney over the incumbent, E. L. Gavin. Mr. McCrary has been confirmed and it is generally believed that the changes in these two offices will be effected shortly.

## Citizens Furnish Much Stone on Aho Highway

The citizens living along the road from the New River Bridge to Aho have been going their full length in the way of co-operating with the State forces in improving the important highway. Mr. George Hayes told The Democrat Saturday that at least 2,000 loads of stone had been furnished by the citizens of the communities affected, without cost, and these good people are to be complimented for their public-spirited attitude in this important work.

## Claimed by Death



Miss Edith Henson, whose death was recently chronicled, was one of the most popular young ladies of the Cove Creek section. A memorial sketch of her life appears in The Democrat today.

## LOCAL EDUCATOR IS BEING BOOSTED FOR G. O. P. NOMINATION

Professor I. G. Greer of Boone Being Urged to Become Candidate for Governor of North Carolina. Ran for Treasurer in 1930. Popular Throughout State. Others Are Being Mentioned.

A Greensboro dispatch of Monday discloses the fact that much pressure is being brought to bear upon Professor I. G. Greer of Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, to the end that he may become a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor of North Carolina. Many reports, according to the dispatch, favorable to his candidacy have reached the Gate City from various sections of the State, and among Republicans there he also has many potential supporters.

Friends of Mr. Greer declare that he has no political ambition, and that he would prefer to continue his work at the college. He was on the Republican State ticket in 1930, making the race for treasurer, and ran for State superintendent of public instruction in a previous election year. However, in both these instances he sought to avoid the Republican nominations and it is known that recently he has undertaken to discourage suggestions that he enter the 1932 gubernatorial campaign. In spite of such objections, say Greensboro reports, his name is being prominently mentioned in political speculation as to the Republican nomination for Governor.

Dr. Holland Holton, dean of the school of education at Duke University; Major George E. Butler of Clinton; and Eugene Holt, of Burlington, are also being mentioned as potential gubernatorial nominees of the G. O. P.

## ADAM DOUGHERTY PASSES MONDAY

Uncle of Dr. Dougherty of the Normal College Dies at Bakers Gap. Pneumonia the Cause. Was Well Known Here.

Adam Dougherty, 84, died at the old Dougherty homestead in the Bakers Gap section of Tennessee Monday morning. Meager information reaching Boone was to the effect that the aged man succumbed to an attack of pneumonia, and that funeral services were to have been held today.

Mr. Dougherty was a brother of the late Esquire Dan Dougherty, and an uncle of the Dougherty Brothers, founders of Appalachian College. He had spent practically his entire life at the home in which he died. He was a highly educated man for his day, and won the title "Bard of the Hills" on account of the numerous interesting poems which came from his pen. He taught for a few years in the early public schools of the mountains and took great interest in educational advancement.

## Washington Program at Valle Crucis Saturday

A program honoring the memory of George Washington will be given at the Mission School at Valle Crucis on Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock, at which time Rev. L. F. Kent, rector of the school, and Attorney Ira T. Johnston, of Jefferson, both orators of marked ability, will address the audience. A pageant depicting something of the Washingtonian era will be featured by the school children of the community, and music and other entertainment features will be provided. The Community Club, which is sponsoring the event, cordially invites the public to attend.

## WATT BEACH WINS GOLD WATCH IN POTATO CONTEST

Local Farmer Raises 382 Bushels of Spuds on Less than an Acre of Land and Wins Watauga County Bank Award. J. M. Greer Wins Plow With Yield of 375 Bushels; Edmisten and Bingham Next.

Walter (Watt) Beach of Boone was found to have been the champion potato grower of Watauga County, when the yields of those who entered the 400-Bushel Club were officially checked last week. Mr. Beach received the gold watch offered by the Watauga County Bank for having produced 382 bushels of potatoes on a plot which measured, according to witnesses, enough short of a full acre to have made his yield well above the 400 mark.

J. M. Greer, noted seed potato producer of Mabel, claimed second prize, which was a turning plow presented by the Farmers Hardware and Supply Company. He showed a yield of 375 bushels per acre. Mr. Ira Edmisten of Sugar Grove took third place, having raised 322 bushels, and W. H. Bingham of Vilas was fourth with 308 1-2 bushels.

A detailed account of the venture of Mr. Beach, who has been distinctly successful in all his farming ventures, shows that he received 50 cents per bushel for the potatoes or \$191. After deducting seed and fertilizer, spray materials and horse and man labor, the net profit was \$112.25. The cost per bushel to the farmer was 20 1-2 cents, making a pre-bushel profit of 29 1-2 cents. The plot has been a cow lot for several years, and the potatoes were planted at the rate of 20 bushels, drilling 10 inches in rows 30 inches apart. The vines were sprayed twice and dusted once. Green Mountain and Great Surprise were the seed varieties.

Mr. Greer's yield, 375 bushels, at 50 cents a bushel grossed \$187.50, showing a net profit of \$98.25. The cost of production was 24 cents per bushel, with a net profit of 25 cents. The potatoes were of the Irish Cobbler variety and were planted following tobacco and cabbage. Heavy fertilizing, spraying and intensive cultivation followed.

Mr. Edmisten's record shows results of \$102.50 for his 322 bushels, with a net profit of \$41.80. The potatoes were sold at 55 cents. It cost 37 cents a bushel to produce them, leaving a per bushel profit of 18 cents. Figures as to methods were not available.

Mr. W. H. Bingham grew 308 bushels, but there is no information as to costs and profits or methods employed.

## Boone Business Man Put Forward as a Potential Congressional Candidate

Friends of George K. Moose Anxious that He Oppose "Farmer Bob" Doughton in Fall Elections. Popular in District.

With the Republican congressional convention only a few weeks off, G. O. P. politics in Watauga is beginning to take on new life, and party leaders are seeking about for a likely man to oppose "Farmer Bob" Doughton in the Eighth District. A suggested candidate to undertake the admittedly Herculean task of unseating the Allegheny Democrat is George K. Moose of Boone, attorney and one of the town's oldest business men, who enjoys a wide acquaintance in all parts of the district.

Mr. Moose received his education at George Washington University, and passed the State bar examination several years ago. He is a native of Cabarrus County, and since his residence in Boone has taken an active interest in party work. He is a loyal supporter of the national administration, is a very convincing orator, and Boone Republicans are of the opinion that he would make a most active campaign should he receive and accept the nomination.

For a number of years Mr. Moose served as Carolinas district governor of Civitan International, and has been active in club organization work throughout Northwestern North Carolina. He is affiliated with several civic and fraternal organizations and is a moving spirit in community life. Several of Boone's leading Republicans are sponsoring the Moose congressional candidacy, but whether or not he would accept the nomination should it be tendered to him at the convention could not be learned Wednesday.

## FIRE AT LOCAL SCHOOL

The local fire department answered a call Saturday evening from Boone Demonstration School, and arriving on the scene discovered that a wall map had become ignited and burned to an ash in one of the class rooms. It is believed that the fire was purely incendiary, as no other cause for it could be forwarded.