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# SHEPHERD DUGGER TO PUBLISH NEW **BOOK ON MOUNT'NS**

"War Trails of the Blue Ridge" Is Title of New Work by Western North Carolina Author. New Volume May Include Reprint of "Balsam Groves of the Grandfather. An Interesting Manuscript.

#### By TOM CUSHING

Shepherd M. Dugger, 78-year-old "sage of the Blue Ridge" who wrote "The Balsam Groves of the Grandfa-ther Mountain" in the early 1890's,

has recently completed a new book called 'War Trails of the Blue Ridge.'

This new work is made up of separate stories of the people of the Blue Ridge—their love, war, life and death. The stories are all of the Avery and Watauga County regions during the Revolutionary War and the War Between the States, and this common setting binds the tales together into a sort of saga of the Blue Ridge country. The settings of the stories are accurate,-the natural cttings true and beautiful because the author has lived in and loved his mountains for so long, and the his- Increased Enrollment at Well Known torical settings true to fact because much of the material was gathered while Mr. Dugger was preparing a history of Avery County under the direction of the North Carolina State Historical Society.

#### To Be Published This Fall

tion. He is considering a reprint of "The Baisam Groves of the Grand-father Mountain" with part of the copies of the new book. "The Balsam Groves," one of the most famous books ever written about the North books ever written about the North books ever written about the North Were acknowledged and McKaughan congrint and very difficult to obtain ducted chapel exercises and a great number of patrons of the school were number of patrons of the school were to hear the addresses and to sam Groves," one of the most famous a few appropriate remarks, which were acknowledged by the principal. Revs. Graham and McKaughan control of the control o was obliged to scour the mountains members of the faculty and student from the home Friday afternoon at for it, finally locating one copy the far slopes of Beech Mountain

Mr. Dugger recails how it was named. A group of settlers decided that it was time to christen their communibut no one had a good sugges-n for a name. "Weil, we'll just call it whatever the next fellow says, they agreed. There was a period of slence, after which one citizen yawned and stretched his arms. 'Aho,'

Balsam Groves of the Grandfather Mountains" is now living, according to Mr. Dugger, except himself. He will not say, however, what part, if any, he played in the love story. tual persons, as was the Rev. Mr. Skiles of the Valle Crucis school, His Wednezday. pupil, Leathershine, villain of the pupil, Leathershine, villain of the tale, was typical of the old days when wild youths from Chapel Hill and interment was in the Gragg buryand the other colleges in the eastern part of the State were sent to Valle Crucis, with the idea that there was infant daughters, father, mother, and small room there for the cultivation several brothers and sisters.

loss to explain its year-round temperature of 44 degrees, Fahrenheit, and inclines to the theory that the rocks of Grandfather conceals subterranean mass of snow, and that this snow feeds the spring.

Mr. Dugger said, in a recent interview, "My home is where I hang my hat." He is always on the move, looking for material or visiting with some one of his mountain friends. Carrying a school boy's canvas bag containing note books, pencils, and a bite of lunch, he goes for a walk which may take him to the peak of Beech Mountain, or up the Grandfather Mountain that he has made so famous. Sometimes he may catch an automo away in some mountain cabin.

Elk, Mr. Dugger spent an afternoon erating profit. painting vivid word-pictures of the mountain people whom he loves and of the company since early this year, knows so well. The author, sitting on the shady terrace of Punacle Inn, of stores in Virginia and has been pointed out across a little valley be- in Lenoir approximately two years. yond the new Grace Memoria! Hospital at Banners Elk. "You see that garage?" he asked. "That garage is around the cabin my father erected 78 years ago." And 78 years ago last February 25, Shepherd Dugger was born. He told that, as a boy, he had plowed and harrowed the very field on which the hospital now stands.

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Meet Editor Smith



Alfred E. Smith, Democratic leader and presidential candidate in 1928, is now an editor. He signed a contract late in August to edit the New Outlook magazine. He states that he has long wanted to be an editor and feels he can now give the necessary time to the work

# **COVE CREEK HIGH** OPENED MONDAY

Institution. Superintendent Speaks and Patrons Attend. Faculty Met in Afternoon

The Cove Creek High School opened its 1932-33 session last Monday morning with approximately 500 stu-Mr. Dugger is planning to publish dents ready to begin work, and accurate Trails of the Blue Ridge" this colding to Principal S. F. Horton, fall, probably to be sold by subscription. He is considering a reprint of ing one in the history of the institu-

Superintendent Smith Hagaman was present for the opening and made present to hear the addresses and to ing from his advanced age.

lend words of encouragement to the Funeral services were conducted

Mit. Dugger abounds in reminis. Adout 150 statement for the family sences of the region described in his for the high school work, the enrol- graveyard nearby. books. Maany visitors have enjoyed ment having been appreciably in- Surviving are the widow, a sister the Alm road, leading to the nebulation of students of John W Hodges of Boone, and the Alm road, landing to the mean creased by the addition of students of John W Hodges of Boone, and lous community of that description from the Shulls Mills region, who one sister, Mrs. Judie Greene, of have not heretofore been transport. Kentucky, ed to Cove Creek. Eighty-five stu-depts will begin their first year's

work in the high school. In the afternoon the members of the faculty held an organization meeting, and outlined the various courses of study for the ensuing school year

#### None of the characters in "The Mrs. Lee Clawson Dies Following Operation

Mrs. Lee Clawson, resident of the Rutherwood community, died at Davis Hospital, Statesville, last Sunday Most of the characters, including Col.
Palmer and his daughters, were actual persons, as was the Rev. Mr.

a caesarean operation performed on

ing ground on New River.

Surviving are the husband, two

## CREDITORS OF CAROLINA

STORES TO GET DIVIDEND

A 15 per cent, dividend to creditors of Carolina Stores, Inc., was paid Tuesday by Roger M. Winborne, receiver, according to the Lenoir

The dividend, the paper states, brings to 40 per cent. the total paid to date on the claims of the general creditors. In addition, all preferred and secured claims have been liquidated, the total sum paid out to credtors to date amounting to \$57,054.65.

The receiver is continuing the operation of the business and it is felt bile ride and spend the night miles that with only a moderate pick-up enjoyed by the children. In a recent interview at Banners months will show a satisfactory op-

Mr. Winborne, permanent receiver

The public is cordially invited to attend a lawn party on the lawn of Mr. W. L. Henson at Vilas Saturday evening at 7 o'clock. The supper will consist of all kinds of choice In "John Kite's Log-rollin'," one foods, cakes, pies, ice cream and about the body early Saturday morn-who was a witness in the Laurel Creek of the tales in the "War Trails," Mr. drinks. Any person can spend either ing when his automobile failed to case week before last, described the of the tales in the "War Trails," Mr. a nickel or a dollar and be assured make a curve and plunged off a arrangement there. This testimony unted with honors at the Teachers various colleges in this and other his grandfather and father owned of their money's worth. The supper bridge in the South Mountain com- was admitted only for the purpose College last week, and was valedic- states. Mr. Watkins is a graduate

# ALL ATTENDANCE RECORDS BROKEN **ATLOCAL COLLEGE**

Registrations Still Go Forward with 850 Enrolled Wednesday After-noon, Largest Number at this Sea-son in History of Institution and 100 Gain Over Last Year. Male Students Increase Dormitories Filled.

Registrar at Appalachian State Teachers College reported an enroll-ment of 850 students for the fall term, which established a new high record for the institution, and others are expected to register for several days, with the prospects that by the time classroom work is thoroughly organized there will be more than nine hundred taking training on the

It is interesting to note that there are now more students at the college than at the close of the last year's winter term, and more than at the first term of summer school, for the first time in the history of the institution. The male enrollment has been nereased to about 250, both men' dormitories are filled, and many students have sought quarters in homes

# **JAMES HODGES** DIES THURSDAY

Well Known Citizen of Mt. Vernon Section Succumbs to Brief Illness. 82 Years Old. Funeral Friday Afternoon. Widow Survives.

Mr. James Hodges, 82 years old, died at his home in the Mount non section of the county last Thurs day morning, after an illness which lasted about ten days and likely brought about by disabilities result-

About 250 students will enter the was assisted by Rev. P. A. Hicks o'clock by Rev. R. C. Eggers, who

# Boone Mtehodist Church

dail Jr., pastor, will preach the first talent, and perhaps no cases have two sermons. Dr. E. K. McLarty been so hard fought within the hiswill preach at the third service on tory of the Wilkesboro court. Monday night at 7:30, and will then preach each day at 3:30 and 7:30

The Boone Baptist choir is invited Cold Spring on Grandfather

The cold spring on Grandfather

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reached by the old plank road from Shulls Mills, figures in the book and is there today. Mr. Dugger is at a loss to explain its very round from

## VISIT IN WATAUGA

Mrs. Roxy Allen, of Boston, Mass., who has not visited Watauga, the county of her nativity, for twentyfive years; her brother, Mr. Jones Lay, of West Virginia, and two sisters, Mrs. Juella Gordon, of Key-stone, W. Va., and Mrs. Hattie Payne, of Nashville, Tenn., with her daugh ter, Miss Sarah Jane, arrived at the home of their father, Mr. John Lay, of the Bamboo section, Tuesday eve ning. Their stay, we are told, will be short, but we rejoice with the aged parent that so many of his children visited him at the same time, and we know that the visit to the

## UNDERGOES OPERATION

## DR. BLACKBURN INJURED

his grandfather and father owned is being prepared by the ladies of munity. He had been attending a of showing that the Democrats had torian of her class. However, her of Maryville, and last year was an the title by complying with the old go for the benefit of the Willowdale the wreck occurred. His automobile precincts by winch they could have from the list of those receiving declare. This is the first year that Apwas considerably damaged.

Striking Illinois Miners Overflow Highway

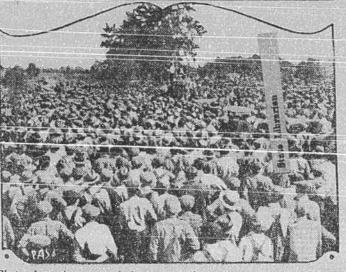


Photo shows but part of the ten to fifteen thousand striking Illinois coal miners after their retreat from Coulterille and Franklin County. where deputies armed with machine guns met them and routed the

# **Cove Creek Democrats** Freed by Federal Jury

Nine Watauga men, residents of inipulate the ballots. Cove Creek Township, including election officials and other leading Democrats, won their in Federal Court in Wilkesboro Saturday evening at 9:20 when the jury returned a "not guilty" ver-dict after deliberations covering about four hours. The defondants, Ed S. Williams, A. A. Perry, J. S. McBride, Chauncey Moody, John E. Brown, J. B. Horton, Henry Hardin, Lee Mast and J. L. Wilson, had been on trial since Monday provious on charges of conspiracy to prevent electors from exercising the privilege of the franchise in the 1930 election

Fight Laurel Creek Democrats in the Middle District Court.

#### OTHER CASES POSTPONED

should be demanded.

A revival meeting will begin next hundreds of Wataugans to Wilkes-Sunday morning at the Boone boro for the past two weeks, both Methodist Church. Rev. J. H. Bren-sdes were represented by a page 1 have The election cases have

> A resume of the remainder of the evidence since the last issue of The Democrat is as follows:

Sweeping denials of any knowledge Bride and Chauncey Moody, two of the arrangement of the exactly 50 minutes each, bringing the the eight Watauga County citizens ships was the best possible under exhibit the teachers will be held election in Cove Creek precinct.

Blame for trouble on the morning of the election was charged against N. T. Byers, Republican judge, who declined to serve at the ballot boxes. Moody was the last witness on the stand Wednesday.

The government completes its casthis morning and the motion of the defense for a directed verdict of not guilty was overruled.

## Testimony Corroborated

The government Wednesday placed on the stand Marion Thomas, deputy collector, who corroborated prveious home of their childhood was much lots being placed in the ballot box the keynote address when Watauga enjoyed by the children. Greer corroborated the evidence of nating convention in the courthouse Tuesday of last week, and is showing wanted to carry the election to keep Ninth District seat, is also expected in some instances mills are behind satisfactory improvement. She will a man at the ballot boxes. Baxter to be present and deliver a brief on deliveries and orders being held return to the home of her parents, linney was recalled to give results discourse. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Greer, in Boone, of the 1930 election, in which the within a few days and remain here county Democratic tickets in Cove order at 1:30 and a complete slate show a consistent rise throughout the WILLOWDALE CHURCH WILL
HAVE LAWN SUPPER SAT. within a few days and remain here county Democratic tickets in Cove order at 1:30 and a complete slate show a consistent of candidates for the county offices coming months. majority than Representative R. L. will be nominated. The township Doughton, who was re-elected at that meetings are to be held on Friday

Hickory.—Dr. T. C. Blackburn was rangement of the voting arena in will consist of all kinds of choice cut about the forehead and bruised Boone precinct and J. R. Trivette, MISS TRIVETT HONOR STUDENT foods, cakes, pies, ice cream and about the body early Saturday morn-who was a witness in the Laurel Creek

J. S. McBride, the Democratic regthe stand. He testified that the voting arena was arranged according to instructions he received from Henry dy Moretz, Civics and American History; Mrs. Baxter Linney, English; that it was the most convenient arrangement possible. His testimony blamed N. T. Byers, the Republican judge, with holding up the election the ballot boxes and McBride asked tenbury, Geometry and History; Guy him to serve at the table for distribution of ballots. Byers' obstinacy bution of ballots. Byers' obstinacy made it necessary for him to have him arrested in order that the elec-

Mr. Hodges was born near Hodges. The remaining cases on the docket in the Bone Trail case on the night of having Boone and Stony Fork in the Bone Trail case on the night preceding the election and that he was in the office of John E. Brown was in the office of John E. Brown of having Ancient and Modern History than aunt, Miss Delphia Cook, where he has resided since. He was found it impossible to go further McBride and Chauncey Moody, two designations are designed as the invites the interest of every citizen to witnesses to the effect that he was in the Boone Trail case on the night preceding the election and that he was in the office of John E. Brown of having Ancient and Modern History than aunt, Miss Delphia Cook, where he has resided since. He was found it impossible to go further McBride and Chauncey Moody, two

of McBride as to what occurred on Coffey. election day.

Thursday was consumed largely by the testimony and cross-examination of J. B. Horton, Henry Hardin, Roy Wilson, Lee Mast and A. A. Perry, large with the second constant of the second

Elections, testified that he had no part in any conspiracy to prevent cit- lunch hour which, for the pupils who of a conspiracy and of ballot switching were made Thursday by J. S. Mc-rights at the ballot box and said his The three afternoon periods will be

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# SPEAK SATURDAY

H. S. Williams of Concord and P. P. Dulin of Statesville Secured as the Speakers for Republican Convention Saturday Afternoon.

awyer and Republican candidate for in his study program will be pointed testimony in regard to too many bal- the attorney generalship, will deliver out. Arlie Wilson as to a conversation Saturday afternoon, according to an- Five Stores, has returned from the they had with John E. Brown, whom nouncement coming from Chairman Miss Della Greer, student nurse at they quoted as saying that he was R. D. Hodges Monday. P. P. Dulin, first local showing of spring coats. Grace Hospital, Banner Elk, under-the brains of the Democratic ma- of Statesville, who opposes Congress- He reports evidences of a steady rise went an operation for appendicitis chine and that if the Republicans man Robert L. Doughton for the in prices of cotton goods and says

afternoon for the purpose of naming

an opportunity to fraudulently ma- grees. The error is regretted.

# **BOONE HIGH SCHOOL** WILL BE OPENED ON TUESDAY MORNING

Exercises to Be Held in College Auditorium. New Studies to Be Introduced this Year. Guy H. Hill New Principal. Textbooks for Year Are Changed Only Slightly. Study Per-iods to Be Held in Afternoons.

The opening of the Boone High School wil take place in the Appa-lachian State Teachers College auditorium at 8:30 o'clock on Tuesday morning, September 13.

The student body will assemble promptly at 8:30 where it will be oriented into the few changes that will take place during the ensuing year. Several prominent men will appear on the program, among them being President B. B. Dougherty, Superintendent Smith Hagaman, Pro-fessor Chapell Wilson, and Mayor J. M. Moretz. Parents and patrons are invited to be present and catch the snew interest which Boone is showing in the education of her

Authorities are expecting a record enrollment this year, and much preparation has been made to accommodate adequately the influx of new pupils. Considerable time and effort has been spent to make the school plant as comfortable and as up-to-date as possible, and the co-opera-tion of the whole community it sowitness on hest that Boone has had.

The teachers for the year are as

ollows: R. H. Harmon, Science; Graeral Science; Miss Annie Ruth German, Household Arts and General Science, Miss Grace Graybeal, Latin budge. With holding ap opy refusing to serve where he directed him. Byers wanted to serve at gebra and Mathematics, E. S. Chris-

Considerable attention will be givhim arrested in order that the electron might open, McBride said. Diside the classroom which will make were acquitted a week previous on rect and cross-examination of Mic the classroom which will make similar charges, bringing the total Bride consumed over three hours, citizens as possible. The school is to 17 who have won their freedom Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of anytons. Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of anxious to guide its pupils into doing Appalachian State College at Boone, better those desirable activities which was placed on the stand to refute they are going to do anyway, and it testimony offered by government invites the interest of every citizen to

where he has resided since. He was a found it impossible to go further a farmer by occupation and a good and honorable citizen. For more than sixty years he was a member of Mt. Hayes, while the motion was being the court was to convene in Greensboro this week, but that another judge the secured, if immediate trial Record Mtehodist Church.

McBride and Chauncey Moody, two defendants, were men of good character.

Chauncey Moody was the next defendants and Democratic judge at the election in Cove Creek, offered a course. Instead of defendants and Democratic judge at the election in Cove Creek, offered a course in Modern Problems of American Democracy. Text books may be procured from Miss Jennie of McBride as to what occurred on Chauncey Moody the tuted therefor a combination course known as World History. This may be taken in the ninth or tenth grades and is an elective course. Instead of defendants and Democratic judge at the election in Cove Creek, offered a course in Modern Problems of McBride as to what occurred on Course known as World History. This may be taken in the ninth or tenth grades and is an elective course. Instead of the election in Cove Creek, offered a course in Modern Problems of McBride as to what occurred on Course known as World History. This may be taken in the ninth or tenth grades and is an elective course. Instead of the election in Cove Creek, offered a course in Modern Problems of McBride as to what occurred on Course known as World History. This may be taken in the ninth or tenth grades and is an elective course. Instead of the election in Cove Creek, offered a course in Modern Problems of McBride and Chauncey Moody was the next defendants.

Special attention is called to the Wilsen, Lee Mast and A. A. Perry, defendants. John E. Brown and Ed Williams were the only defendants not put on the stand for the defense. Henry Hardin, who was in 1928 chairman of the Watauga Board of Sleetings testified that he had no From 12:00 will come the place those activities of leadership, From 12:00 to 1:00 will come from 3:30 to 4:00 o'clock for all pupils who desire them.

The additional length of the periods is to be used for the purpose of directing study, that is, to help the pupils in the actual preparation of their lessons. Thus, a great deal of the study which has heretofore been relegated to the home will take place in the school under the direction of the teacher who teaches the subject. At a later date, some study helps for pupils will be printed in The Democrat, and at that time ways and means
H. S. Williams, prominent Concord whereby parents may help the child

## BACK FROM MARKETS

Mr. J. B. Brewer of the Five to markets and today announces the He reports evidences of a steady rise up temporarily. He says indications

## WATKINS TO COACH FROSH

"Red" Wackins, of Winston-Salem, has taken up his duties as freshman football coach at State Teachers College, and is preparing a schedule for Miss Nell Trivett of Boone grad- the first-year men which will include

palachia has had freshman footbail.