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## CLOSING EXERCISES AT BLOWING ROCK BEGIN FRIDAY EVE.

Prof. I. G. Greer to Deliver Address at Seventh Grade Graduation. Baccalaureate Sermon by Rev. Buchanan Sunday. Tufts to Deliver Literary Address Tuesday Evening. Satisfactory School Year.

The Blowing Rock High School finals will begin next Friday evening at 8 o'clock when Professor I. G. Greer of Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, delivers an address to the students in the graduating exercises of the seventh grade.

On Saturday evening at 8 o'clock will be presented by the High School senior class in the school auditorium. On Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Rev. Sexton Buchanan at the Blowing Rock Presbyterian Church. Class Night will be observed on Monday evening at 8 o'clock, and on Tuesday evening at the same hour the high school graduation exercises will take place. Edgar H. Tufts, president of Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk, will deliver the commencement address.

Blowing Rock School is closing the most successful year in its history, the average daily attendance having been around three hundred for the full term. Principal G. E. Tester states that the mild winter made it possible for practically the entire student body to be present each day, and that a highly satisfactory type of scholastic work has been accomplished.

The faculty of the school is made up as follows: High school department—Professor G. E. Tester, Mrs. G. E. Tester and Paul Bingham. Grades—Mrs. R. H. Askew, seventh; Mrs. John Horton, sixth; Mr. Russell Henson, fifth; Mrs. Gene Storie, fourth; Mrs. Howard Gragg, second and third; Mrs. Russell Henson, first.

## J. P. WILSON DIES AT BEAVER DAMS

Funeral Services Conducted by Revs. Wilson and Eggers. Widow and Six Brothers and Sisters Are Survivors.

A belated report from the Beaver Dam section tells of the death of J. P. Wilson, of Reese, on Wednesday, April 13, following a critical illness of more than six weeks. Leakage of the heart was given as the cause of his demise. He was seventy-three years of age.

Funeral services were conducted from Beaver Dam Baptist Church on Thursday, the 14th, Rev. R. C. Eggers and Rev. Alex. Wilson having charge of the rites. Interment took place in the nearby cemetery.

The deceased man was born, reared and lived his entire life in Watauga County. He had, since young manhood, been a consistent member of the Baptist Church, and lived an exemplary life. His passing is the cause of real sorrow in the community which claimed him as one of its most outstanding citizens.

Mr. Wilson is survived by a widow, and six brothers and sisters as follows: Jeff, Dudley and Raleigh Wilson, of Beaver Dams; Marion Wilson, of Science Hill, Ky.; Mrs. W. H. Eller, of Somerset, Ky.; and Mrs. Jake Snyder, of Beaver Dams.

## 40-Gallon Still Taken In Beech Creek Section

A forty-gallon copper distillery, 200 gallons of beer and twenty gallons of booze were captured and destroyed by a posse from the Sheriff's office on Wednesday night of last week in an isolated section of the Beech Creek country near the Avery County line. The outfit, believed to be the most complete taken in a number of years, was still warm when the officers arrived, and a small "trickle" of the forbidden fluid was emerging from the copper worm and finding its way into a waiting fruit jar. The plant appeared to have been in operation for some time.

The operators of the illicit plant had, presumably, just finished a run and probably had not been gone for more than thirty minutes when the seizure was made. No warrants, it is said, have as yet been issued.

Those taking part in the raid were Deputies Albert Farthing, Roby Greene, E. Y. Edmisten, Lee Mast, Dallas Edmisten and James Mast.

## EXAMINATION FOR POSTMASTER AT BLOWING ROCK TO BE HELD

The United States Civil Service Commission of Washington, D. C., announces that an examination for postmaster at Blowing Rock will be held soon. Applications may be secured from the postmaster at Blowing Rock or from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, not later than the close of business on May 12th. Examinations will be held about fifteen days after May 12th at Boone,

## Will Seek to Combat Menace of Wharf Rats

For some months the ever growing menace of the wharf rats which are invading both the town and country regions, has demanded the attention of Wataugans, and since no successful means of destroying the pests have been found, it remained for Attorney W. D. P. Williams of this city to solicit Federal aid in that connection. Mr. Williams is in receipt of a letter from the Department of Agriculture stating that Mr. A. E. Oman is stationed at State College, Raleigh, is a rat control specialist and is available for eradication campaigns. A letter has been dispatched to Mr. Oman asking what steps it would be necessary to take on the part of local citizens to inaugurate an anti-rodent campaign. It is believed that some means may be worked out whereby this section may be defended from the armies of wharf rats, which developed from rodents believed to have been shipped in by rail some months ago.

## FREE VACCINATION CLINICS TO BE HELD HERE DURING MAY

Local Doctors and Nurses Co-operate With County Health Department in Waging Aggressive Fight Against Typhoid and Diphtheria. Dates to Be Announced Later. People Are Urged to Attend.

Watauga people are to have free typhoid and diphtheria vaccination this year, according to announcement made Tuesday by the County Board of Health. Clinics will be held in various places throughout the county in May and an effort will be put forth to immunize a great majority of Wataugans against the two dread diseases. Announcement as to dates and places of the clinics will appear in The Democrat next week.

Through the efforts of the county health department and the board of county commissioners, working in conjunction with the State Board of Health, these clinics have been made possible. The State will furnish the vaccine, and local doctors and nurses have offered to administer it absolutely free of charge. Chairman T. C. Baird of the county commissioners and Dr. J. B. Hagaman of Boone have been responsible, in a large measure, for obtaining the support of physicians and nurses, and it is believed that the huge task will be accomplished in four weeks. Doctors J. B. Hagaman, Mary Warfield, W. J. Love, Otis Bingham and F. M. Greer, and Miss Amy Fishers, Mrs. Stanley Harris and Miss Mary Krider, the last three registered nurses, have volunteered their services and will take active part in the clinics.

Heretofore the county has been forced to spend around \$1500 when free vaccination was given to its citizens, but this year funds were not available to carry on the work. The almost unanimous support of local medical men, however, was offered, and the campaign will be carried to its conclusion through their benevolent co-operation. It is hoped that Wataugans will show their appreciation by attending the clinics, and accepting the free vaccination.

Toxoid, instead of toxin anti toxin will be used to immunize against diphtheria, and two injections, twenty-eight days apart, will be administered free to children from six months to six years of age. Toxoid is said to be one of the latest discoveries of the medical world and is believed to be far superior to serums formerly used. Clinics will be so arranged that the two injections of diphtheria serum will be given on the first and last dates. The typhoid vaccination is free to both adults and children.

The last free clinics were held in Watauga in 1929, at which time more than six thousand persons were given the course. It is believed that a much larger number will be vaccinated during the coming campaign.

## Tax Advertisements Must Appear in May

Sheriff L. M. Farthing gives out the information that his office is now busy preparing the list of delinquent taxpayers for the sale of the lands involved on the first Monday in June. The Sheriff states that the copy will be furnished the printer the first of May. Last year an extension of time was granted the taxpayers, but this time, says the official, further leniency has been denied. Attorney General Brummitt has ruled that tax sales must be held on the first Monday of June, and that under the law no extension can be granted. It is the earnest wish of the officials that taxpayers make every effort to meet their obligations during the few remaining days, in order that extra costs may not accrue against their property.

## SIDNEY J. BARNETT VICTIM OF HEART ATTACK LAST WEEK

Well-known Boone Business Man Succumbs to Sudden Illness. Funeral at Baptist Church Friday and Interment Here. Native of Wilkes County and Leader in Church and Political Circles.

Sidney J. Barnett, 63 years old, died at his home in Boone late last Wednesday evening from the effects of a heart attack. Death came almost instantly, and was wholly unexpected, although deceased has been confined to his bed a part of the time for the previous week, the first illness of his long life.

Funeral services were conducted from the Boone Baptist Church Friday afternoon by the pastor, Rev. P. A. Hicks, following which interment was in the town cemetery. A large concourse of friends was present, including many Wilkes County citizens, and the floral tributes were beautiful.

Mr. Barnett was a native of Wilkes County, but came to Boone about eight years ago, and most of the time since has been engaged in the dry goods business. At the time of his death, however, he had disposed of his mercantile establishment and was operating a community milling plant. During his entire adult life he had been a member of the Baptist Church and had been a leader in its work. He was a deacon at Mount Zion for many years, served as a justice of the peace for different terms and was in the forefront of all worthy endeavor. He was a moving figure in the political life of Wilkes County for a long while, but never aspired to public office. Mr. Barnett was one of Boone's most splendid citizens and since coming here had won the friendship of all those with whom he had been associated.

Surviving are a widow and an only son, I. T. Barnett, Boone merchant; three brothers and one sister, Alex. of Bel Air, Md., W. O. of Mount Zion, G. F. of Mount Zion and Mrs. J. G. Eller of Mount Zion. All near relatives were present for the funeral.

## YOUNG REPUBLICAN CLUB IS ORGANIZED

Around One Hundred Delegates from Practically All Watauga Townships Meet Tuesday Evening. Holshouser Named President.

At the courthouse on Tuesday evening, a group of around a hundred interested and enthusiastic young people, aided in their plan by older and wiser heads, met to form in Watauga County a young people's Republican club. The plan of such an organization was thoroughly discussed and the following officers were elected: President, J. E. Holshouser; vice-president, Blanche Smith; secretary and treasurer, Tom Cushing.

Committeemen from each township in the county were named to organize the young people in their several communities, this organization to be planned along the same lines as the larger, central organization which will have as ex-officio members of its executive committee two representatives from each township. The committeemen from each of the fourteen townships were: Boone, Horton Gragg; Beaver Dam, W. R. Johnson; Blowing Rock, Grover C. Robbins; Blue Ridge, Roy Keller; Cove Creek, Ivey B. Wilson; Bald Mountain, Wade Norris; Laurel Creek, Charlie Trivett; Meat Camp No. 1, Clyde E. Greene; Meat Camp No. 2, Murray Eggers; Stony Fork, A. G. Miller; Elk, Newton Cook; Watauga, N. F. Church; Shawneehaw, John Smith; North Fork, A. N. Thomas.

When the branch clubs in each township are formed, these clubs will choose another committeeman to meet with the central committee. Township meetings will be called for the evening of May 6th. At this meeting it is urged that every Republican of voting age be present to hear plans discussed for future work of the club.

At the meeting on Tuesday night, Grover C. Robbins of Blowing Rock acted as chairman and Russell Hodges as program director. The objects of the club were explained in detail by Tom Cushing. Clyde R. Greene closed the program by giving a most interesting history of the young people's movement, and reviewed the platform of the Republican party as detailed at the convention in Charlotte on April 14th.

## AGED KILLER VERY ILL

Mocksville, N. C.—John Henry Hauser, 82-year-old Davie County man, under sentence of death for the murder of his son-in-law, was critically ill in the county jail here Monday.

The aged prisoner was suffering with heart disease and was said to be "on the verge of pneumonia."

## FORMER RESIDENT OF BOONE CLAIMED BY DEATH THURS.

Funeral Services for Dr. J. B. Council, Prominent Salisbury Physician, Held Friday. Left Boone Nearly 50 Years Ago. Was a Son of the late Dr. W. B. Council. Survived by Widow and Two Daughters.

Effects of a long illness Thursday brought death to Dr. Jeff Council, 76, prominent Salisbury physician, former Boone resident, and widely known humanitarian. Funeral services were conducted from the home on West Fisher Street Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, and interment took place in Chestnut Hill Cemetery.

Dr. Council was born in Sumpter, South Carolina, a son of the late Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Council. The family moved to Boone during the childhood of the deceased man, where he maintained his residence until nearly fifty years ago, when he established a home in Salisbury. He received his early medical education under Dr. E. M. Phillips, prominent Western North Carolina preceptor, later attending the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Baltimore.

Jeff Council, as he was familiarly known to dozens of the older residents here, had an abiding faith in his fellow man, and through the benevolent practice of his worthy profession endeared himself to a host of Tar Heels. Up until several months ago, disregarding the weight of accumulating years on tired shoulders, Dr. Council continued to minister to the physical needs of suffering humanity. But an insatiable disease set in, which was gallantly combated by the most brilliant medical men of the East, and after several weeks of critical illness the venerable physician lost his last hard battle with Death.

Surviving are the widow, two sons, Jefferson of Burlington and Charles of Charlotte, and two daughters, who reside in Salisbury; his mother, Mrs. Alice Council, 99, of Hickory; two brothers, Judge W. B. Council of Hickory and I. L. Council of Waynesville, and one sister, Mrs. Emma Taylor of Hickory.

## LOCAL ICE PLANT SOLD TO DEARMIN

Repair Work Now Going On. Belmont Winters to Be in Charge. May Build Modern Manufacturing Plant This Fall.

J. M. Dearmin, ice and coal dealer of Elk Park, has closed negotiations for the purchase of the Boone Ice Company, and repair work is now going on preparatory to the opening of the plant within the next few days. Belmont H. Winters, who has been associated with Mr. Dearmin for a number of years, will be in charge at Boone, and expects to move his family here sometime next month.

Mr. Winters states that an effort will be put forth to manufacture sufficient ice here to supply local needs, but in event of a shortage, trucks from the Elk Park plant will haul in an auxiliary tonnage. It is the purpose of the new management to sell nothing but crystal ice of a high quality, and a prompt delivery service will be maintained at all times.

A modern plant, with greatly increased capacity, will be installed here this fall, says Mr. Winters, if this summer's venture proves satisfactory to the owner.

## Local Hotel Receives Thorough Renovation

During the past week Mr. J. B. McCoy has been thoroughly renovating the Daniel Boone Hotel in preparation for the summer visitors, who will soon begin to arrive in Boone. From attic to basement the equipment, floors and walls have been renewed.

In the lobby a restful color scheme of tan, white and dark brown has been carried out, while the dining room is a clean and beautiful black and white. Floors have been sanded and waxed and every wall in the hotel retouched. Outside painting has not been completed, but painters are at work on woodwork and signs every day. A new heating and water system and new kitchen ranges are being installed, and within a few days new hangings, rugs and tableware will add to the charm of this popular hostelry.

## FOUR GOOSE EGGS NET \$2,000 FOR TENN. WOMAN

Kepton, Tenn.—Mrs. Mollie Perryman ten years ago bought four goose eggs and set them under a hen. Only three hatched, but the result was \$2,000.

She sold feathers, eggs and geese, bought a cow, sold the calves, bought a sow, sold the pigs, and now has 14 hogs and seven cows, and besides has clothed, fed and educated her children from the cash proceeds.

## Red Cross Flour to Be Distributed Locally

Thirty thousand pounds of flour, manufactured from government wheat, is expected to reach Boone the last of the week, to be used by the Watauga Chapter American Red Cross to provide bread for those who are destitute in this county. R. C. Rivers, chairman of the local Red Cross chapter, has received notification from the Red Band Company at Johnson City, which is milling the grain, that prompt shipment will be made when the grain arrives. It has been arranged for the flour to be handled through the local committee of the Governor's Council for Unemployment and Relief, but the details of the organization have not been worked out.

The flour is to be distributed at the rate of no more than 25 pounds per week per family, and it is pointed out that applications will be carefully investigated and that no deliveries will be made to any family, unless the members thereof are without present ways or means of procuring bread.

## BOONE TO OBSERVE THURS. AND FRIDAY AS CLEAN-UP DAYS

Mayor J. M. Moretz Issues Proclamation, and Asks That All Residents Co-operate in Campaign. Trucks to Be Furnished by City to Carry Away Rubbish. Worth While Club to Give Prizes to School Children.

In a proclamation issued Monday, Mayor J. M. Moretz has designated Thursday and Friday of this week as "Clean-up Days" for Boone, and urges that all of the people co-operate in clearing the town of accumulated debris.

Back lots, alley-ways, yards and vacant properties will be put in neat order during these days, and the Mayor asks that the rubbish be placed in containers and set in convenient spots where town trucks may readily load it. Beginning Saturday evening and continuing through the following week these trucks will be operated and the debris will be carried away at the expense of the city.

Mayor Moretz's proclamation follows:

"Realizing the fact that the winter months have left various premises about the city in disorderly shape, alleys cluttered with rubbish and vacant lots covered with trash, I hereby designate Thursday and Friday, April 28th and 29th, as 'Clean-up Days' for the Town of Boone. It is the desire of the city administration to aid as far as possible in this worthwhile work, and for the week following these days trucks will be furnished to carry away the rubbish, at no expense whatever to the property owner. All citizens of the town are urged to co-operate in putting Boone in orderly condition for the summer months which are just ahead. This is a duty that every person residing within the corporate limits should willingly perform.

(Signed) "J. M. Moretz, Mayor." The Worth While Club is backing the city administration in its clean-up campaign, and it is expected that through the efforts of these ladies a more thorough job will be done than in years past. The fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades of Boone Demonstration School will be given various districts in the city to work in, and cash prizes aggregating ten dollars will be given to the youngsters doing the most thorough job of ridding their section of rubbish. These prizes are made possible by local business men, co-operating with the ladies' organization.

## DEAN WALKER WILL SPEAK AT A. S. T. C.

University Professor to Address Huge Student Body at Closing Exercises. Sixty-five to Receive Bachelor Degrees.

Dr. N. W. Walker, dean of the School of Education, University of North Carolina, will be the commencement speaker at Appalachian State Teachers College on Friday, May 6th.

The noted educator will speak to a student body of 920, coming from sixty-four counties in North Carolina and twenty-nine counties in thirteen other states, and it is expected that a large crowd of visitors will be present for the closing exercises.

By classes the students group into 418 freshmen, 303 sophomores, 126 juniors, 70 seniors, and four with bachelor degrees. The latter named are meeting the qualifications for A certificates. Sixty-five will be graduated with bachelor of science degrees this year.

During the past summer quarter the enrollment represented sixty-seven colleges and universities.

## WALLACE IS GIVEN THREE TO FIVE YEARS IN PRISON

Murderer Plea Accepted by Court by Morning Before Case Went to Jury. Slaying of Oliver Took Place on December 25th. Counsel Attempted to Establish Self-Defense. Grand Jury Makes Report.

Edgar Wallace, confessed slayer of Tom Oliver in a brawl December 25 of last year, was sentenced to serve from three to five years in State's Prison last Friday morning by Judge P. A. McElroy, presiding in Superior Court here, following the acceptance of a manslaughter plea by the court. A trial jury had been selected on the Tuesday afternoon previous and more than three days had been spent in the examination of a host of witnesses and argument by counsel. Only one speech, that of Attorney W. R. Lovill for the State, had not been made when the plea was accepted.

The tragedy occurred in a remote section of western Watauga, and there were no eye-witnesses to the killing. Evidence tended to show that, following an argument in the afternoon, Oliver came to the home of Wallace about nine o'clock at night, and a quarrel ensued near the dwelling. Wallace's wife, who at that time was an expectant mother, had been ill for several days, and he (Wallace) is said to have repeatedly warned Oliver not to disturb her. The argument waxed warmer, and Wallace, who had armed himself with a shotgun before leaving his house, fired two shots from the weapon, one of them taking effect in Oliver's breast. Death was said to have been instantaneous.

Defense counsel had attempted to establish self-defense, and testimony had been introduced tending to show that the shots were fired after Oliver had thrown a rock at the convicted man.

Attorneys John E. Brown, W. C. Newland and John H. Bingham appeared for Wallace, while Solicitor L. S. Spurling was assisted in the prosecution by Attorneys Lovill and T. E. Bingham.

Following the disposal of the Wallace case, court adjourned. None of the more than seventy civil cases on the calendar was disposed of, and the local bar association Saturday petitioned Governor O. Max Gardner for a special civil term to take place beginning June 20th.

## Grand Jury Report

A. D. Wilson, foreman of the grand jury, submitted the following report on the findings of that body to Judge McElroy on Thursday:

"To His Honor P. A. McElroy, Judge Presiding:

"We, the Grand Jury, beg leave to submit the following report:

"We have acted on all bills sent before us, and have made presentment of all violations of the law that have come to our knowledge.

"We visited the County Home and find the following: We found ten inmates. They all seem to be happy and well-treated. The county home building is in good condition, and the farm is properly managed.

"We have made a thorough examination of the Clerk's and Register of Deeds' offices; we find the records well kept as far as we can ascertain.

"We inspected the County Jail and found it in fair condition as to cleanliness and general sanitary conditions.

"We find that the court house needs some small repairs, and lights are needed in the Sheriff's office.

"Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) "A. D. Wilson, Foreman."

## Fishing and Hunting Club Holds Meeting

The Watauga County Fishing and Hunting Club met at the Daniel Boone Hotel on Tuesday evening to discuss a program for the summer. A small group of members and friends spent the hour of the meeting in talking over, informally, matters of importance to the club.

Stocking the Middle Fork of New River, which has, with the exception of one stretch, been signed up by the club as a stream to be used in its protection and propagation program, was a matter of importance at the meeting. It was decided that this stream would be an ideal one for the raising of trout, in view of the fact that the dam would provide unusual protection for the fish of already legal catching size that are to be released in this stream this week.

It was also decided that the protected streams which the club accepts responsibility for will, in the future, be kept closed on Sunday. This will be especially true of the Middle Fork and the club hopes that all co-operation by the people living along the stream will be given the club in this plan.

The next meeting of the fishing club will be held at the Daniel Boone Hotel on Tuesday night, May 10th, at 7:30 o'clock.