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## JOE MUSE BADLY INJURED IN FIGHT WITH L. B. MORLEY

Mountain City Hardware Man Slashed by Knife in Hands of Former Prohibition Agent. Taken to Bristol Hospital. Assailant Placed Under Bond of \$3,500 for Appearance at Circuit Court.

Joe C. Muse, head of the Muse Hardware Company at Mountain City, Tenn., is in a Bristol hospital suffering from severe knife wounds inflicted Friday afternoon by L. B. (Judge) Morley, former United States prohibition officer and a candidate for sheriff of Johnson County.

Reports from the neighboring town are to the effect that Morley and Muse quarreled over the transfer of a piece of church property in Mountain City, and that a fist fight ensued in which the former freely used a large pocket knife. The altercation took place in front of the Johnson County Motor Company, which is partly owned by Muse.

The weapon is said to have entered the forehead of Mr. Muse, slitting his hat brim, and ranged downward, severing the cheek bone and inflicting a wide gash in the upper lip and gums. Another wound was inflicted in the back, which was said to have been about five inches long. The injured man's garments were badly slashed in the near-fatal affray.

Morley was arrested a few minutes later by Sheriff Karl Madron, and placed under a \$3,500 bond. He will be tried in circuit court, which convenes on June 6th at Mountain City.

Morley for the past several weeks has been waging an active campaign for sheriff of the Tennessee county, and is said to have accumulated a rather substantial following. It is understood, however, that the Friday affair has nipped his political ambitions and definitely crowded his name from the Republican ticket.

Notwithstanding a severe loss of blood, Mr. Muse, who enjoys a wide circle of friends in Watauga, is said to be fast improving.

## Mrs. Sue Osborne Dies Suddenly Tuesday Eve.

Mrs. Sue Osborne, 76 years old, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Gurney Brinkley, on Brushy Fork, Tuesday evening. A broken hip, sustained several weeks ago, had made of Mrs. Osborne an invalid, but a heart attack was given as the direct cause of her unexpected demise.

Mrs. Osborne had been steadily improving for several weeks, and was believed to have been well on the road to permanent recovery. Tuesday evening she ate a hearty supper, and expressed herself as feeling well. Mr. and Mrs. Brinkley left the house to come to Boone for a few minutes, leaving the patient in the care of a neighbor lady. They had been gone only a few minutes when the fatal attack occurred, and death resulted before medical aid could be summoned.

The deceased lady was a native of near Sparta, Alleghany County, but had made her home here for about two years. She had contracted many friends in this community, who hear of her death with sorrow. Mrs. Brinkley, her daughter, is the only immediate survivor.

Funeral services are to be held near the old home in Alleghany County today.

## Democratic Convention Called to Meet on 11th

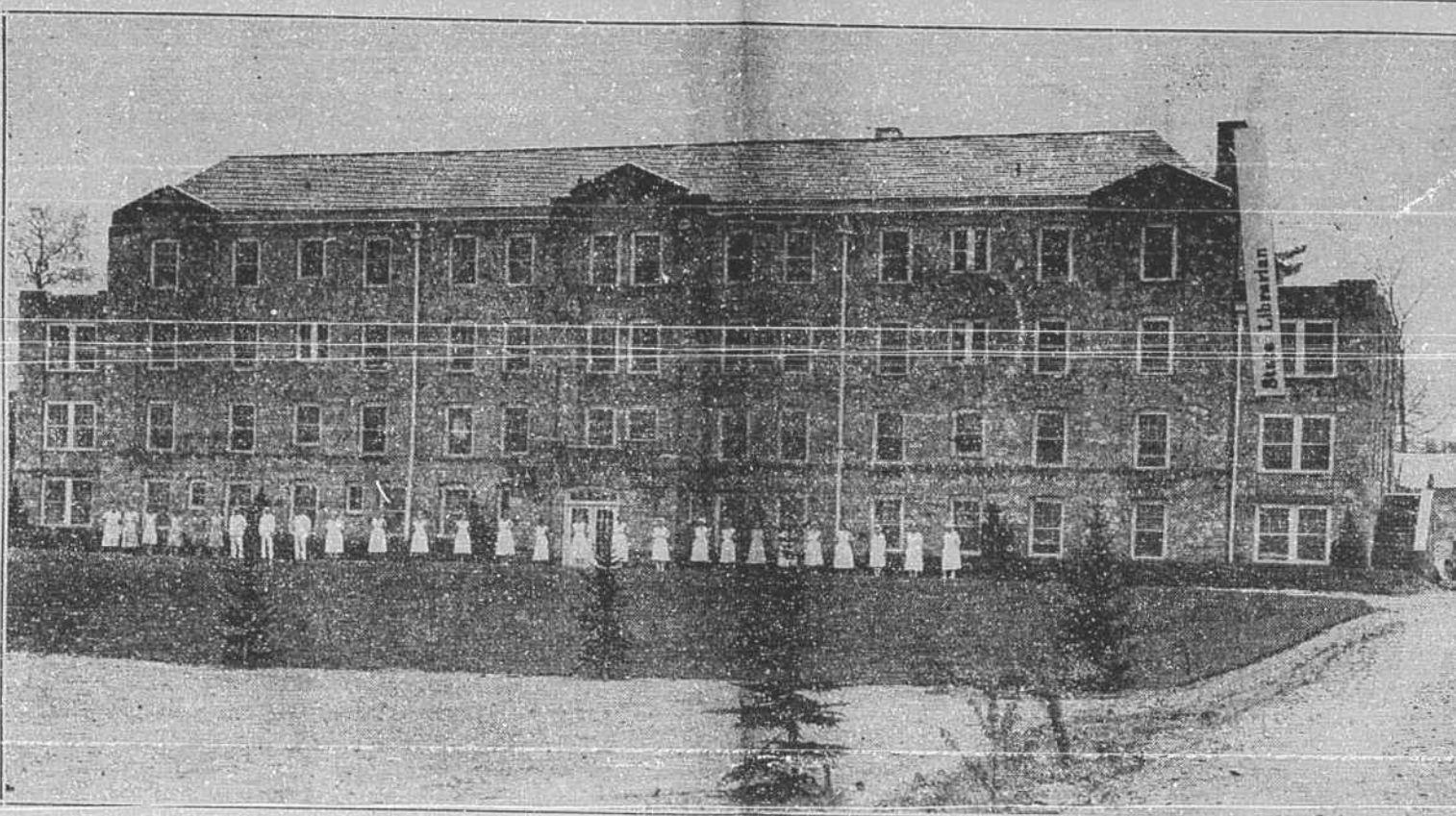
J. L. Wilson, chairman of the Watauga County Democratic Executive Committee, Tuesday issued the call for the county convention, which appears in The Democrat today. The convention will be held on June 11, at 2 p. m., at which time a chairman will be elected and delegates named to the State Convention at Raleigh, which is to be held on the 16th. Pre-arranged meetings will be held in the various townships on Saturday, June 4, when delegates to the county convention will be named.

Watauga County is entitled to 22 delegates to the State Convention.

## Jones Seeks to Run For the State Senate

Professor Troy I. Jones of Jefferson visited briefly with friends in Boone Tuesday. Mr. Jones is making an active campaign in the June primary for nomination on the Republican ticket for the State Senate from this district and feels that he will win the honors. He is being opposed in the primary contest by U. S. G. Bauguess, brother of the late Walter Bauguess of Jefferson, while Peter T. McNeil seems to be taking the lead among aspirants for the Democratic nomination. By agreement of long standing the Senatorial honors rotate among the counties of the district and Ashe must furnish the nominees this year.

## Grace Hospital a Crowning Achievement of Tufts Association



The imposing new Grace Hospital at Banner Elk, which was formally opened last Sunday, and which represents the finest medical center in a country town in America. The building is of native granite and adds to the beauty of the campus of Lees-McRae College. The structure was made possible through the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, and the Duke Foundation. The picture shows the staff of the hospital, and a complete story of the remarkable institution will be found on page three.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE TO BE HELD AT COVER CREEK ON SUNDAY

Program at Henson's Chapel to Be in Charge of American Legion and Legion Auxiliary. Veterans of All Wars Urged to Attend. Graves of Soldiers to Be Decorated in the Afternoon.

A memorial service for soldiers who lost their lives in the World War will be held at the Henson's Chapel, M. E. Church South on Cover Creek Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, the local post of the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary having charge of the program.

Arrangements are being made to accommodate a large crowd, and all veterans of the World War, Civil and Spanish-American wars are urged to attend. The sermon will probably be preached by Rev. C. C. Graham, pastor, however, definite arrangements have not been made.

The tentative program follows: Song, "America"; prayer; song, "America the Beautiful"; music by Legion Band; "In Flanders Field," Ruby Bingham; "In Flanders Now," Gordon Spainhour; music by Legion Band; hymn; sermon; hymn; benediction.

In the afternoon a special committee composed of Legion and Auxiliary members will place wreaths and flags on the graves of all World War soldiers who are buried in Watauga.

## JOHN JENKINS IS ADJUDGED GUILTY

Ashe County Man Convicted of Robbing Rutherford Postoffice. Submits to Fraudulent Use of the Mails. Murder Charged.

News reaching Boone Tuesday evening is to the effect that John Jenkins, Ashe County citizen, was convicted in Federal court at Wilkesboro on charges growing out of the robbery of the Eller McNeil Store at Rutherford, this county, in which the postoffice was housed. It is remembered that the case against Jenkins developed when Mr. McNeil was able to identify some of the merchandise which was taken from his establishment.

Jenkins pleaded guilty to a charge of fraudulent use of the mails, as a representative of Sears, Roebuck & Company, a banker of Boone and a postoffice inspector were on hand with proof concerning checks drawn on a Boone bank and mailed to the mail order concern in exchange for merchandise. The checks were not honored, as Jenkins did not have an account with the Boone bank.

Judge Hayes deferred passing of sentence in either of these cases, until he should have formed an opinion as to whether he should hand over the prisoner to Ashe County officials in connection with the mysterious shooting of Joe Graybeal last winter. It is also reported that a second warrant charging murder is in the hands of the sheriff.

## Grist Delivers Campaign Speech Monday; Raps Morrison Stand



Frank D. Grist, candidate for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate, who presented his views in a speech at the courthouse last Monday evening.

## JURY LIST DRAWN FOR SPECIAL TERM OF CIVIL COURT

Judge Michael Schenk to Preside at June Court. Term Made Necessary by Accumulated Docket. Expected to Last for Two Weeks. Jury List Made Public Monday by Clerk A. E. South.

The jury list for the special term of civil court, which convenes here on June 20th, was released Monday by Clerk of the Court Austin E. South. The special term was made necessary by the large number of cases which were left over from the regular spring session, which convened in April. Judge Michael Schenk will preside at the civil court, which is expected to last for two weeks. The jury list follows:

First Week—B. R. Bryan, Will Austin, T. L. Wilson, Edd Elrod, C. D. Taylor, J. Grover Johnson, Jeff C. Anderson, Howard Edmisten, C. H. Howell, George C. Danner, V. B. Mast, Dean Swift, J. F. Sherrill, Sam Horton, M. P. Critcher, Milton W. Greene, G. H. Norris, Tom Lentz, Earl Norris, Henry C. Beach, Roy Vines, Z. V. Greene, Stewart Brown, H. E. Deal.

Second Week—General L. Hodges, Conley Glenn, Ralph Andrews, A. N. Thomas, Charles E. Carroll, Roby Gragg, G. W. Moody, Henry Hagaman, J. S. Lyon, A. N. Church, Roy Brown, A. E. Hamby, Jeff W. Hampton, John Hagaman, Ira Reece, David W. Tester, Vester Phillips, D. T. Brown, Ira Edmisten, Wade L. Green, Frank Greer, W. T. Baird, Elijah Reid, Ron Davis.

The Rotary Club of Sylva has helped the county agent of Jackson County place the demonstrations in the use of limestone as a soil improvement measure.

Veteran-Candidate Applauded as He Endorses Bonus Legislation. Flays Morrison as a Representative of the Big Interests. Favors Tax Reform and Payment of Foreign Debt. Introduced by W. R. Lovill.

Frank D. Grist, filling an unannounced engagement in his race for the United States Senate, spoke to a small but enthusiastic assembly at the courthouse here Monday night, and during his address paid a brilliant tribute to "Farmer Bob" Doughton, whom he termed "the best friend to the rank and file of the people in the lower house of Congress." The speaker reviewed the record of Mr. Doughton during his twenty years of service, and declared that veterans of the World War had an unfaltering friend and ally in the Eighth District representative. Mr. Grist was introduced by State Senator William R. Lovill.

The audience applauded as the stony veteran-candidate stated that he favored immediate payment of the soldiers' bonus at face value on the ground that had certificates been dated after the close of the war and had they borne six per cent. interest, which the government paid on tax adjustments, they would have matured in 1930. Continuing, he stated that adjustments to corporations and individuals who made immense profits.

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## Mrs. Edward Gann Will Meet With Republicans

Mr. Clyde R. Green, secretary of the Watauga County Republican Executive committee, has received the information that Mrs. Edward Gann, a sister of Vice-President Curtis, is to speak in Greensboro at the courthouse to a State-wide gathering on Thursday, June 2, at 8 o'clock p. m. A large crowd is expected, and it is said, from all over the state, and an open house affair will be held in the afternoon, where all comers will meet the "second lady of the land," as well as the various candidates on the Republican State ticket.

Indications are that perhaps twenty-five Republicans from Watauga County will attend the meeting in Greensboro, and it is asked that all those contemplating the trip get in touch with Mr. Greene as early as is convenient.

## PECULIAR MINERAL DEPOSIT UNEARTHED IN WATAUGA

Mr. D. R. Wilson, of Zionville, was in town Monday and brought with him several pieces of ore he had recently removed from a peculiar rock formation on his farm. Apparently there is a great deal of graphite and other minerals in the specimens which he exhibited, and various assays are in progress to determine the value of his find.

Mr. Wilson states that he has uncovered the ore for a distance of several feet, and that the vein runs directly under the mountain. He would like for his friends to visit him and view the freakish structure.

## CEMETERY WILL NOT ACCOMMODATE ANY NEW PLOTS

Committee in Charge of Local Burying Ground Has Found it Necessary to Prohibit Burial of Deceased Citizens from Outside Communities. Available Space Will Not Care for Those Who Established Plots.

By agreement of the committee which for several years has been in charge of the Boone community cemetery, it is given out that henceforth the burying ground will be restricted to accommodate only the citizens of the town, who have relatives interred there. This action was taken after the scope of the small graveyard had been caused to extend into various outlying communities, already provided with sufficient facilities along this line.

Mesdames D. D. Dougherty, B. J. Council, J. M. Moretz and Mr. J. L. Qualls, who have been in charge of the upkeep of the cemetery for some time, have named Messrs. B. J. Council and J. S. Stanbury as a sub-committee for giving or denying burial privileges, as the case may be. These two gentlemen are placed in full control of the cemetery in this connection, and when permits are granted, they will locate the gravesites.

The committee wishes to make clear that this position is not taken in a spirit of denying cemetery privileges to a portion of the population, but simply for the reason that the graveyard is now practically filled, and to encourage the practice of newcomers to use the burying facilities in their respective communities.

## LEGION AUXILIARY TO SELL POPPIES

Red Crepe Flowers Will Be Sold by Ladies Saturday. Poppies Made by Disabled Veterans. Explanation Given.

The American Legion Auxiliary announced Monday that "Poppy Day" will be observed in Watauga County on Saturday, May 28th, and that on this date the little red paper flowers will be on sale in Boone and surrounding communities. This is a nation-wide event of the organization, and fabulous sums are raised each year to care for disabled veterans' families, and do other humanitarian work. Watauga people, who have always been responsive in campaigns of this kind, are urged to co-operate with the ladies who have charge of the sale.

The following explanation of "Poppy Day" has been prepared by a member of the local Auxiliary unit:

"Poppies to you, perhaps, are just crumpled rosettes of crimson crepe paper to wear once a year in memory of the men who gave their lives in the World War. They are that, and we wear them proudly as an outward symbol of the reverence in which we hold the memory of those men. But they are more than that. To the disabled man whose body is too badly

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## CIVITANS WORK TO RID COMMUNITY OF WHARF RAT HORDE

Local Civic Organization Expects Expert from the State College to Arrive Early in June to Inaugurate Campaign Against Rodents. Rat Warfare May Be Carried Into the Farming Areas.

A committee recently named by the Boone Civitan Club and composed of Messrs. C. M. Critcher, Howard Mast and G. K. Moose, has practically worked out the details of an active campaign to be waged against the wharf or sewer rats, which have invaded the community in ever-increasing numbers.

Tentative plans indicate that A. E. Oman of the United States Department of Agriculture, in co-operation with State College, will come to Boone about the second of June for the purpose of instituting the campaign against the pestiferous rodents, and the local civic organization has assumed the payment of the expenses for the bait, which should amount to no more than \$25 for the Boone and Perkinsville areas. There is no charge for the visit of Mr. Oman.

It is also pretty generally agreed that in farming communities where the rats have become a menace, the rat bait will be furnished at actual cost, which for ordinary purposes, it is stated, would not exceed the cost of a bushel of corn. It is suggested that the bait be available to farmers at the courthouse on the afternoon of June 3rd.

Further details of the rat warfare will be worked out and rural residents will be advised further as to what steps it will be necessary for them to take to avail themselves of the protection being offered.

## Over Five Thousand Vaccinated in County

The vaccination clinics in Watauga have entered the third week, and already more than five thousand persons have received the free typhoid and diphtheria serum. In Boone alone Dr. Hagaman and Nurses Krider and Fisher have administered vaccination to 2,317 citizens.

The last general vaccination took place in Watauga three years ago, and the year following (1930) not a single case of typhoid fever was reported in the county. In 1931, however, five cases developed in one community, but no deaths resulted. Neither of those who contracted the dangerous malady had taken the vaccination.

## MRS. M. C. MILLER PASSES TUESDAY

Prominent Resident of Meat Camp Section Succumbs to Long Illness. Funeral Wednesday at Hopewell Church.

Mrs. M. C. Miller, 83 years of age, died at her home in the Meat Camp section of the county Tuesday morning, death following an illness of several months. Her condition, however, was not considered serious, until about a month ago.

Funeral services were to have been conducted from the Hopewell M. E. Church South, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Incomplete arrangements were to the effect that either Rev. Brendall of the Boone Church or the pastor of the Todd circuit would be assisted in the rites by Rev. N. M. Dabbin.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters: W. S. Miller of Todd; Marvin of Boone, and Clyde of Pittsburgh, Penn.; Mrs. H. A. Dabbin, of Ledgerwood, and Mrs. L. E. Hopkins of Boone.

Mrs. Miller was born, reared and spent her entire life in Watauga County. She was a daughter of the late Edward Blackburn and a sister to E. Spencer Blackburn, deceased, former Congressman, and Manley B. Blackburn of Boone. She has been a member of the Methodist Church for many years and was very active in all worthy endeavors in her community. She was widely known throughout the mountain region, and had the lasting friendship of her many acquaintances.

## Young Democrats Will Meet at Blowing Rock

Wade E. Brown, secretary of the Young Democratic Voters Club, announces that a meeting of that organization will be held in Blowing Rock on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. While a definite program has not been worked out, it is understood that a prominent speaker will be present, and that a large crowd is in prospect. Organization plans for Blowing Rock and adjacent townships will be discussed. Ladies are especially invited.