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Duncan Named Member Of Boone City Board

Mr. Brantley Duncan was named as a member of the Board of Aldermen at the regular session held on Friday evening. A vacancy was created due to the fact that W. F. Miller, former member, assumed his duties as county commissioner Monday and the selection of his successor was without dissent.

CONFEDERATE VET CLAIMED BY DEATH

T. H. Sutherland, last survivor of Captain Brown's Civil War Regiment, Passes, Was 86 Years Old. Funeral Services Sunday.

Thomas H. Sutherland, 86 years old and a widely known veteran of the Civil War, died at his home near Sutherland last Friday afternoon after a short illness.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at Sutherland Chapel, the Rev. Lackey and Rev. W. W. Worley officiating, and was largely attended by friends from different states. Interment was in the Sutherland Cemetery.

Six children survive: R. H. Sutherland, Glade Springs, Va.; Joe T. Sutherland, Lodi, Va.; John B. Sutherland, Trade, Tenn.; Will Sutherland, Malad City, Idaho; Mrs. M. R. Shoaf, Bristol, Tenn.; Mrs. W. N. Thomas, Mountain City, Tenn.

Mr. Sutherland was a Confederate veteran, having volunteered his services at the age of fifteen. So far as is known, he is the last member of the 6th Regiment, Company E, of which the late Roby Brown was captain. At the close of the war he moved to Allegheny County, returning to North Carolina in 1877.

Mr. Sutherland was well known, especially in the Boone area, where he was uniformly admired and honored. The news of his death will cause keen sorrow.

Former Watauga Lady Passes in Post Falls, Id.

Post Falls (Idaho) Advance
Mrs. Clarinda Moretz, the subject of this sketch, was born November 19, 1869, at Mabel, North Carolina, grew to young womanhood and married Roby Moretz at Meat Camp, N. C., February 13, 1889, living at Meat Camp for 15 years, coming West in 1905, they brought with them an only child, Phil Moretz, who now resides at Post Falls.

Mrs. Moretz joined the Episcopal Methodist Church, Meat Camp, of which she remained a member until the day of her death.

Besides her husband and only son, Mrs. Moretz leaves to mourn her demise one brother and four sisters: James Isaacs, of Mabel, N. C.; Nancy Moretz, of Shouns, Tenn.; Victoria Hodges, Zionsville, N. C.; Rachel Green and Mary Jane Church, of Mabel, N. C.; three grandchildren, a host of friends both in the hills of North Carolina and also in the mountains of Idaho at Post Falls, where she had greatly endeared herself to all who came to know her.

Mrs. Moretz departed this life on Sunday, October 30th, at the age of 62 years, 11 months and 11 days. Burial was made in Pleasant View Cemetery, Rev. D. O. Ray of Pleasant View Baptist Church being the minister in charge.

Baird Refuses to Qualify; A. Y. Howell New Sheriff

Official's Health Would Not Permit Service. New Commissioners Assume Their Duties.

A. Y. Howell, cashier of the Peoples Bank and Trust Company and the Peoples Industrial Bank, its successor, for many years and well known in business and Democratic political circles, was named Sheriff of Watauga County by the Board of County Commissioners, Monday, when T. C. Baird, elected to that position, refused to qualify on account of the condition of his health.

The appointment was immediately made when it was definitely established that Mr. Baird would not accept the post tendered by the electorate, and Mr. Howell immediately assumed the responsibilities of his office.

Mr. Baird in declining to take the oath as Sheriff, cited the fact that his health would not justify the activity which the office would demand. While he is not seriously ill, he is suffering what approaches a nervous breakdown, it is understood, and does not believe, for this reason, he could justify the faith placed in him by the people. For a number of years, friends say, Mr. Baird had suffered from nervous ailments.

However, it has been pointed out by Mr. Baird to officials and friends, he deeply appreciates the trust placed in him by the voters, and declines to serve solely for what he believes to be the best interests of his physical being and consequently the welfare of the county government and the people it represents.

Mr. Howell is well fitted for the position he holds, and will receive the support of the people during his administration. He has made no definite plans regarding the naming of deputies or the keeper of the county jail. There are, however, several applications for the latter position.

After the organization was completed, Mr. McNeill being named chairman, only routine business was transacted. The new members of the board are W. F. Miller and Coy L. Billings.

Thirty gallons of corn whiskey, of the Wilkes variety, and an automobile and its driver, were the net results of a Friday evening visit of Federal prohibition agents into Watauga County.

Holt Smith, young man of the Ingalls section of Avery County, was the luckless driver of the illicit vehicle and was apprehended near the end of the concrete on the Boone Trail east of Boone. It was after several attempts it was said that the official car succeeded in passing Smith, who ineffectively swapped sides of the road to prevent being headed off. At last the officers, Messrs. Feltz and Conner, managed to get in front of the whiskey car, but only after the vehicle had figured in a minor collision.

Mr. Coffey was born in Watauga County where he spent his early life, moving into the Mount Vernon section from the Shiloh Mills settlement in 1878. He was a farmer, a member of the Baptist Church at Blowing Rock and was known as a good and honorable citizen.

SALE OF ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS SEALS GETS UNDER WAY

Mrs. Stanley Harris, chairman of the local committee in charge of the sale of Anti-Tuberculosis Christmas Seals, states that workers are now soliciting various communities of the county, and that indications are the campaign will be very successful. Seventy-five cents out of every dollar spent for the seals will be retained in Watauga to combat the white plague and aid in public health work. Mrs. Harris announces that an unnamed individual has agreed to contribute \$10.00 each \$10.00 raised by the local committee, and she is hopeful that this benevolent person will be called on for at least thirty dollars.

DR. D. J. WHITENER ATTENDS MEETING HISTORICAL ASSN.

Dr. D. J. Whitener of the local college faculty, in company with Dr. V. V. Adcock, of Lenoir-Rhyne College, recently attended the annual meeting of the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association in Raleigh. At the Friday morning session the association read a paper before the association on the subject, "The Temperance Movement in North Carolina," Mrs. Whitener and little son, Jack, accompanied Dr. Whitener as far as Chapel Hill, where they spent several days with friends.

Bolick to Keep Ho Suddreth Named A

John Bolick, for the past four years keeper of the county jail, was awarded the care of the jail charges for another term with the new Board of Commissioners met Monday. A number of applications had been made for the position, bids being received, and the low bid taking the contract.

George M. Suddreth, Blowing Rock attorney, was retained for the county for the ensuing term. No appointments of deputies sheriff or other officials were made.

MERCHANTS ARE READY FOR XMAS

Shopping District Takes on Holiday Attire as Festive Season Nears. Indications Are that Business Will Be Good Until Christmas.

The Boone storekeepers are going out after Christmas business this year and the shops of this city are taking on the holiday atmosphere as holly decorations, snow globes, Santa Claus images, toys and other gifts make gay the window fronts along the streets.

Business men of Boone vision a good holiday trade this year, especially if cold weather brings about at the same time a stimulated sale of seasonal merchandise, and they are determined to convince the people of this city that Boone is the logical trading center of the northwestern hills. The columns of the local newspaper are being used to disseminate information as to Christmas stocks and broadsides and other direct mail methods of advertising are being employed.

Carolina Stores Buy Much Watauga Produce

The Carolina Stores in Boone, Va., are sharing toward helping Watauga farmers with their marketing problems, and that the fair best organization is striving to cooperate with local agencies to the fullest extent.

During the past eight weeks Carolina stores have bought from Watauga growers 8,000 bushels of Irish potatoes, and cabbage are being purchased at the rate of 5,000 pounds per week. Two hundred bushels of onions have also been bought from Watauga.

TRUCK DRIVER PAYS COST FOR VIOLATION SCHOOL BUS LAW

The driver of a local delivery truck was brought before Justice E. N. Hahn Monday, charged with passing a school bus while the vehicle was unloading students, and was taxed with the cost. The offense occurred Friday as Harold Thomas, bus operator, was making his return trip on the Deep Camp run. The State law specifically states that traffic must come to a standstill while school buses are either taking on or discharging passengers and drivers are required to report all violations to enforcement officers.

FUBLIC SCHOOL OF BANNER ELK CLOSED ON ACCOUNT OF FLU

Banner Elk, N. C.—The Banner Elk and Heaton Public Schools Friday were ordered to close until January 4th. This action was taken by the school board because of the epidemic of influenza that is sweeping this section. Over a hundred cases of "flu" and several cases of scarlet fever, measles and mumps have been reported among the Banner Elk school children.

RED CROSS DRIVE CULMINATES WITH UNUSUAL SUCCESS

Roll Call Chairman A. E. South Makes Final Report Which Indicates Membership Campaign Passed the 100 Mark. Equaled Results Obtained in More Prosperous Years. A Complete List of Contributors.

The Annual Red Cross Roll Call Drive, which was conducted this year by Austin E. South as chairman, has resulted in more than one hundred dollar memberships. It was reported Tuesday. While last year this record was bettered, it is pointed out that in the more prosperous days of 1923 and 1924 a one hundred dollar collection was considered a good goal.

Chairman South perfected a most effective organization in each section of the county and the results he has obtained indicate enthusiastic application to the relief work. Fifty per cent of the amount collected goes into channels of local relief, while the remainder is forwarded to National headquarters for aid in national contingencies.

Besides the names published last week, the following are listed as having subscribed:

Grover C. Robbins, Mrs. Gene Story, C. S. Prevette, H. P. Holsinger, Mrs. Lloyd Robbins, Mrs. Robert Hardin, E. Doogher, Mrs. Norma Gragg, W. L. Holsinger, Mrs. Spencer Greene, G. E. Tester, Miss Mabel Henson, Niley G. Cook, Russell Henson, Perry Farthing, Miss Verna Underwood, Mrs. Ray Swift, Mrs. E. W. Cannon, Mrs. Ruth Mast, Mrs. Hatie S. Johnson, Mrs. Nora Wilson, Mrs. Lillian Linnay, Mrs. George Linnay, Guy Hill, Miss Edna Holsclaw, T. B. Moore, Miss Germain Mrs. George L. Sawyer, George L. Sawyer, J. M. Downum, J. R. Smitthammer, Miss Oma Farthing, Mrs. Clyde Perry, W. W. Wilson, Clyde Perry, Herbert Farthing, R. A. Spainhour, Mrs. W. T. Payne, Miss Mildred Griffin, Miss Constance Shoun, Miss Anna Mae Sherwood, Stanley A. Harris, Mrs. Dave P. Mast, J. T. C. Wright, George Haggan, Mrs. D. B. Bingham, Mrs. J. C. Wright, Paul A. Coffey, Mrs. Borden, Mrs. Carrie Williams, J. T. Howell, A. D. A. A. Young, Miss Ethel Bouchele, Miss Richardson, Mrs. E. E. Bestfield, John W. Hodges, Mrs. John W. Hodges, P. A. Hicks, A. Y. Howell, J. D. Brewer, L. T. Tuttle, J. D. Tuttle, Mrs. L. S. Abernathy, J. D. Tuttle, Mrs. L. S. Abernathy, J. D. Tuttle, Mrs. L. S. Abernathy.

SAYS BAD CHECKS WON'T GO ON TAXES

Tax Collector Receives Important Notification from Bonding Company Regarding Receipt of Worthless Checks. Will Not Accept.

Mr. A. D. Wilson, county tax collector, has been notified by the Surety Company in which he is bonded that he must not hold checks for future redemption. An exception from the communication is as follows:

"In the past in many counties it has been the custom of collectors to unknowingly accept bad checks. It has also been the practice of collectors to hold checks. This is particularly true in cases where the taxpayers desire to get the benefits of the discount. In some cases it has been the practice of tax collectors to sign notes. The reason for this letter to you is that if any of the above practices are in any way in effect in your office, we do not desire to stay on your bond. These things are contrary to good business policy and you cannot do yourself, the county or your bonding company justice if you do anything but adhere to the very best of business practices. Please bear this in mind."

Mr. Wilson says that so far he has received no bad checks, has held no checks for future payment, and sincerely hopes that no one will think of giving him one and causing himself the embarrassment thereof. He states that he cannot and will not hold worthless checks, that it is not possible for him to do so on account of the conditions and requirements of his bond.

LEES-McRAE TO STAGE CLASS BASKET BALL TOURNAMENTS

Banner Elk, N. C.—Prior to the opening of the intercollegiate basketball season at Lees-McRae which is scheduled to begin January 1st, interclass tournaments will be held Thursday and Friday of this week.

Keen competition has arisen between the classes and practices are being held daily. The manager and captain of each grade will select the class teams within the next few days. The first tournament will be a clash between the high school girls and the college seniors followed by a tangle between the high school boys and the senior college boys. The finals will be staged Saturday.

Teachers Meeting Be Held on Saturday

County Superintendent Smith Haggaman announced that meetings of the teachers of the county will be held at the Demonstration School building in Boone on Saturday afternoon at 3:30. Mr. Haggaman states that the topics for discussion will be "Character Education" and that the committee has prepared a very interesting program which is not quite ready for publication. All members of the county's teaching force are urged to be present.

COLORED MAN AIDS IN ORPHANAGE COLLECTION

Banner Elk, N. C.—His name is "Uncle Abel" and he is only a poor colored man, but his heart is generous and he loves people, particularly little orphaned children.

"Uncle Abel" heard of the appeal that was being made during the Thanksgiving season for supplies and money for the Grandfather Children's Home at Banner Elk. The kind old colored man lives in Boone, and he, like most Boone people, wanted to help. Abel owns no land himself but he raises corn and potatoes on rented property on the share policy. His Thanksgiving offering, and we think it was a big one, was a half-bushel of potatoes and some fine cabbage for the little folks.

Another name has been added to the list of Grandfather's very good friends.

MASONIC MEETING

There will be a meeting of Watauga Lodge 273, A. F. & A. M., Friday evening at 7 o'clock. All members are urged by the secretary to be present. Officers for the coming year are to be elected at this time.