

NO EMPTY STOCKINGS

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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WM. STRINGFELLOW SUCCUMBS SUNDAY AT ALABAMA HOME

Well Known Summer Resident of Blowing Rock, Banker and Philanthropist, Dies in Aniston, Funeral Services Monday and Interment in Montgomery, Survived by Widow the Former Miss Nan Cannon.

William W. Stringfellow, 75 years old, president of the First National Bank of Aniston, Ala., and for more than a score of years a summer resident of Blowing Rock, where he developed the beautiful "Chetola" estate, and came here each year for the summer months. He is survived by a second wife, the former Miss Nan Cannon of Concord.

Funeral services were held in Aniston Monday, and burial was in Montgomery, Ala.

Mr. Stringfellow was a native of the State of New York, having been born in Hyde Park. Many years ago he came to Blowing Rock, where he developed the beautiful "Chetola" estate, and came here each year for the summer months. He is survived by a second wife, the former Miss Nan Cannon of Concord.

Mr. Stringfellow was a widely known philanthropist, and had contributed a great deal to the summer life of the tourist community. He established the Stringfellow Memorial Church at Blowing Rock in memory of his deceased wife, and had maintained throughout the years a keen interest in the welfare of Watauga County and her people.

White and Blue for New License Plates

White numerals on a blue background—selected by North Carolina—will be the most popular combination on 1933 state motor vehicle license plates, eight commonwealths having decided on white and blue, according to J. B. Monte, secretary of the Carolina Motor Club.

In addition to North Carolina the other states that will use white and blue are: Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland and Vermont. Next in popularity are white numerals on green background, seven states, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota and Washington having picked this combination.

Other states which have chosen white numerals on black background are: Tennessee, West Virginia, Oregon and Oklahoma.

Only four states will use the one license plate system, Mr. Monte said. They are Alabama, Florida, Mississippi and Oklahoma. All others require two.

10,000 Bushels Spuds Bought by Local Store

"We have bought this fall in the neighborhood of 10,000 bushels of Irish potatoes from Watauga County farmers," Owen Wilson, manager of the Smithy Store, stated the first of the week. He further said that practically all of these potatoes were bought in small amounts, either by cash or merchandise thus providing a market for the greatest number of people. Most of the potatoes and thousands of pounds of other produce come direct from Watauga farms, says Mr. Wilson, and is handled through the several stores of the chain. He states that he is anxious to provide as complete a market for local produce as possible.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Mrs. Martha Hodges, with friends and relatives, celebrated her seventy-ninth birthday anniversary recently. While she was visiting a friend, neighbors gathered at her home and two long tables just groined with their load of good things to eat. Then along comes Rev. Payne and brings Grandma home, and such a surprise as she did find awaiting her. Friends and neighbors who enjoyed the party were: Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Greene and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Norris and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Miller and family, Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Honeycutt and son, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Cook and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Hodges, and Rev. R. A. Payne. All present wish her many more such holidays.—Reported.

BETHEL NEWS

Professor R. A. Spainhour, principal of the Bethel High School, visited home folks at Morganton last week-end. Miss Marian Kincaid accompanied him as far as Lenoir where she visited relatives and friends.

Professor James A. Farthing, of Greensboro High School, is building a picturesque summer home on his farm near his father's home. He is now completing the log cabin.

The prospects seem to be very good for the girls' basket ball team of the Bethel High School. They opened the season Thursday, the 1st, at Cove Creek by scoring a 19 to 12 victory over the Cove Creek girls.

In the return game, played on their home court, the Bethel team won by a score of 38 to 11. Lennie Greene led the offense with twenty-four points.

The line-up: Bethel (38) Lennie Greene, F. Bessie, Lewis, Lennie Farthing, F. Hazel, Moody, Ethel Currie, F. Carrie, Isaacs, Kate Winchester, G. Velma Brown, M. Farthing, G. Frances, Mrs. Doshia Mast, G. Myrtle, Mrs. S. Williams, Bethel, Marian Kincaid, Lucy Farthing.

Watauga Produce Goes To Children's Home

A large truck load of foodstuffs was forwarded last week to the Methodist Orphanage at Winston-Salem, the provender having been contributed by members of the congregation in this community. Potatoes, cabbage, canned goods, apples, meats, pumpkins, molasses, shelled beans, etc., made up the load which was sent to the children as a Christmas offering. Messrs. Paul Coffey and Council Cooke were assisted in gathering the provisions by Pastor Brendall.

Previously similar loads of food had been gathered for the Baptist Home at Thomasville and for the Banner Elk Orphanage.

DOUGHTON LOOKS FOR FAVORABLE ACTION ON BEER

Ninth District Congressman Believes Ways and Means Committee Will Concur on Coffer Bill, Notes Drives Heard in Committee Rooms, Will Conclude Hearings Today "Beer No More Intoxicating than Coffee."

Washington, D. C.—Representative Doughton said Monday his committee, Ways and Means, hoped to conclude hearings on the beer bill today (Wednesday). He said the committee will give an estimate of how much additional revenue such legislation, during the last few days, the committee has been given assurances from advocates of the beer bill that about 3.2 beer is palatable, healthful, has food value, is non-intoxicating, and will raise plenty of revenue. Mr. Doughton says he has about reached the point of believing, as a succession of witnesses have testified, that a glass of the kind of beer now favored would be no more intoxicating than a cup of coffee, or a cigar.

Mr. Doughton said, however, that he suspected that as soon as Bishop Cannon, Dr. McBride, of the Anti-Saloon League, and assorted drys take the stand, they will be able to produce money to establish the claim that the wet contention is wrong, that beer is intoxicating, or the people would not want it, and that if it was so it was as to lack potency it would produce little revenue. Nevertheless, Mr. Doughton thinks his committee will report the bill out favorably, and that it will pass the House.

FOUR WATAUGANS ENROLLED AT WAKE FOREST COLLEGE

Wake Forest.—Four sons of Watauga County citizens are included in this year's record-breaking enrollment at Wake Forest College. Three are from Boone and one from Blowing Rock. J. E. Bolick, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bolick, is the representative of Blowing Rock. The Boone contingent is made up of Edgar Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Brown; Len D. Hagaman, son of Smith Hagaman; and Thomas Hardin, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Hardin. Brown and Hardin are studying law. Hagaman is enrolled in the school of medicine and Bolick is a freshman taking the pre-medical course. Hagaman is secretary of the senior class and a member of the William Edgar Marshall Medical Society.

Recent success of the Old Gold and Black teams is forensic and athletic activity has released a wholesome spirit at Wake Forest that has toned up every phase of college life. Her debating team is the present southern champion. Every member of Coach John Caddell's baseball team which last spring won the State championship, will represent the Demon Deacons again this season. In football this fall the Baptists defeated South Carolina by the same score, 6-0, that Tulane won from them, and in competition with the "Big Five" colleges in North Carolina the Deacons goal line was crossed only twice.

With 99 years having passed since its organization in 1834, Wake Forest is preparing for a second century of service. Construction of its new sixty-thousand-dollar medical building is well under way, and blue prints for an adequate gymnasium were recently submitted. The enrollment this session, some 850, is approximately ten per cent. greater than that of last session.

Registration for the second semester will begin on January 30.

C. C. WRIGHT ILL

North Wilkesboro.—Prof. C. C. Wright, venerable superintendent of Wilkes County schools, is confined to his home at Hunting Creek. He has been unable to be at his office for the past few days.

The school superintendent, however, is resting up and is expected to be back at his office in a few days.

Professor Wright has been county superintendent in Wilkes County for 34 years.

OMEGA SOCIETY PRESENTS PLAY

Banner Elk.—The Omega Literary Society of Lees-McRae College will present a one-act play, entitled "Nobody's Darling," by Mary Elma Gull, in the college auditorium Saturday night, December 17th.



LADIES TO AGAIN INAUGURATE DRIVE TO REPLENISH THE COMMUNITY CHEST

A committee composed of Messrs. G. K. Moore, Wiley G. Harzler, Russell D. Hodges and J. C. McConnell, is to begin shortly the annual canvass of the community for small contributions with which to replenish the rapidly diminishing reserves of the Boone Community Chest Fund, it was learned today. Committee members are anxious that as many people of the town contribute as possible, in order that they may continue lending a hand to the hungry and destitute of the city.

Seven years ago at a mass meeting held in the Methodist Church auditorium the Community Chest was organized. It is a fund which is maintained by direct contributions which consist of a member of each of the following churches: Methodist, N. Hahn, Adventist, W. H. Gragg, Lutheran, J. M. Moretz, Baptist, J. L. Qualis, Latter G. K. Moore was named a member to represent the Civitan Club. This club, together with the churches last Sunday voted their continued approval of this committee, which in turn selected the canvassing committee for another year's service.

SUPERIOR COURT NOW IN SESSION

Judge Sink Making Good Headway Toward Disposing of Civil Docket, Ashley Wins Suit Against Miller, Court to Last Two Weeks.

The special term of Watauga Superior Court convened Monday and Judge H. Hoyte Sink is making splendid progress in disposing of the calendar, according to attorneys.

Perhaps the best known suit yet to come forth for trial was that of G. E. Ashley against A. G. Miller, wherein the plaintiff sought to recover \$1,300, a debt resulting from a trade in the dry goods business. The defendant sought to show that the inventory did not meet what he understood to be the value of the property when the trade was made, and held up the payment of the amount involved. The court decided, however, in favor of Mr. Ashley. Judgment in the sum of \$75 was given the Naico Motor Company vs. Joe Jones.

Attorney W. R. Lovill was in on Wednesday and a number of cases were continued for him.

An unusual incident occurred in connection with the suit entitled Bucyrus Erie Company and E. F. Craven vs. W. E. Graham, Aberhardt Construction Company, and the Hartford Indemnity and Accident Company. This case had been started in Guilford County and later removed to this court, yet has never been tried. The papers, it is said, are in the hands of Attorney Louis Whitener of Hickory, and three times he has been ordered to appear before the court. He hasn't appeared, and Judge Sink made an order that Mr. Whitener should appear and show cause why he should not be held in contempt. He further ordered the sheriff of Catawba County to place the attorney under a bond of \$1,000.

MERCHANTS REPORT BRISK HOLIDAY TRADE; LIGHTING CONTEST IS STARTED

Christmas shopping is getting in full swing in Boone, as gayly-lighted holly wreathed windows breathe forth the spirit of St. Nicholas, and merchants generally believe that the holiday trade is going to be of satisfactory volume.

Never before, in the opinion of those who have visited the several stores, have the shops offered more gay Christmas merchandise, and the prices are the lowest this year within the memory of most folks now living. Many thrifty shoppers are "killing two birds with one stone," this year by preparing to give practical gifts which will both convey the spirit of the festive occasion and also serve the needs of everyday life. The stores are filled with this sort of gift and the pages of The Democrat today bristle with Christmas offerings. Boone is the logical trading center of the northwest mountains as is indicated by an ever-widening patronage of local firms.

Holiday Lights In conjunction with the displays fashioned by the business men for creating the Christmas atmosphere, the New River Light and Power Company today announces a prize contest for those who shall make the most beautiful, with color lighting effects, their porches or their lawns. A prize is also offered for the merchant who shall use electricity the most effectively in his displays.

Cove Creek School Closed by Influenza

The Cove Creek High School was closed on Monday for an undetermined period of time, on account of an epidemic of influenza which has been sweeping the territory served by the institution.

Reports indicate that near 200 students are ill with the malady, and it was in an effort to curb the spread of the contagion that the authorities deemed it wise to suspend class room work. No announcement as to the probable date the school will reopen was made.

BRIEF SICKNESS PROVES FATAL TO SHERMAN WELBORN

Stony Fork Citizen Succumbs Friday, Had Been Seriously Ill Since Wednesday, Funeral Services Sunday, Widow and Six Children Survive, Prominent in Religious and Fraternal Circles, Former County Official.

J. Sherman Welborn, prominent citizen of the Stony Fork section, died Friday noon at his home on the Deep Gap rural route, following an illness with diabetes, which had been serious since the preceding Wednesday. Mr. Welborn had been afflicted with the malady for seven years. He was 43 years old.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday morning at 11 o'clock from the Stony Fork Baptist Church by the pastor, Rev. W. C. Payne, who was assisted by Revs. W. D. Ashley and Grover Trivett. A crowd of friends and neighbors which overflowed the church gathered to pay tribute to the memory of deceased. Interment was in the family cemetery a short distance from the church.

Surviving are the widow and six children, all of whom made their homes with their parents; Russell, Norma, Edward, Jennie, Johnson and Newland.

Mr. Welborn was a native of the community in which he died, being a son of the late Larkin Welborn. He was a member of the Baptist Church all his adult life and was chosen clerk of the church in 1910.

He was one of the leading spirits in the Ashby Lodge, having become a Mason soon after he reached his majority. He was a farmer by occupation and was an efficient member of the Board of County Commissioners from 1922 to 1924. Being actively interested in the affairs of the Republican party he had been a member of the executive committee for eight years. In the death of Sherman Welborn Watauga County has lost one of its best and most useful citizens.

125 ARE ENROLLED IN THE RED CROSS

Final Figures Are Given by Roll Call Chairman, Indicating that Response to His Call Has Been Better Than Was Expected.

Final figures submitted by Austin F. South, chairman of the recent Red Cross Roll Call campaign, indicate that 125 citizens of Watauga County have contributed to the extent of a dollar membership. This is considered a record enrollment in view of the depressed condition of business.

Following is a list of those contributing, whose names have not hitherto been published: Mrs. W. H. Wagner, Mrs. Charles Taylor, C. D. Taylor, Mrs. T. W. Taylor, Miss Adelaide Smith, Miss Virginia Sallee, Miss Isabel Grayson, Miss Letitia Ricard, Miss Florence Eason, Miss Virginia Bouldin, R. A. Farthing, R. A. Olsen, Miss Mary Wagner, W. W. Mast, Mrs. W. W. Mast, Mrs. D. F. Mast.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS TO BE RENDERED AT M. E. CHURCH

Christmas programs will be rendered Sunday, December 18th, both morning and night. The choir will present a Christmas cantata at the 11 o'clock hour, and the dramatic staff will present an unusual Christmas play at 7 p. m.

The public is urged to come promptly at the time set, so the program may begin strictly on time and not be interrupted.

There will be a short Christmas message by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Brendall, at the morning service, subject, "Why the Shepherds Heard the Angels Sing."

COMPLIMENTS MARSHAL GRAGG

Greensboro.—In court Thursday morning Judge Isaac Meekins took occasion to compliment Marshal Watt H. Gragg and his force of deputies for the effective and efficient manner in which the affairs of the marshal's office were conducted. The court declared that it was most refreshing to find the marshal and his deputies fully informed as to the facts in cases brought into court, as well as having information pertaining to the merits or demerits of the defendants themselves. He was also impressed with the manner in which the members of the staff attended to their duties in the courtroom.

SHOWER FOR NEWLY-WEDS

A shower was given for Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Culler by his sister, Mrs. T. E. Parsons, near Lynchburg, on Friday, December 9th, at 8 p. m. There was a fine crowd present and the newly-weds received more than two hundred presents. They are now occupying their new home, recently built by Mr. Culler.

TOM MARTIN DIES WHEN TENNESSEE MAN OPENS FIRE

Son of Roy Martin, a Former Resident of Watauga County, Is Fatally Wounded by Johnson County Farmer, Shooting Follows Alleged Reporting of Blockade Still, Hearing to Be Held in Mountain City Friday.

Tom Martin, 35 years old, a former resident of Watauga County, and son of Roy Martin, who killed Fred Ellison several years ago, died Friday night, and Parker Fritts, prominent Johnson County farmer, faces charges of murder as a result of the gunplay which took place Tuesday afternoon.

It is alleged, according to information from Mountain City, that Martin was the aggressor, attempting to pull Fritts from his horse when the two met on the public highway, about one mile from Laurel Blommery. Fritts is then reported to have pulled a .38 calibre pistol from his pocket and shot Martin. Four bullets took effect.

Unconfirmed reports hold that Martin believed Fritts to have reported a still on his place and that this led to the shooting of Fritts when the two came face to face.

Martin was taken to his home where he died Friday afternoon. A charge of assault, on which Fritts had been held, was immediately changed to murder, and bond was set at \$3,000. He was released almost immediately.

Fritts has declined to make a statement, stating that he prefers to keep his own counsel until he appears before Magistrate Wills at Mountain City Friday.

Martin is survived by his widow and two children.

ROOSEVELT NOT TO BE RESTRAINED

Farley Says President-elect Has Not Committed Himself to Anyone on Policies of Administration, Kept Himself Aloof.

Asheville.—Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt was nominated and elected President of the United States without making any commitments, and will head the nation without any reservations upon this remarkable initiative and historic initiative. James A. Farley, national Democratic chairman, 1932, gathering of leading local Democrats to revive Park Inn here, announced last week before returning to New York after a brief visit here.

Mr. Farley was guest of honor at a luncheon given at the Inn. He spoke briefly, describing the ground work laid by Democrats for and at the Chicago convention which nominated Mr. Roosevelt. There was no doubt as to the outcome of the convention.

Mr. Roosevelt was nominated and elected without a single commitment. I am absolutely sure he has made none since. He is giving the task of selecting a cabinet, serious, careful thought. There are many reports abroad as to who some of the men of his choice will be, but it is sure that his selection will be very carefully and thoughtfully made.

Mr. Farley expressed his appreciation for Asheville's hospitality and said he and Mrs. Farley plan to return here.

Governor Roosevelt has a great task before him, the national chairman said. "But he will measure up to his responsibilities. He has conferred and will confer with men of learning and sound policies regardless of their political affiliation, in charting his course. He has the ability to deal with men and to iron out problems. He has much legislative ability and experience from previous service and will make a great President."

FUTURE FARMERS

That cover crops are very useful in young orchards, as they prevent leaching and washing, was brought out by Delmar Combs in the twelfth regular meeting of Future Farmers, held in the agriculture room on Friday afternoon, December 9th. Mr. Combs discussed several cover crops, chief among which was winter vetch. Winter vetch is a very valuable crop. It is a legume, and has the ability to draw nitrogen from the air, making it a very valuable crop for land. Due to many absences on account of flu, only a short program was rendered.

THE WEATHER

Weather report for week ending December 10th, as compiled by the co-operative station at Appalachian Teachers College: Average maximum temperature, 32 degrees. Average minimum temperature, 29 degrees. Average temperature, 40 degrees. Average daily range in temperature, 28 degrees. Greatest daily range in temperature, 33 degrees; date 5th. Average temperature at 6 p. m. (time of observation) 41 degrees. Highest temperature reached, 63 degrees; date 6th. Lowest temperature reached, 14 degrees; date 9th. Total precipitation in inches, 0.71. Greatest precipitation in 24 hours, 0.67; date 10th. Number of days with 0.01 inch or more precipitation, 4. Number of cloudy days, 4. Killing frost on 9th.