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## COMMENCEMENT AT COVE CREEK ENDED TUESDAY MORNING

Superintendent Smith Hagaman Awards Diplomas to Large Class. Exercises Began Last Saturday with Senior Play. I. G. Greer and Rev. Brendall Among Speakers. Many Awards and Certificates.

The Cove Creek High School, one of the most outstanding educational institutions in the Northwest, came to a close Tuesday morning when Prof. I. G. Greer of the Appalachian Teachers College, delivered a masterly address on "Evidences of Education," and County Superintendent Smith Hagaman presented diplomas to a graduating class of thirty girls and boys.

The exercises began last Saturday evening when the senior class presented a play, "Baby Steps Out," which netted a substantial sum for the benefit of the school. The play was described as the best amateur dramatization thus far witnessed at the Cove Creek School. Sunday evening Rev. J. H. Brendall of the Boone Methodist Church preached the baccalaureate sermon at the Baptist Church. The auditorium was well filled and an inspiring message was brought by the eminent divine.

Class night exercises Monday evening brought forth a good program. The stage furniture and costumes were of colonial design, and a large audience was present.

Those receiving diplomas were: Susie Banner, Mary Elizabeth Banner, Annie Lou Edmisten, Robert Dunn, Blanche Greene, Muriel Harmon, Muriel Horton, Hazel Love, Gladys Mast, Vera Lee May, James McBride, Thomas Presnell, Trilla Thomas, Grant Sutherland, Cecil Harmon, Geneva Grubb, Russell Wilson, Earl Ward, Marshall Ward, Madge Williams, Alma Williams, Paul Trivette, Kay Lawrence, Roy Dotson, Edith Hagaman, Mary Kate Henson, Myrtle Palmer, Albert Michael, Nina Church, Clara Lewis.

The following awards for scholastic work, etc., were made on the closing day:

1. Lees-McRae scholarship and medal, won by Muriel Harmon for highest scholastic average for four years' high school course.
2. Certificate in Home Economics as award for best record in all-round home making, to Nell Norris.
3. For best high school essay in county-wide Milk-for-Health contest, \$3.75, Bess Lewis.
4. For best poster in grades as above, \$2.50 in gold to Margie Baird. Honor roll and perfect attendance record for the past school year will appear in next week's Democrat.

## Demonstration School to Present Entertainments

On Wednesday, April 27th, the Demonstration School will present two free entertainments. The first, "A Spring Festival," will be given at 2:30 p. m., and is an outdoor affair, presented by the first grades and one of the second grades.

Little Miss Mary Alice Cooke, followed by her attendants, will be crowned Queen of Spring by the prince, Von Hagaman. Kathleen Carter, as Cinderella, and the real prince, Max Hagaman, assisted by the chorists, the Dudes, May pole dancers, Indians—I see you and the clouds, step out from the pages of Fairyland and entertain the queen of spring.

The second is a musical play called "Mother Goose Island," and is presented by the other second grade, the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades, at 7:30 p. m. Deil Bush acts the part of Miss Bright, a modern school teacher, who takes her class to visit the famous island on which Louise Cooke, as the world-wide "Mother Goose," reigns supreme.

There the children, from the responsible "Rowland," who is really Junior Greene, to the clever little Hazel Miller as "Tiny," actually meet for the first time the wonderful Mother Goose family, which includes all our well known friends like "King Cole" and "Jack Spratt," as well as "Jack and Jill" and "Little Miss Muffet."

The parents and friends are invited to live, for a little while, with these children, in this lovely story-book world, and find out just how marvelously real it has become.

## LEES-MCRAE TO HOLD FIRST LABOR DAY CELEBRATION

Banner Elk.—Under the auspices of the Bureau of Self-Help, Lees-McRae College and Grandfather Orphans Home will hold their first Labor Day celebration on Saturday, April 23rd.

There will be a barbecue at one o'clock to which all are invited. This will be in the nature of a basket lunch, the barbecue to be furnished by the college. In the afternoon there will be an address by a prominent speaker, the name to be announced later. Various contests will be held, open to both college students and the children in the home.

## Special Civil Term Is Thought Inevitable

With the homicide case in which Ephriam Wallace is the defendant holding the attention of the court Wednesday, and with some other criminal actions in the offing, it is believed by local attorneys that few if any cases on the civil calendar will be heard this week. Hence, it is expected that the local bar will petition the governor for a special term of court to be held some time during the month of June for the trial of the heavy civil docket.

## JOSEPH B. COUNCILL DIES IN CHARLOTTE HOSPITAL ON 16TH

Native of Watauga and Dean of the Ashe County Bar Succumbs to Influenza Attack. Was 63 Years of Age. Wealthiest Citizen of Jefferson. Funeral Services Conducted Sunday Afternoon.

Joseph B. Councill, dean of the Ashe County bar and for more than thirty-five years a practicing attorney in Jefferson, died early Saturday in a Charlotte hospital where he was carried a week previous for treatment.

Funeral services were conducted from the Jefferson Methodist Church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment was made in a nearby cemetery. Numerous Boone friends of the deceased man attended the services.

Mr. Councill suffered an attack of influenza nearly two months ago, from which he never fully recovered. He failed to respond to treatment and was taken to the Charlotte hospital for expert medical attention. His death was not unexpected.

A son of the late Jim Councill of Vilas, Watauga County, Mr. Councill located in Ashe County about thirty-five years ago. He built for himself an enviable record as a collection attorney, was a leading member of the Jefferson bar and for more than three decades was a familiar figure in the courts of his district. He was well and favorably known here in his native county, where news of the untimely demise brought widespread sorrow.

A few years after he located in Jefferson he was married to Mrs. Julia McNeill South, who, with a brother and sister, survives him. Mr. Councill was a large land-owner and Jefferson's wealthiest citizen. For several years he was a director of the Bank of Ashe, and his judgment on financial matters was never doubted. He was about 63 years of age.

## BOONE HIGH SCHOOL TO CLOSE THURSDAY

Rev. McKendree R. Long of Statesville Will Preach Baccalaureate Sermon. Supt. Hagaman to Award Diplomas.

Commencement exercises for the Boone High School will begin on Sunday evening, April 24, when the Rev. McKendree R. Long of Statesville will preach the baccalaureate sermon in the Methodist Church. The subject of his discourse will be "Christianity in Collision with an Epoch."

On Thursday evening, April 28th, at 8:30 o'clock, Class Day exercises will be held in the college auditorium.

At 8 o'clock in the evening Dr. D. D. Dougherty will deliver the graduating address and Superintendent Smith Hagaman will present diplomas to the graduates.

## Rev. Long Will Preach at Baptist Church Sunday

Rev. McKendree R. Long of Statesville, Presbyterian evangelist, is to fill the pulpit at the Baptist Church next Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour, and the subject of his discourse will be "Christ Drawing All Men." In the evening the baccalaureate sermon to the Boone High School senior class will be delivered in the M. E. Church by Dr. Long.

Rev. Long is a son of the late lamented Judge B. R. Long, and is known as one of the most powerful Gospel sermonizers in the South. The people of this community feel extremely fortunate in being privileged to hear the eminent theologian, and all are urged to come regardless of denominational affiliation.

## PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION HOST TO FACULTY THURSDAY

The Parent-Teacher Association will meet in important session at the Demonstration School Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, at which time the parents will entertain the teachers from the high school and the demonstration school. The husbands and wives are also invited.

## GREEN PARK HOTEL IS PURCHASED BY PAUL MOLDENHAUER

Florida Man to Assume Management Immediately. Extensive Decorating and Repair Work to Be Done. Hotel to Open Around May 15th. Mr. Spencer to Retire from Hotel Business.

Judge P. A. McElroy, presiding at the Spring term of Watauga Superior Court, Monday signed an order authorizing Ray Johnson, receiver of the bankrupt Green Park Hotel Company, Blowing Rock, to accept the bid of Paul Moldenhauer of Ormond Beach, Fla., for the valuable property. The purchase price of the hotel, which was built in 1892, is said to have been \$40,000, and the new owner is now completing plans to put several more thousand in his investment by refurbishing and redecorating a major portion of the hotel and by painting it inside and out.

The hotel already enjoys an enviable reputation among guests of previous years, but under Mr. Moldenhauer's experienced direction it promises to be even more popular in the future. William Tobin and Raymond Blanchard, both hotelists of wide experience, will assist in the management of Green Park, which in the future will be operated on the American Plan. Mr. Moldenhauer has been connected with resort hotels in the Adirondacks, in California and in Florida, and his wide acquaintance is expected to be a great drawing card for the Blowing Rock country.

O. E. Spencer, of Salisbury, who has been in charge of Green Park for several seasons, will retire from the hotel business. Following the repair work and redecoration, the hotel expects to be open around the middle of May.

The purchase of the property by Mr. Moldenhauer marks a new step forward in the progress of a region justly famous for its invigorating climate and spectacular scenery.

## LOCAL VETERANS FAVOR PAYMENT OF SOLDIER BONUS

Watauga Legion Post in Special Meeting Unanimously Approves Immediate Settlement of Compensation Certificates. Solicitors Spurling and Carlyle Higgins Heard by Large Gathering.

In a special meeting of the veterans of Watauga County, held in American Legion Hall on Monday night last, the Legionnaires and their ladies gathered to discuss the payment in full of adjusted compensation certificates. After an hour in which both sides of the question were discussed, a vote was taken and the decision of the body was unanimously in favor of the full payment of the bonus. This action was forwarded to national headquarters of the Legion.

Several speakers addressed the ninety veterans and Legion Auxiliary ladies present, and opposite views were fully discussed. Solicitor Carlyle Higgins of the 15th District agreed that the need of the ex-service man was great, but that the need of the country at large was greater at this time. He stated that a commission of twelve prominent bankers in New York had recently expressed the opinion that the present financial situation would not be bettered for three years at least and that, during this period, it was urgent that the veterans think well and long before asking the Government for the two billion dollars necessary to liquidate the soldiers' bonus. Mr. Higgins was of the opinion that any bonus demands at this time would seriously endanger the financial structure of the nation.

Solicitor L. S. Spurling of the 16th District was called upon and spoke briefly in favor of the bonus. Mr. Spurling stated that in Watauga County alone \$180,000 would be put in circulation at once, and the same was true throughout the United States. This great amount of money released over the country would be sure to better conditions generally.

Lloyd Isaacs, Commander of the Seventeenth District of the Legion, urged the members of his command to consider well and express their views in the following vote. Tom Cushing, asked to say a few impromptu words, repeated his view of the matter as contained in a letter to the editor of The Democrat last week. He urged immediate payment of the bonus, as did Commander Isaacs. Professor V. C. Howell, of the State Teachers College, also expressed himself in favor of payment of the bonus.

Seventy-five farmers from eight counties inspected 126 head of beef cattle fed at the Caledonia Prison Farm this winter, says J. B. Britt, Halifax County Agent. A meeting was held at the farm on the day the cattle were shipped.

## ELECTION BOARD NAMES JUDGES AND REGISTRARS

County Board of Elections Holds Initial Meeting Saturday and Registers and Judges of Election Are Named for the Various Precincts. Their First Duty to Hold June Primary. List of the Appointees.

The Watauga County Board of Elections, composed of V. C. Howell as chairman, Donley Hagaman and Grover C. Robbins, met for the first time last Saturday, for the purpose of naming the judges and registrars of election to hold the June primary as well as the November election of the presidential year. Two Democrats and one Republican constitute the individual boards, and the complete list of the appointments for the fourteen precincts of the county are given below. The first named in each case is the registrar, while the last named is the Republican judge:

Boone—W. G. Hartzog, M. J. Williams, S. B. Greene  
Bald Mountain—Wade Miller, Russell Vannoy, W. F. Norris  
Beaver Dams—John Ward, D. C. Hagaman, Spencer Warren  
Blowing Rock—Donald Boyden, Grady Greer, W. B. Hartley  
Blue Ridge—Floyd Tate, Don Kerley, George Keller

Cove Creek—Don Horton, John Combs, Wade Byers  
Elk—Mrs. Pearl Reynolds, P. G. Carroll, C. C. Triplett  
Laurel Creek—E. B. Hagaman, Ollis Mast, W. F. Winkler

Meat Camp No. 1—Charles Hodges, B. H. Groat, C. C. Lewis  
Meat Camp No. 2—L. E. Beach, Hermon McNeal, M. S. Eggers  
North Fork—Walter South, R. B. South, J. M. May  
Shawneehaw—Lloyd Welch, J. L. Triplett, W. C. Smith

Story Fork—Bob Gentry, W. S. Morey, J. S. Welborn  
Watauga—Martin Herman, Everett Fox, B. W. Farthing

## FLAMING DRESS BRINGS DEATH TO ANNIE BENTLEY

Daughter of Jeff Bentley Dies Sunday Morning from Burns. Frock Caught as 12-Year-Old Girl Came Near Open Firebox of Kitchen Range. Funeral Services Held on Monday by Rev. Hodges.

Annie Bentley, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Bentley, of the Laurel Fork section, died at her home Sunday morning from the effects of having her clothing literally burned from her body late in the previous afternoon.

The Bentley child had for some time been taking a treatment for epilepsy which necessitated a strict diet. In the late afternoon when the kitchen range had been fired for the evening meal, the girl became hungry, and when her mother had left the room, attempted to secure some food from the warming closet of the range—perhaps something forbidden by the treatment she was receiving. The fire box to the stove was open, her skirt was ignited, and before the family could reach her, the child's clothes were burned from her body, and the flesh so scorched that there was no hope of recovery.

Funeral services were conducted from Mount Lebanon Church by Rev. E. C. Hodges, and interment was in the Danner graveyard. Surviving are the bereaved parents, who have the sympathy of the community in their tragic loss, and three of four brothers and sisters.

## SILAS M. GREENE IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Well Known Former Watauga Succumbs in Virginia Home After a Long Illness. Widow and 12 Children Survive.

Silas M. Greene, 67 years old, native Wataugan, died at his home at Bumpass, Va., Monday morning, according to messages received in this community. Paralysis was given as the direct cause of death, although Mr. Greene had been in general declining health for some time.

No information as to funeral arrangements is available. Surviving are the widow and twelve children.

Mr. Greene was born in the Meat Camp section of Watauga County, where he lived until eight years ago. For a long time he was engaged in the jewelry and watchmaking business and was well known throughout this section, where a host of friends and relatives are saddened by the news of his demise. Mr. Greene was a first cousin of R. M. Greene of Boone, and in years past had visited often with his kinsman here.

## Seed Loan Office to Close on April 30th

The Farmers Seed Loan Office, located in the Watauga County Bank building, will close on April 30th, and S. C. Eggers, who is in charge, urges that those intending to procure Federal funds for the planting of a crop get in touch with him at once. Applications are still coming in, and so far practically all requests have been granted. Mr. Eggers states that around 450 farmers have made application for seed loans, the amounts they sought ranging downward from \$400.

It is understood that practically all of the money borrowed last year by Wataugans has been refunded to Uncle Sam.

## RABID DOG LEFT TRAIL OF DEATH UP COVE CREEK

Report from Raleigh Indicate That Livestock Have Rabies. At Least Seven Head Have Fallen With Hydrophobia. Pasteur Treatment Being Given Handlers of Rabid Animals. Dogs Unpopular.

A telegram received by Dr. H. B. Perry last week from the State chemist indicates that the head of a sheep furnished by J. R. Mast of Sugar Grove, brought unmistakable proof of hydrophobia, and since that time the extent of the depredations on Cove Creek from the recent raid of a rabid dog, have become more apparent, and the losses to the herds and flocks of breeders have already reached several hundred dollars.

Clark Swift of Sherwood shot a second cow Monday. Vardry Mast had to slaughter a rabid milker on Sunday, and a cow belonging to Mr. John McBride was believed Monday to be a certain victim of hydrophobia. Four head of stock had previously been reported killed, and stockmen point out that likely the worst is yet to come.

A number of the people of Cove Creek have started a campaign to rid their community of dogs, and a number of the beasts have been freely killed as a precaution. In the meantime Messrs. Swift and Mast, who handled their stock more or less after they had been stricken, have made arrangements to take treatment in case they might have become infected. A close watch is being maintained and cattle showing signs of illness are immediately confined. At the same time a lookout for prowling dogs is expected to bring about a steady decrease in the canine population.

## STATESVILLE MAN BUYS DRUG STORE

Hodges Drug Company Changes to Watauga Drug Company as C. L. Ryan of Statesville Becomes Its New Owner.

Mr. C. L. Ryan of Statesville, a druggist of many years experience, has closed a deal whereby he becomes sole owner of the Hodges Drug Company business in this city. The consideration involved was not made public but the transfer of the business went into effect last Wednesday evening.

The local pharmacy was established six years ago by F. H. Hodges, and during that time has been a leading business enterprise of this community. Mr. Hodges has made no definite decision as to his future activities, but is not contemplating further business connections in Boone at this time.

Mr. Ryan has about twenty years experience in the retail drug business, and expects to move his family and make his permanent residence in Boone. In the meantime, C. H. Berriman, long associated with Mr. Hodges, is in charge of the business.

## Civilians Ask for Full Payment of the Bonus

Believing that the payment of the soldiers' compensation certificates would stimulate business and help generally in local trade circles, a large number of Boone citizens have appended their names to petitions asking Congress to settle with the veterans. Four copies of the petition were prepared, one each going to Representative Doughton and Warren, and one to Senators Bailey and Morrison. The movement was not instituted by the American Legion, and no veteran's name was sought to the document. Should there be a cash settlement of the compensation certificates, more than \$125,000 would come to Watauga veterans.

Thirty-five crates of strawberries were shipped from Burgaw, Pender County, in early April. Indications are that the crop will be cut in half this season.

## ED STOKES FREED IN HOMICIDE CASE; WALLACE CALLED

Cove Creek Man Wins Non-Suit on Charge of Slaying Ivy Greene. Had Previously Been Acquitted by Justices. Trial of Ephriam Wallace Now Going On. Many Sentences Meted Out. Clear Docket Friday.

Ed Stokes of the Cove Creek section, admitted slayer of a neighbor, Ivy Greene, when the two became engaged in an argument over the poisoning of a fox hound, won his freedom from the court Tuesday afternoon, after the evidence introduced tended to show a case of clear-cut self-defense, the court having taken a non-suit without action by the jury.

Stokes, it will be recalled, had once been acquitted by a justice of the peace, and the case being revived, came as a result of an investigation by the grand jury at the fall term of court. The fatal argument took place as a result of a fox dog having been poisoned, and when the two met, evidence indicated, the shot was fired as Greene was raising his gun to fire on Stokes.

Wallace Case Now On  
Wednesday morning Ephriam Wallace, charged with the slaying of Thurston Oliver of the Beech Creek section, was arraigned, a jury for his trial having been perfected Tuesday afternoon. About fifty witnesses have been summoned in connection with the holiday homicide, in which whisky is alleged to have played an important part. The case will likely be concluded by Friday morning. It is not believed that any civil cases will go to a jury at this term.

The Judgments  
Many cases of prohibition violations, larceny and the like have been tried and a total of 164 months in road sentences have been meted out to the offenders, perhaps the most individual sentences to be imposed locally for many years.

Following are the judgments of the court up until Wednesday:

Boone Grimes, liquor, called and failed; capias.  
Ralph Osborne, driving drunk, 8 months on roads.

Fred Osborne, Ralph Osborne and Spencer Campbell, destroying school property, nol pros.

Ricard Campbell, burglary, nol pros.  
Joe Triplett, manufacturing liquor, 6 months on roads.

Will Griffin, assault with deadly weapon, placed on good behavior for a period of two years.  
Ralph Gilley, breaking and entering, 10 months on roads.

Grady Hartley, larceny, 6 months on roads.  
Amos Ward and Johnny Presnell, larceny, 12 months each on roads.

Joe Robinson, Joe Eller, Howard Graybeal and Carl Eastridge, shoplifting and larceny; placed on good behavior for a period of two years.  
Sherman Oxentine, liquor, pleads guilty, costs and good behavior for two years.

Cecil Critcher and Spencer Greene, assault, guilty; fined \$10 each and costs.  
Burl Helton, larceny, 4 months on roads.

Letcher Teague, driving drunk, 6 months on roads.  
Ray Pennell, manufacturing liquor, guilty; prayer for judgment continued.

Willie Jackson (colored) forgery, pleads guilty; four months on roads.  
David H. Shore, driving truck while intoxicated, pleads guilty; fined \$50 and costs.

John Johnson, liquor, costs; placed on good behavior for two years.  
Minnie Horton, assault with deadly weapon, not guilty, discharged.

George Brown, larceny, 6 months on roads.  
Roy Brown, larceny, judgment suspended and defendant placed on good behavior for two years.

Stelia Dotson Dellinger, liquor, nol pros with leave.  
Conley Hicks, larceny, nol pros with leave.

Robert Walker, Newland Dotson, Conly Hicks, possessing and manufacturing liquor; nol pros as to Walker; 6 months on roads for Hicks; four months for Dotson.  
Howard Hardin, simple assault, 30 days in jail.

Len Baldwin, larceny, pleads guilty; 3 months on roads.  
Marvin Warren and Johnnie Tester, larceny; mistrial, continued.

Walter Woodring, manufacturing, called and failed, capias issued.  
Graham Teague, driving drunk, 12 months on roads.  
Edgar Stegill, stealing, six months on roads.

MRS. MCGLAMERY DEAD  
Mrs. Amanda McGlamery, formerly of Watauga County, died at Key Station, Tenn., last Tuesday after a long illness. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. C. Hodges of Boone and interment was in that neighborhood. She was 86 years old, and the mother of eight children. She had been a member of the Baptist Church at Key Station for four years and was known as a good Christian lady.