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HUNDREDS ATTEND FAMILY REUNION AT VALLE CRUCIS

Baird, Horton, Taylor, Shull and Mast Clans Assemble from All Sections of Union for Annual Get-together. Huge Audience Addressed by Dr. B. B. Dougherty. Basket Dinner at Noon Hour.

Watauga County's beautiful "Vale of the Cross" was the scene of a gathering on Saturday, August 20, 1932, such as has perhaps never before been witnessed in this section of North Carolina, when five of the best known families of the Northwest joined forces in a reunion of families at Valle Crucis. It was the annual reunion of the Shull, Mast, Baird, Horton and Taylor families; and for the first time, these families had selected a spot near the place where their pioneer ancestors had founded their homes and where the ancestors of many present had first seen the light of day. It was near the scene of this reunion that the Shulls from Germany, the Masts from Switzerland, the Bairds from Scotland, and the Hortons from England, had founded homes and hearthstones. It was near the spot where Henry Taylor founded a home with a bride connected by blood with the other families represented in this reunion. Perhaps hovering over the scene were the spirits of Frederick Shull, Jacob Mast, Bedient Baird, Nathan Horton and Henry Taylor, as more than five hundred of their descendants and their relatives and friends represented many counties in North Carolina and seventeen states of the American Union, assembled together for a day and an occasion long to be remembered.

There were represented all ages from babes in arms to Aunt Sarah Baird, whose age only lacks four years of rounding out a century.

From outside of the State representatives of these families had come from Texas, Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas, Tennessee, South Carolina, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Virginia, Ohio, Georgia, Pennsylvania, California, Michigan and the District of Columbia.

The program opened with the audience joining in the singing of "The North Carolina Hills," with Professor I. G. Greer leading and Mrs. Maud Mast Spainhour at the piano. The invocation was spoken by Rev. J. A. McKaughan. The address of welcome was delivered by Ira T. Johnston, an attorney of Jefferson, who acted as chairman and toast master for the occasion. Joseph M. Shull of Kansas delivered the response to the address of welcome.

Then members representing each of the families were requested to stand or hold up their hands and the roll of the various states represented was called. Telegrams and letters were read from various absent ones, including Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Leake, of Manila, P. I.; Mr. Edward P. Lund, of Orange, New Jersey; Mr. F. C. Knoblauch, of Charleston, S. C.; and Mr. and Mrs. William Shull, of Lamar, Colo.

Then came a toast to each of the families and a historical synopsis of each family. The toast to the Shulls was given by Frederick Knoblauch, of Charleston, S. C., and the historical synopsis by James Shull, Neva, Tenn. The toast to the Masts was given by Eugene Mast, of Kansas, and the historical synopsis by D. C. Mast, of Sugar Grove. Earnest Moore of Raleigh, N. C., who was to have given the toast to the Bairds was not present but a historical synopsis of the Bairds was given by T. C. Baird of Valle Crucis. The toast to the Taylors was given by Mrs. Charles Menzies Jr., of Hickory, N. C., and the historical synopsis by C. D. Taylor, of Valle Crucis. The toast to the Hortons was presented in a humorous fashion by United States Marshal W. H. Gragg, and the historical synopsis by Mrs. A. R. Barlow of Lenoir, North Carolina.

One of the most pleasant parts of the program was the rendering of several folk songs by Professor and Mrs. I. G. Greer of Boone.

The announcements were made by Mr. J. M. Shull of Valle Crucis, sponsor of the reunion program, whose efforts were largely responsible for the success of the occasion. A delightful and adequate lunch made up by numerous baskets brought by different representatives of the different families from far and near was served under the capable supervision of Mrs. Edward P. Lund, of Orange, N. J. After all had been fed, more than the proverbial twelve baskets was left.

The afternoon program opened with the audience joining in the singing of "Blest Be the Tie that Binds." Miss Annie Dougherty of Boone rendered two vocal solos. Then came the feature address by Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of the Appalachian State Teachers College of Boone. In introducing him, the speaker said that the biggest mistake that Dr. Dougherty had made was in

Commands U. S. Navy



A new photo of Admiral Richard H. Leigh, new commander-in-chief of the U. S. Navy. He succeeds Admiral Frank H. Schofield. Admiral Leigh boarded the flagship Pennsylvania in California waters.

JURORS DRAWN FOR SEPT. TERM

Judge Schenck Will Preside When Court Convenes on September 19. Many in Jail Awaiting Trial. No Outstanding Cases on Docket.

Watauga Superior Court will convene for the regular fall term on Monday, September 19th, with Judge Michael Schenck presiding. About sixteen prisoners are in the county jail awaiting trial, however, it is stated that there are no capital offenses to be heard. A considerable docket, made up mostly of dry law infringements, will be called, and the term is supposed to last for two weeks.

Following is the list of those drawn for jury service:

Beaver Dams—Roby Wilson, J. Lewis Reese, Charles Johnson and C. J. Parthing.

Blowing Rock—Richard Hollers, John Knight, Ira Bolick, Tom Vandevke.

Boone—J. S. Winkler, Sherman Hallers, Sam Austin, J. E. Culler, W. H. Hayes.

Cove Creek—J. M. Burkett, C. F. Thompson, Wade Byers, Don Stokes, Alfred Thomas, W. R. Reese.

Elk—V. C. Cox.

Laurel Creek—Graden Hagaman, M. A. Ward, M. P. Trivette.

Meat Camp—B. H. Gross, K. W. Brown, G. G. Stephens, W. M. Winebarger, W. H. Proffitt.

Shawneechaw—J. M. Michael, L. D. Rupert, Duke Tester.

Stony Fork—L. F. Church, W. C. McNeil.

Watauga—D. S. Love, Emory Townsend, J. E. Harbin.

Four Are Captured For Liquor Offense

Clyde Norris, Jeff Norris, Richard Campbell and Vester Warren, young men of the Mabel community, were brought to the county jail Sunday on charges of possessing and transporting whiskey, and later gave bond for appearance at a preliminary hearing before Justice E. N. Hahn next Friday.

Deputy Sheriff Wiley Day apprehended the four men near Deep Gap, while they were patching an automobile tire. Ten gallons of whiskey was found by the road nearby which is alleged to have been their property.

Veteran Police Officer Visitor in Boone Tues.

Mr. M. V. Watts, of Washington, D. C., accompanied by a brother-in-law, Mr. C. F. Cornelius, of Winston-Salem, was a visitor to Boone Tuesday, coming over from Blowing Rock where the two and their families are enjoying a summer vacation.

Mr. Watts will be remembered as the son of the late G. S. Watts of Blowing Rock, and he and three brothers have made their home in Washington for many years. Mr. Watts is a member of the Metropolitan police force, having served in that capacity for 23 years. He is now on the verge of retirement with pay, and states that it is likely at that time that he will return to the Watauga hills for a homeplace. He speaks interestingly of his work, and especially of the riot precipitated by the bonus marchers recently, and when questioned as to the political situation, said that public opinion in the capital city was decidedly unfavorable to the re-election of President Hoover. Mr. Watts arrived in the county Monday.

Mrs. Albert Watson sent to The Democrat office the other day a huge Irish potato which would probably weigh a pound, and which provided a very good imitation of a turtle atop a rock. It was taken from her garden in Boone. Mr. Arthur Dougherty also has exhibited a freak potato which is just about the shape of a duck, and which was also very large.

MRS. PINK HODGES SUCCUMBS SUNDAY

Well Known Resident Falls to Rally from Hospital at Statesville Hospital. Funeral Services Monday. Husband, Daughter Survive.

Mrs. P. H. Hodges, of Adams, died in a Statesville hospital Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock after having undergone a major operation, from which it was first believed she would rally. She was taken to the hospital Saturday afternoon after having been in poor health, following an operation performed several months ago.

Funeral services were conducted from the home one mile west of Boone Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. P. A. Hicks of the Boone Baptist Church, who was assisted by Rev. E. C. Hodges. Interment followed in the Hines graveyard nearby.

The pall bearers were: R. D. Hodges, Vance Culler, Clyde Greene, Bedford Greene, John Greene and Jones Hodges.

Flower girls included Josie Hodges, Katie Lyons, Mrs. Blanche Keller, Mary Cole Norris, Gladys Brown, Mrs. Earl Lyon, Estelle Phillips, Staniel Greer, Lizzie Bentley, Hattie Gross, Mrs. Bonnie Hodges, Mrs. Margaret Sherrill, Maggie Ellen Keller, Annell Beach, Ruby Haynes, Edna Greer, Clarice White, Juanita Colvard, Elizabeth Gross and Lena Eggers.

A large concourse of friends gathered for the rites, and the floral offerings were large and beautiful.

Surviving are a husband and one daughter, Mrs. Bertha Eggers, three grandchildren, and six brothers: L. E. Beach of Rich Mountain, W. E. Beach of Seattle, Wash.; W. M. Beach of Springfield, Ill.; M. W. Beach of North Wilkesboro; D. C. Beach of Johnson City, Tenn.; and T. C. Beach of Boone.

Mrs. Hodges was the former Miss Carrie Beach, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Beach, and was born in the Rich Mountain section. She spent practically her entire life in Boone, however, where she was a consistent member of the Baptist Church, and much interested in those things looking to community betterment. She was well known throughout this section and had a wide circle of staunch friends who are grieved on account of her demise.

Two Are Injured in Automobile Accident

Messrs. Luther South and William Coffey were considerably cut and bruised last Thursday when an automobile operated by the former crashed into a highway department mowing machine manned by Coffey. The accident occurred near Ruthwood while the machine was engaged in mowing the right of way outside the curbing to the highway. Mr. Coffey's injuries, it is stated, were mostly cuts about the face, while Mr. South is bruised and is believed to have had some internal injuries. The automobile was practically demolished, and the highway equipment damaged.

Benefit Concert to Be Given at Blowing Rock

A program of mountain musical numbers is to be rendered at the high school building, Blowing Rock, Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock for the purpose of raising money with which to aid the establishment of Dr. Mary Warfield's baby clinic. Mr. Tom Cushing is to be in charge of the program, which will be featured solely by vocal and stringed renditions of mountain music, presented by local talent. Several Boone people are included among the performers, and the sponsors urge a large attendance from this community.

Huge Sum Distributed To School Teachers

The office of the board of education was busily engaged Saturday afternoon in making out checks to the county's school teaching staff for back salaries and for payment of current indebtedness. A total of \$10,849 was received from the State Board of Equalization, about \$8,000 of which was applied to teachers salaries, the remaining sum going to general operating expenses. It is pointed out that the checks issued cover all back salaries as well as salaries and incidentals for the first month of the current school terms.

64 SNAKES KILLED

Messrs. J. D. Vandye and C. C. Bowles of the Deerfield community found a large snake on the mountainside near their homes recently, and one of the men killed the reptile, which was about four feet long, and thought to be of the garter species. Noting that the snake was unusually large, the body was opened, and sixty-three small snakes emerged in rapid succession. They were about seven inches in length and showed considerable fight when they were about to be exterminated.

Roosevelt and Garner Review Guardsmen



Speaker John N. Garner, Texas, traveled east for a conference with his running mate, Democratic Presidential Candidate Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York, the first meeting of the two since they were nominated at Chicago. Photo was made as the two reviewed national guardsmen at Peekskill, N. Y.

Trial Of Election Cases Goes On in Wilkesboro

At Wednesday noon information coming to The Democrat by telephone indicated that in the morning session of Federal court eight more witnesses for the government had been examined in the election fraud cases as follows: P. R. Trivette, J. W. Harman, Will B. Trivette, Roby Presnell, M. C. Norris, Monroe Harman, Leander Presnell, Vance Harman. The evidence taken, it was said, was largely in corroboration of that given Tuesday, and there were no new developments. The government was temporarily restrained by the court from using evidence tending to show irregularities in marking ballots in the 1928 election, it was stated.

The trial of Watauga County election officials and others who are charged with conspiracy to prevent voters from exercising the privilege of the franchise, goes forward in Federal Court at Wilkesboro, the examination of government witnesses in the cases involving Laurel Creek Township having featured the hearings up until Tuesday's adjournment. Judge Johnson J. Hayes is presiding at the special term of court, and practically all of the Monday session was taken with the selection of a jury. A motion to quash the indictments was denied, while the request for a bill of particulars was allowed by the court.

Fifty-nine witnesses were sworn for the government, and taking of testimony began at five o'clock. Clerk of the Court A. E. South testified as to his possession of the register books for Laurel Creek township, while W. B. Trogden, Greensboro engineer, submitted a drawing of a polling place as prescribed by law.

Cannon First to Testify

Alvin Cannon, who was the Republican judge in the Laurel Creek precinct in the 1930 election, was the first witness on the stand Tuesday. His story of what happened on the morning of the election and cross-examination led by J. H. Burke of the defense lasted for three hours.

According to his testimony, Eddie B. Hagaman was the Democratic registrar and Jerd Shull was the Democratic judge for the precinct election. He stated that he arrived at the school house designated as the voting place about daybreak of election day and that there was a delay in opening of the polls. He said he left the polling place at 11 o'clock after someone had said there would be no election and did not go back that day. There seemed to be a disagreement as to the arrangement of the facilities in the school house.

Cannon, he said, was instructed by the registrar to stay at the table from which the ballots were to be distributed, while the registrar was to keep the books and the other judge to stay near the ballot boxes. He testified that under this proposed arrangement he could not see what was going on at the ballot boxes.

It was agreed, Cannon said, that one Democrat and one Republican rearrange the voting place and the crowd left the house while this was being done. After the rearrangement, he returned to the post assigned to him, he said, and did not refuse to serve. He further stated that he left for his home following an announcement by someone that there would be no election.

A barrage of questions from the defense counsel tended to show that they will try to prove that Cannon and other Republicans did not want any election held and that Cannon was contending for his plan to be carried out.

R. Monroe Ward, citizen of Laurel Creek, testified as to what happened on the election day. He further testified that he heard Hagaman announce that no election would be

Corbett To Promote



James J. Corbett, former heavyweight champion of the world, now 66 years old, turned his interest to the ring game again, having obtained a license to promote fights in New York this winter.

held. In the main, his testimony corroborated that of Cannon.

Winkler Testifies

W. F. Winkler, another voter, stated that he went to the polling place early in the morning and, finding no election in progress, asked Eddie Hagaman, the registrar, what was the matter. Hagaman replied that Cannon would not serve where he asked him to serve as Republican judge. He then called Hagaman's attention to the arrangement of the election paraphernalia and asked that it be rearranged. Hagaman was quoted as saying that it was fixed according to instructions from Henry Hardin, chairman of the county board of elections, and that he could not or would not change anything. He, with Jack Mast, rearranged the interior of the building. When they had finished the registrar was gone, he said. He said that when he returned he asked him to appoint two helpers—one Democrat to assist Cannon with distributing the ballots and one Republican to stay with Shull at the boxes. This, he said, was denied by Hagaman. Further testimony revealed the fact that Claude Edmisten hauled off the ballot boxes on a truck about 11 o'clock and that no one had voted. It was brought out indirectly that the boxes were returned later and the election held in the afternoon.

Overheard Conversation

Paul Trivette, a youth of the township, testified that he overheard a conversation at the home of his uncle on a night preceding the election. He said he heard Jack Mast say that "We have got to win this election," and he testified that Shull or others replied that Hagaman was one of the best men they had and could get by with almost anything.

E. M. Presnell was the last government witness to testify Tuesday. He stated that Jerd Shull had asked him several days prior to the election how he thought it would come out. Following Presnell's answer Shull replied, "We have bought two or three elections, but it is a damn sight cheaper to steal it than to buy it."

The jury is in the custody of an officer who is instructed to clip all news stories about the trial from the newspapers before permitting them to read.

No witnesses have been introduced for the defense. Large crowds from Watauga County are attending the sessions, and it has been predicted by some that the hard fought legal battle will require three or four weeks. The Cove Creek Township case was to have been called Wednesday, but Judge Hayes has announced it will not come up before Monday, it being the opinion of the court that the Laurel Creek trial will take

DR. FRAZIER WILL DELIVER ADDRESS TO GRADUATES

Commencement Exercises at State Teachers College to Be Featured by Discourse of Well Known Educator. Degrees Will Be Conferred Thursday Evening on 20 Graduates, Including Three Boone Ladies.

Dr. Frazier, head of Queens College, Charlotte, is to deliver the literary address at commencement exercises at the Appalachian State Teachers College Thursday evening when Bachelor Degrees are to be conferred upon a class of twenty. Misses Blanche Smith, Eric Greer and Nell Trivette of Boone are among those who will graduate.

The exercises will begin at 8 o'clock and the Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Virginia Wary, will render musical numbers, while the professional and recessional will be played by a local orchestra.

Glenn Hickman has been chosen as class president and Inez Fincher, secretary. Little Miss Bobbie Clay is to be mascot.

More than five hundred students attended the second six weeks summer term, as against more than 800 for the first, which more than equaled the enrollment of last year.

Arrowhead Marker Is Unveiled at B. Rock

The unveiling of the Boone has relief marker at Blowing Rock on August 19th at 6:30 was a colorful and interesting ceremony. This marker, which marks the trail to the Old Boone Tree on Boone Creek near Jonesboro, Tenn., stands at the entrance of the tourist capital of Northwestern North Carolina. The arrowhead had been made beautiful by shrubbery sent out of the Cone estate by Mrs. Moses H. Cone, and painted as a memorial to that great lover of the forests and mountains of this country, Moses H. Cone.

On the program following the flag procession by a large number of children were Dr. L. C. Brown of Duke University, Rev. J. A. Easley, pastor of Wake Forest Baptist Church; Hampton Rich, director of the Boone Trail Association; and Rev. Sevin Buchanan, pastor of the Blowing Rock Presbyterian Church.

The marker was unveiled by Tommy and Pinkney Gragg, son and daughter of Mrs. Paul Gragg, and descendants of Daniel Boone.

The orderly like and neighborliness which characterized the times of Daniel Boone was brought out in the program. Billy Petty of Charlotte planted the ivy around the arrowhead.

Doughton Sees Hope Democratic Victory

Hon. R. L. Doughton, veteran representative from the old Eighth District, was visiting with friends in Boone last Friday, and when questioned as to the political outlook affirmed his belief that Franklin D. Roosevelt would win an overwhelming victory at the polls next November and that both branches of Congress would be turned into Democratic hands.

Mr. Doughton, who has been elected to Congress every two years since 1910, ranks third in seniority on the important Ways and Means Committee, and there is a possibility that he will fall heir to the chairmanship within the no distant future. He won national recognition last winter in his successful fight against the sales tax bill, introduced in an effort to balance the budget.

Before Mr. Doughton left the city the county executive committee had made arrangements for him to deliver his first speech in Boone during the noon hour of court on Monday, September 19.

Hunting Season Will Open Next Thursday

The fishing season on all mountain streams comes to a close and the squirrel hunting season opens on next Thursday, September 1, it has been stated by County Game Warden H. Grady Farthing. The squirrel hunting season will remain open until January 1, and ten is the daily bag limit. It is learned that there are rather more than the usual number of squirrels in the woods this year, and a strenuous effort will be made to have hunters abide by the law, both as to licenses and legal bag limit.

The Department of Conservation, it is stated, is sponsoring legislation which would provide prison sentences for those who persist in violating the game laws.

The stockholders of the Madison Farmers, a local farm organization in Madison County, paid 4 per cent. on a \$22,000 business at the annual business meeting recently.

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