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Deputy Albert Farthing Shot; Negro Killed and One Injured in Gunplay

Reports from Cadwell Hospital Wednesday afternoon indicate that Deputy Sheriff Albert Farthing is resting well, and that prospects for his recovery are brighter than at any time since he was wounded.

Albert Farthing, 26 years old, a deputy sheriff and son of Sheriff L. M. Farthing, was near fatally injured. Ralph Horton, 28-year-old negro and former schoolmaster, was killed, and two other negroes held as defendants as a result of a shooting affray, occurring in the colored settlement of Boone early Saturday night.

Farthing, who was shot down by Norwood Horton as he attempted to arrest the latter's brother, Ralph, was taken to Cadwell Hospital, Lenoir, late Saturday night where he is now reported as resting well and where hopes of his recovery are held out. A load of buckshot struck Farthing's chest, punctured a lung, the intestines, and part of the missiles found lodgment in the liver. The principal portion of the load, it was stated by physicians, struck a mass of papers in a vest pocket, riddling the sheets, and saving the officer from instant death.

Trouble Started at Road Camp
The trouble which precipitated the arrests and the subsequent gun-play

WALTER THOMAS DIES SUDDENLY OF HEART ATTACK

Well Known Resident of Zionville Community Passes Away Saturday. Veteran Rural Letter Carrier and Church Leader. Funeral Sunday, With Honors of Masonic Fraternity.

Walter Thomas, prominent citizen of Zionville and veteran rural mail carrier, died suddenly Saturday morning, as he stood in the yard of his home talking to a friend. He collapsed and death was instantaneous. A heart attack is believed to have been the cause of his demise. He was 59 years old.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon from the Zionville Baptist Church by Rev. R. C. Eggers, the pastor, who was assisted by Rev. L. A. Wilson. In the course of the services, Attorney W. P. Lovill of Boone paid tribute to his memory and the body was interred in the community cemetery with Masonic honors. It was estimated that more than two thousand people came for the funeral, and the floral tributes were profuse. Surviving are a widow and four children.

Mr. Thomas was a member of the Baptist Church and was at the time of his death Superintendent of the Sunday school. He had been engaged as rural mail carrier out of Zionville office for almost thirty years, having succeeded A. W. Smith for that position in December, 1902. He was well known and respected throughout this section as a good and upright citizen, and his sudden departure was a distinct shock to his community and the county at large.

Recalls Labors During Days of Reconstruction

Mr. Lemuel Greene, 37-year-old resident of the Cove Creek section, was chatting with friends in Boone Saturday and took occasion to pass an opinion to the effect that the younger generation was drifting from hard work, especially on the farm. He recalled the time when about seven years after the Civil War he had a wheat field to harvest and solicited the help of his neighbors. Mr. George P. Sherrill, Mr. Greene's brother, and Mr. Sherrill tied up the sheaves, and at threshing time the one day's work measured 100 bushels of wheat, and the venerable Confederate says they were not "overly tired" when they had their evening repast.

Mrs. William Winkler underwent an appendix operation at the Cadwell Hospital in Lenoir last Sunday, and reports indicate that she is showing satisfactory recovery.

Huge Potatoes Shown By Watauga Farmer

Mr. Frank Edmiston, well known and prosperous farmer of the Flat Top section, while in town Tuesday left at The Democrat office four Irish potatoes taken from his recent "diggin'" which weigh six pounds, or an average of exactly a pound and a half each. Three of the spuds were of the Surprise variety, while the fourth was a White Beauty. Mr. Edmiston states that there are more of these mammoth potatoes in his crop, many more, and that out of the 360 bushels produced on about an acre of land, he estimates that there are no more than 20 bushels of twos and threes combined. When questioned as to how he was able to produce the record yield from the one-acre patch, Mr. Edmiston stated that about fifteen tons of stable manure had been used, supplemented by 12 bags of 7-5-5 fertilizer. His yield and the size of the tubers surpass all reports from this year's crop.

Judge Garland Midyette Dies From Heart Attack

Elizabeth City, N. C.—Judge Garland E. Midyette, of the North Carolina Superior Court, died suddenly in a hotel room here late Tuesday of an acute dilation of the heart.

Judge Midyette, presiding over a term of civil court here, ordered a recess shortly after 4 p. m. Court ordinarily does not recess until 6 p. m., and Judge Midyette told attorneys he was not feeling well.

He retired to his hotel room and telephoned his brother-in-law, Dr. Claude B. Williams of Elizabeth City, to come to see him.

Dr. Williams went and the two sat down for a chat together.

"I have been holding court for 8 years now," Judge Midyette said to his brother-in-law, "and this is the first time I have ever had to order an adjournment on account of not feeling well."

They were the last words he spoke. Hardly had he finished the sentence before he toppled over dead. It was 5:30 p. m.

Opens His Campaign Here



HON. ROBERT L. DOUGHTON

DOUGHTON SPEAKS TO LARGE CROWD COURTHOUSE HERE

Ninth District Congressman Flays Republican Administration and Predicts Democratic Victory in First Address of Campaign. Introduced by John E. Brown. Reviews Careers of National Candidates.

Predicting a landslide of proportions hitherto unknown for the Democratic national candidate, Hon. Robert L. Doughton, veteran Ninth District Congressman, discussed the issues of the campaign in the courthouse here Monday afternoon, and standing room was at a premium while Farmer Bob compared the records of the two major parties and pleaded for a United Democracy in the present campaign.

"There is greater reason for Watauga County being Democratic than any county in the State," declared Mr. Doughton as he reviewed the direct benefits accruing from uninterrupted Democratic rule. He referred to the Appalachian College, the public school system, the network of highways emanating from the Watauga metropolis to every point of the compass, bringing tourists and health-seekers to spend their money among the hill people. Referring to the churches and schools as the greatest assets, he stated that for the maintenance of the latter Watauga County receives more from the State than is paid in school taxes.

Important Campaign

Quoting the scriptural passage, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free," Mr. Doughton launched into his discussion of national affairs and spoke of the present campaign as the most important one since the foundation of the American government. Stressing the fact that candidates are honor bound to carry out the policies of their respective parties, he spoke of Roosevelt and Garner as offering complete assurance of the continuation of the record of the Democratic party when last in power. He referred to the series of accomplishments of the Wilsonian era as fulfillment of campaign promises. Citing the banking and currency legislation, extension of road programs, labor legislation, and expansion of the Parcel Post system, as examples of veteranian government, affecting all the people, he recited the landslide of 1920, wherein the Democrats were swept from power, as an aftermath of the intense pro-Republican campaign of the Republican committee. Mr. Doughton dealt charitably with the scandals of the Harding administration, but reminded his hearers that the corruption of

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J. D. LOIZEAUX IS DEAD; A FORMER WATAUGA CITIZEN

Former Local Lumber Manufacturer Succumbs to Heart Attack at New Jersey Home. Had Many Business Interests. Was Associated Here With W. H. Gragg and Well-known Throughout this Section of State.

Joshua D. Loizeaux, president of the J. D. Loizeaux Lumber Company of Plainfield, N. J., and former partner of W. H. Gragg in the lumber industry at Shulls Mills in Watauga County, died Monday at his home in the New Jersey City from a heart attack. He was 70 years old.

Surviving, besides his widow, are four sons and two daughters.

Mr. Loizeaux came to Plainfield in 1893 and engaged in the business which in 1908 was incorporated as the J. D. Loizeaux Lumber Company. The Elizabeth branch was established a few years ago. He was also president of the Crystal Ice Company with plants in Plainfield and Somerville, of the Loizeaux Building Supply Company and the Central Building and Loan Association. He was a director of the New Jersey Manufacturers' Association and former vice-president of the New Jersey Lumbermen's Association. He was a member of the religious society known as Plymouth Brethren and the Gideon Society.

During his sojourn in Watauga County Mr. Loizeaux made a wide circle of friends who will hear with sorrow of his death. He was very fond of this section of country, and since he has severed his business connections here he has made frequent visits with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gragg. Each year he came personally to Watauga County where a large shipment of turkeys was purchased direct from the grower to be distributed among his employees at Thanksgiving time.

Joe Goodnight of Boone Route 2 left last week for Berea College, Berea, Ky., where he will enter the senior year in the agricultural department.

Plans Near Complete For Democratic Barbecue and Rally in Boone Saturday

A far flung parade of automobiles, Hoover carts, and saddle steeds bearing the leaders as well as the rank and file of the Democratic party from five or six mountain counties, motivating to the strains of "Happy Days Are Here Again," and flaunting carnival colors and political banners will officially usher into being the campaign of Robert R. Reynolds for the United States Senate.

Mr. Reynolds' address is to be the high spot of the Democratic Victory Rally and barbecue to be staged in Boone Saturday, and indications point to the event as perhaps the largest political gathering ever to be staged in Western North Carolina.

Besides Mr. Reynolds, Senator Josiah W. Bailey is expected to be present. Hon. Robert L. Doughton will be on hand, and Hon. J. C. B. Ehringhaus is striving to secure an airplane in which to fly the length of the State from Elizabeth City to Lenoir in order to join the parade of Caldwell partisans at that place. Congressmen Bulwinkle, Lambeth and Hancock are invited, and Hon. A. H. Graham, candidate for Lieutenant Governor, will be present. A number of other leading statesmen are expected.

Program Details

According to the program which has been drafted, Wataugans desiring to participate in the parade will meet at Blowing Rock at 10 o'clock Saturday morning where they will join motorcades from Caldwell, Wilkes and Burke Counties, headed by the Lenoir High School Band, one of the finest musical organizations in the State. The parade will leave the resort town at 10:30 and is to arrive in Boone at 11, make a trip the

Band Highly Trained

The Lenoir High School Band, which will furnish music for the rally Saturday, was organized in March, 1924, when a set of band instruments was donated by the Dysart-Kendall Post of the American Legion to the Lenoir High School to be used in organizing a high school band. It was

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I. G. Greer the Unanimous Choice for Orphanage Post

I. G. Greer, head of the department of citizenship at the Appalachian State Teachers College in Boone, and a member of the teaching force at the local institution for near a quarter of a century, was elected superintendent and general manager of the Mills Home, Baptist orphanage, at a meeting of the trustees held in Thomasville last Thursday. He succeeds the late Dr. M. L. Kessler, who was killed last month when his automobile was struck by a train at a grade crossing near the orphanage grounds.

The election of the Boone man to fill the vacancy was unanimous, and it was agreed that Greer should assume his new duties the first of October. Meantime there has been no information given out as to who will succeed him at the College.

Professor Greer is a native Watauga, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Greer of Mabel, is fifty years old, and has spent practically his entire life in his native county. He was educated at the Appalachian Training School, the University of North Carolina and at Columbia University, and since 1910 has been constantly on

the teaching force at Appalachian College. He has been prominent in political circles, and at different times been a candidate for office, representing Watauga County in the General Assembly of 1925. In 1928 he ran as Republican candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and ran ahead of his ticket. In 1930 his party sought to enter him as a congressional candidate in the Eighth District, and in 1932, he was importuned in vain to head the minority ticket as candidate for the governorship.

He has long been active in the affairs of the Baptist Church and has served as moderator of the Three Forks Association. His interest in denominational work has been intense for many years, and his experience and training eminently fit him for the new position.

Professor and Mrs. Greer, with their children, expect to leave Boone next week, and will be located in their new home on the grounds of the institution before he takes over the affairs incident to the superintendentcy.

NO BILL AGAINST JACK HODGES; GEO. HORTON SENTENCED

Superior Court Makes Final Progress on Docket Composed Mostly of Minor Infractions. Physician's Son Freed of Guilt in Connection with Wife's Death. Boone Negro Draws Two and a Half Years for Brawl.

Watauga Superior Court convened Monday morning with Judge Sinclair presiding and Solicitor Spurling prosecuting a docket of nearly 75 criminal cases. Most of the indictments were for violations of the prohibition laws, and on Wednesday satisfactory progress was being made toward clearing away the bills.

Jack Hodges, Boone youth, who had been indicted in connection with the accidental death of Glenn Wyke at Mayview Manor a few weeks ago, was freed of guilt in connection with the tragedy when the grand jury reported "not a true bill." Hodges, it will be recalled, had engaged in an affray with young Wyke previous to his fall from a high veranda.

George Horton, Boone negro, who drew a pistol on a road construction superintendent Saturday, precipitating the near-fatal shooting of Deputy Sheriff Farthing that evening, was also charged with operating a car while intoxicated and was given road sentences totaling two and one-half years.

A number of relatively unimportant cases have been disposed of and the full proceedings of the fall term will be carried in The Democrat next week.

Judge Bowie Named Candidate for House

Judge T. C. Bowie, candidate for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate in the June primaries, was nominated for the general assembly by the Democrats of Ashe County in convention last week. The naming of the leading mountain politician was made unanimous.

H. M. Miller, the present sheriff, was nominated; L. P. Colvard, as register of deeds; J. F. Scott for two-year term as county commissioner, and James Allen, surveyor.

Judge Bowie, following the nominations, made a stirring talk to the Democrats, urging unity and promising to use his ability in protecting owners and home-owners from the increasing burden of taxation.

"BORROWED" HORSE IS SOLD TO COVE CREEK MAN

Two weeks ago Houston Dishman, formerly of the Cove Creek section, came to the N. L. Banner home near Sherwood riding a fine mare. He wished to sell the animal, and Mr. Banner was interested in his proposition. The trade was made.

Monday evening of this week Vernon Atwood, of Butler, Tenn., came to Watauga, in search of a horse which he said he hired to Dishman some time back for a dollar a day. He went to Mr. Banner's, and claimed the mare as his own. Now Mr. Banner, Mr. Atwood and the sheriff of Watauga are doing all in their power to locate Dishman.

COVE CREEK FAIR TO BE HELD ON NEXT SATURDAY

Second Annual Exhibit of Agricultural Products Expected to Attract an Increased Interest. Exhibits to Be Assembled on Friday Afternoon. Baseball Game and Negro Minstrel Will Add to Entertainment.

The second annual Cove Creek Fair for Watauga County, to be held at the Cove Creek School on Saturday, the 24th, is expected to be one of the largest exhibitions ever held in this section. The fair of last year is said to have been better than many county fairs and the fair of this year is expected to double that of last year in exhibits and attendance. The best horses, mules, cattle, sheep, swine and poultry of the county will be there. All types of the best farm products will be exhibited. The sewing, baking and canning of the ladies' department will be a show within itself. Everyone living in Watauga County is invited to come and bring exhibits. The exhibits should be brought on Friday afternoon by 9 o'clock Saturday morning of the 24th.

At 9 o'clock Saturday morning, the farm contests will begin. At the same time the farm crops and exhibits of the ladies' department will be judged. Immediately following the farm contests, the livestock judging will begin. All animals should be haltered so that they may be led in the livestock parade. All exhibits will have the ribbons and be open for show after the judging. There will be a baseball game at 2 o'clock between Bethel School and Cove Creek School.

The premiums will be given to the winners Saturday night at the Negro minstrel. The minstrel, which is to begin at 8 o'clock p. m., is expected to draw one of the largest audiences ever drawn together at the high school auditorium. The characters for the minstrel have been selected from the Cove Creek faculty, students and community. The program throughout will consist of music, singing, dancing, jokes and "wisecracks." Just a big night full of laughs. A nail charge of 15c and 25c will be asked for entrance to the show, proceeds from which will be used to help defray expenses of the fair.

In order to help build up the home economics department, there will be several pies sold to the highest bidder following the minstrel. All ladies are asked to bring pies to the fair for exhibition and keep them over to be sold at the pie supper.

Whiskey Still Seized In Boones Fork Section

A thirty-gallon copper still, with all the equipment necessary for making whiskey was seized Monday evening in the Boone's Fork section by Deputies Harrison Byrd, Fred Hatley and Tom Shook. A shed covered with rubber roofing housed the illicit outfit, and appearances indicated that it had been in operation for about five years. The operator was absent when the raid was made, and an attempt had been made to hide the equipment, but all parts were discovered by the officers and the shed was burned. A quantity of "backings" was poured out.