

In Boone or its environs this Christmas is the goal of the "Joy League." Full particulars of this charitable enterprise may be found on Page 4.

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## COST OF EDUCATION IN WATAUGA MUCH SMALLER THIS YEAR

Figures Compiled by Superintendent of Public Instruction Reveal Savings in Local School System. State as Whole Shows Extensive Reduction in Costs. Enrollment and Average Attendance Increases.

Raleigh, N. C.—Watauga County has reduced the current expense item of its school expenditures \$3,203 in the past three years, or from \$103,122 for the school year 1928-29 to \$99,919 budgeted for the year 1931-32, according to figures compiled in the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Total cost of operation of schools in this county has been reduced from \$153,888 in 1928-29 to \$107,197 in 1931-32, a reduction of \$46,691. This total cost is divided into current expense, the reduction in which is shown above; capital outlay, which is the erection of new buildings and permanent improvements, reduced from \$4,805 for 1928-29 to \$900 for 1931-32, and debt service, retiring of bonds and payment of interest, which was \$46,161 in 1928-29, as compared with \$6,378 for 1931-32.

For the State as a whole the total expenses reached the peak of \$50,155,928 in 1928-29, which figure has been cut to a budgeted \$32,453,074 for 1931-32, a reduction of \$17,682,854, or 35 per cent. in the period of three years. The current expense item, which includes teachers' salaries and salaries of school officials, has been reduced from \$31,059,830 to \$24,887,196, in the same period, a decrease of \$7,072,634, or 22 1/2 per cent.

Since the State has reached the peak of school building construction and has a fairly well rounded program, the capital outlay item has been reduced from \$9,236,299 four years ago to \$1,880,720 last year, a reduction of \$7,355,579 or 85 per cent. Debt service is also gradually lessening, the cost of \$8,959,853 four years ago having been reduced to \$2,197,157 last year, a drop of \$6,762,696 or 81 per cent.

While these reductions of more than one-third of the annual cost of the schools were being made in three years, the teachers of the State have been reduced in number by 215, taught 14 1/2 days longer in the average term and taught 47,420 more children in daily average attendance, in 1930-31, as compared with two years before. While in 1931-32 figures are not complete, it is certain that the enrollment and average attendance have again increased, thus heavily increasing the work of the teachers and at lower teaching cost.

## Only \$10,000 Spent in State by Democrats

Raleigh, N. C.—North Carolina Democrats this year spent less than one-fourth the amount they spent in the campaign four years ago, but Franklin D. Roosevelt's majority was more than four times the lead given President Hoover in 1928.

J. Wallace Winborne, Democratic State chairman, Monday reported to Secretary of State James A. Hartness the 1932 campaign cost only \$10,146.96. Roosevelt's majority was 289,000.

In 1928, when the state gave the Republican candidate for president, Herbert Hoover, a 62,000 majority, the party spent \$49,621.68.

The Democrats this year lacked \$1,065.89 of spending contributions totaling \$11,269.60, Winborne reported.

Contributors included National Democratic Headquarters, \$2,000; Francis Heazell, of Asheville, \$100; A. J. Maxwell of Raleigh, \$130; Senator J. W. Bailey, \$100; John Sprunt Hill of Durham, \$100; Governor Gardner, \$150; Judge John M. Oglesby of Concord, \$100, and Mrs. Cameron Morrison of Charlotte, \$250.

A number of gifts were reported before the voting November 8.

## Officers Seize Huge Distillery at Bamboo

Deputies Clint Norris and Albert Farthing cut down a 60-gallon copper distillery in the Bamboo section Sunday night, those who were engaged in operating the illicit plant having made their escape. The plant, according to the officers, was a modern one, and had the ear marks of old-time liquor making paraphernalia. No whiskey was in evidence, but fermenting vats held what Officer Norris estimated at 2,500 gallons of pure corn mash. There was nothing to indicate the operators intended to manufacture other than "pure corn." The condition of the plant led the officers to believe that a run was to have been made that night, as the fleeing violators had left their lunches. Information, it was said, was not sufficient to cause the issuance of warrants.

## New East-West Record



Colonel Roscoe Turner, who set new East to West flying record of 12 hrs., 33 mins. New York to Los Angeles. The former record of 14 hrs., 50 mins. was made by Captain Frank Hawks.

## LOCAL GRID SQUAD HAS GOOD SEASON

High School Boys Lose Only One Game in Hard Schedule. Score 109 Points to Opponents' Thirty-one Points.

By VERNON ROBBINS  
The Boone High School football team ended a most successful season by defeating Glen Alpine High, 38 to 6. The team won five games, tied one and lost one. Coach Pyatte developed a great machine out of what seemed to be very little material. The team lacked the proper reserve which is essential to any team.

They opened the season with a 7 to 0 victory over the Appalachian Freshmen, showing over a touchdown in the first half.

The team then went to Mountain City, Tenn., where they met their only defeat of the season. The Boone boys played fine ball during the first half, but in the second frame the Mountain City team used reserves and regulars until they wore the Boone lads out. Mountain City then scored three touchdowns and the game ended: Mountain City, 25; Boone, 0.

The remainder of the games were played at home. Next in line came the powerful Crossnore outfit which battled the local boys to a 6-0 tie. The Boone team showed great strength and outplayed the Crossnore team.

Then we met West Jefferson and defeated them, 33 to 0, in what featured the greatest offense of the Boone team.

The next gridiron battle was with Taylorsville, which the Boone team won, 19 to 0. Again Boone showed great offensive power and great defensive power. Taylorsville marched down near the goal line but the Boone boys held.

Then came the game with Spruce Pine, which we won, 12 to 0. This game was played on a cold day, and was somewhat of a thriller.

The last game was played with Glen Alpine. In this game Glen Alpine lost, 38 to 6, but was the second game in which the Boone outfit was scored on. It was a great game, ending: Boone 38, Glen Alpine 6.

Season summary:

Boone	7	App. Fresh	0
Boone	0	Mtn. City	25
Boone	0	Crossnore	0
Boone	33	W. Jefferson	0
Boone	19	Taylorsville	0
Boone	12	Spruce Pine	0
Boone	38	Glen Alpine	6
	109		31

## MRS. COUNCELL IN CHARGE OF RED CROSS WORK ROOMS

Mrs. J. D. Council as assistant to Mrs. Smith Hagaman, is now in charge of the Red Cross work room, located in the old courthouse building. The ladies are very anxious to get all the cloth sent here from the State cut into patterns and ready for manufacture at the earliest possible date. A pair of sharp scissors is all the implement needed for any lady who is willing to give a part of her time in the work room helping to prepare our needy ones for the rigors of winter, already upon us. Helpers from out of town are most cordially invited to come and engage in this work made possible by our beloved State. Comfortable quarters await you. The room is open from 9:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.

## Christmas Seal Sale Will Begin Shortly

The annual sale of Christmas Seals for the prevention and cure of tuberculosis is to be started in Watauga County next week, says Mrs. Stanley Harris, local chairman. The sale is carried on through different committees in various communities of the county and is expected to meet with its usual success this year. More definite announcement will be forthcoming from the chairman next week.

## West Va. Officer Shoots Self Rather Than Face Charge of Boone Woman

T. S. J. Williams, county peace officer of Matoaka, W. Va., is a patient in a Bluefield hospital, where the first of the week attendants pronounced his condition critical as a result of a self-inflicted pistol wound. The suicide attempt, it was learned, occurred last Wednesday evening, shortly after he had given bond to appear December 3rd before Justice of the Peace E. N. Hahn of Boone, to answer charges of criminal assault in connection with a married woman of this city, whose name was not given out.

Williams was given a blood transfusion Thursday morning in an effort to save his life, the revolver ball having entered the left chest at the apex of the heart, coursing backward and outward, and emerging at the back of the chest.

**HAWN ISSUES WARRANT**  
The North Carolina warrant under which Williams was arrested and which precipitated his effort at self-destruction, was issued by Justice Hahn of Boone on November 12, and charged that on or about the first of November, Williams criminally assaulted a married Boone woman, Sheriff Bowling of Mercer County, West Virginia, received the warrant from the North Carolina authorities promptly, but the accompanying letter failed to give the information necessary for locating the wanted man. John E. Brown, local attorney, employed in the case,

forwarded the sheriff the information that Williams was located at Matoaka. Following this correspondence Sheriff Bowling had a fugitive warrant issued which was served by a State trooper Wednesday evening. At 8 o'clock Williams furnished bond in the sum of \$1,000, requiring him to appear in Boone before Magistrate Hahn on December 3rd.

Williams returned to his home late that night complaining of a severe cold, and while Mrs. Williams went from his room to heat some water with which to administer to his needs, the shot was fired.

Williams, it was learned, had visited in Boone previously, where it was said he had a "date" with a sister of the married woman whom he allegedly assaulted. When he arrived in Boone, however, the lady on whom he was to call was not at home, and during the visit with the married sister, at whose home he was to fill the engagement, the alleged crime was committed. Williams, it is said, brands the indictment as a "frame-up."

Williams is a deputy sheriff of McDowell County, West Virginia, and has held various responsible positions, and was known as an efficient officer. He has a wife and three sons.

Latest information from the sheriff's office is to the effect that his condition is "very grave."

## GENERAL BROWN IS OUT ON BAIL

Zionville Citizen Has Preliminary Hearing and is Granted Bail. Evidence Tended to Show Self Defense in Homicide.

General Brown, Zionville citizen, is out under bond of \$2,000 to appear at the spring term of Superior Court to answer for the shooting of his father-in-law, Dillon Pennell, the fatal affray having occurred the day before the November election.

The hearing was held before Justice of the Peace C. F. Thompson, and was for the purpose of determining whether or not the prisoner was entitled to the privilege of bail, he having surrendered to the sheriff and acknowledged the shooting at the time. The evidence taken tended to show that the fatal shot was fired in self-defense, the understanding being that Pennell invaded the Brown home in an ugly mood, and that the difficulty was precipitated.

## R. L. BALDWIN TAKES OVER THE BOB TAYLOR ORCHARDS

Mr. R. L. Baldwin, an orchardist of many years experience, has taken over (either bought or leased) the famed orchards formerly owned by Bob Taylor, located on Route 60 some sixteen miles east of Boone, and moved onto the property last week. His first work is to prune the timber in preparation for the spraying season which will soon be on. He contemplates putting forth his best efforts on the orchard and when he does, it will be a thing of beauty, and doubtless his venture will produce an income of no small proportions, as the variety of fruit grown there is always in demand, and at a good price. A few years ago Mr. Baldwin leased the Rich Mountain orchards and, by dint of hard work and close application to business, brought it up to possibly the third best commercial orchard in the county. His long experience was gained in Canada and the far-western states of the Union, and he is said to be an expert in his line.

## NEWSPAPER CHANGES

An important change in the country newspaper field occurred last week when Julius C. Hubbard of the Wilkes Journal and D. J. Carter of the Carter Printing Company negotiated a deal whereby they became the owners of the Wilkes Patriot. Thus the two newspapers will be merged under the name of the Wilkes Journal and members of the Patriot force will turn their talents to other journalistic fields.

At Mountain City likewise, the Mountain Herald, published by Joe McKenzie, has suspended publication and Mr. McKenzie has taken a position with Editor Barry of the Johnson County News. Mr. N. D. Ward, who has been in charge of the mechanical end of the News for several years, has returned to his home in Avery County, as a result of the change.

## Rainey A Candidate



The contest among Democrats for Speakership of the House, gives promise of much action before March 4. Here is Congressman Rainey of Illinois, who aspires to the seat.

## RED CROSS DRIVE MEETS WITH FAIR SUCCESS LOCALLY

Roll Call Chairman A. E. South Believes Roll Call This Year Was Unusually Successful. Complete Reports Have Not Been Made and Groups of Members Yet Being Added Daily.

The annual Red Cross Roll Call Drive which has been going on for the past two weeks in the different communities of the county, came to the closing days with incomplete reports indicating that the number of memberships received compared very favorably with other years, when the depression is considered. A. E. South, roll call chairman, believes that the people have responded to the call in an admirable manner, and submits a list of those whose names have been reported as furnishing a dollar membership. This list, however, says Mr. South, is far from complete, and it will probably be a day or two yet before all the reports have been made to his office. Those reported, however are:

A. E. South, T. C. Baird, R. C. Rivers, Mrs. L. M. Farthing, Miss Helen Underdown, Miss Katherine Harwell, R. C. Rivers Jr., Howard Mast, Miss Virginia Wary, G. K. Moore, Smith Hagaman, Mrs. K. M. Hagaman, Smith's Store, H. Grady Farthing, Fred McEade, Mrs. John F. Harbin, Mrs. Garry, Hi-Land Furniture Company, Mrs. Quails, J. M. Gaither, Miss Melba McHenry, Ralph Lyons, A. J. Greene E. N. Harn, Mrs. J. M. Moretz, A. Antonakos, J. C. McConnell, Mrs. L. M. Hampton, Miss Martha Harris, Stanley A. Harris Jr., Mrs. N. L. Mast, Mrs. P. G. Spainhour, Mrs. Stanley A. Harris, S. F. Hector, Miss W. Thornberg, Mrs. J. A. McKaughn, Mrs. Enoch Swift, W. R. Vines, Mrs. John T. Howell, Mrs. Ruth Isaacs, J. B. Hagaman, Miss Richardson, Miss Jennie Coffey.

## TAX COLLECTIONS GOOD

Mr. A. D. Wilson, recently named as county tax collector, reports that receipts during his first canvass of the county have been favorable, in fact, as satisfactory as could well be expected under present conditions. Mr. Wilson says taxpayers show an inclination to co-operate with the authorities as much as possible. On page eight today is carried the dates for Mr. Wilson's second round of the county.

## NO BOUNTIES THIS YEAR

County Game Warden H. Grady Farthing announces that the Conservation Department has suspended payment of bounties on wildcats, crows and hawks. In former years the department has paid a small fee for the destruction of these nefarious birds and animals.

Mr. Farthing also reminds sportsmen that the open season on ruffed grouse closes December 1st, and that squirrel shooting will end January 1.

## FUTURE FARMERS MEET

"Grain drill progress is equal to world progress," said Alfred Adams in the eleventh regular meeting of Future Farmers, held in the Agriculture room of Cove Creek High School last Friday evening. He traced progress from 1500 B. C. to present days. The program was concluded with a fine series of jokes by Bob Bingham.—Stanley Harris Jr., Reporter.

## METHODIST BAZAAR

The ladies of the Boone Methodist Church will hold their annual Bazaar at the Critcher Hotel on Friday afternoon and evening, December 2nd. The sale of fancy work will begin at 3 o'clock and will continue until 10. Beginning at 6 o'clock, oysters, chicken salad, pies and cakes will be served. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Steel, Mr. and Mrs. Saxon and Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Coffey, guests of Mrs. Joe Cooke.

## NEW OFFICIALS TO ASSUME CONTROL OF COUNTY MON.

Change of Administration Comes on First Monday. New Sheriff and Two New Members of the Board of County Commissioners, Others Re-elected. Clerk of the Court Not Before Voters This Year.

The newly-elected slate of county officials will take over the reins of the local government next Monday, but aside from being formally inducted into office, it is not expected that any business other than routine will be carried on.

Thomas C. Baird, at present a member of the board of county commissioners and son of the late Sheriff David Baird, who held office more than two score years ago, will take over the duties of his office to succeed Sheriff L. M. Farthing, who for eight years has been in charge of that department.

The clerk of the court, Austin E. South, being elected for four years, was not required to go before the voters in the recent election and continues as clerk and county accountant. Miss Helen Underdown, register of deeds, enters another term, as does Representative Roby T. Greer. Coroner J. B. Hagaman and Surveyor Roby Vines were both re-elected, and Coy Billings and Frank Miller are the two new members of the Board of Commissioners who will sit with Eller McNeil, who also was re-elected. It is believed certain that Mr. McNeil will be named chairman when the board gets down to business.

As usual, it is expected that a number of justices of the peace elected in November will fail to qualify.

## MARVIN HOWELL FUNERAL FRIDAY

Well Known Resident of Todd Community Succumbs After Long Illness. Parents and Several Brothers and Sisters Survive.

Marvin Howell, 29, prominent young man of Todd, died at his home there last Wednesday evening after an illness which had its beginning eight years ago. White swelling came as the first indication of illness and for two weeks he had been a patient at the Mooresville Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:30 Friday morning from the Methodist church by the pastor, Rev. P. L. Smith, and interment was in the family cemetery. A large group of friends from Mooresville, where the deceased was well known, came for the rites, and brought handsome floral pieces. Two Mooresville ministers were included in the number and took occasion to commend the deceased for exemplary character. The crowd which came to pay respects overflowed the small church auditorium and many stood on the outside during the services.

Mr. Howell was a native of the community in which he died, a son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Howell. He was a graduate jeweler, but illness prevented him from pursuing his vocation. He was a very popular young man and had made a wide circle of friends throughout this section.

Surviving are the parents, six brothers, Clay and Stanley Howell of New Orleans, Wiley Howell of Mooresville, Willett Howell of Kannapolis and Fred and Hoover Howell of Todd; four sisters, Leona, Jessie and Annie of Todd, and Grace of Mooresville.

## Neither Amendment Had Majority in Watauga

Examination of the official election records for Watauga County reveals that neither of the constitutional amendments submitted at the November election carried a majority, although a vote, heavier than usual, was cast.

The amendment to extend the term of sheriff and coroner to four years received 1488, while 2371 voted against it.

To allow amendments to be voted on at special as well as general elections: for 1051, against 2204.

To protect insurance for widows against claims of creditors of insured: for 1373, against 1964.

To provide solicitorial districts: for 989, against 2043.

## REPAIRS TOYS

Mr. R. M. Greene states that he has repaired a large number of discarded toys brought to him to be given to the poor children for Christmas, but says that at present he is running short of the playthings, and insists on people of the community furnishing these toys as rapidly as possible. The toys thus reconditioned by Mr. Greene will be distributed along with new playthings secured by the Christmas Joy Fund of the Watauga Democrat.