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DOUGHTON OPTIMISTIC

Farmer Bob Doughton, the best Congressman who ever whittled down boot leather, spent Friday shaking hands with friends in Boone. And he bore good news for denizens of Watauga...

IT'S PAPA WHO PAYS

A young married man had the pleasure a few days ago of being introduced to one of the sweetest little tutors that ever "tootered." She looked like a million and a half dollars in this erring and impressionable husband...

SIDEWALK SIFTINGS

Papa, mama and the baby walking along the main drag devouring ice cream cones. Colonel Paul Coffey's ponderous Shorthorn of the masculine inclination being led along the street in the Fourth of July parade...

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Rockefeller 4th



Winthrop Rockefeller, fourth son of John D. Sr., is at work in a New Jersey plant of the Standard Oil Company, and is reported as living in a \$4.50 per week room.

PRIMO CARNERA IS NEW CHAMPION

Massive Italian Fighter Lands Up-percut in Sixth Round and Jack Sharkey Relinquishes Fisticuffs to Crown.

Madison Square Garden, New York With one sweep of a paw that must have felt like a cobblestone wrapped in a leather sack, huge Primo Carnera, once a freak in a circus side-show, knocked out Jack Sharkey in six rounds Thursday night to win the heavyweight championship of the world...

It was a stunning ending to a savage contest that tore through the battle pit of the Garden's big arena on Long Island, and ending as amazing to the scant crowd of 40,000 as was the knockout Max Baer scored over Max Schmeling in the first of the season's heavyweight extravaganzas.

Sneering at Carnera's 264 1/2 pounds, his awesome height and tremendous reach, Sharkey forced the issue from the start.

He wove forward, hands close to his body, foisting the mammoth Italian into paying lifts the champion bobbed under, came up inside with two fists flailing to the body...

Even in the sixth, with the round almost ended, there was no hint of impending disaster for the champion. Sharkey bobbed in, as he had been doing from the start, found his opening, then flung a long, crashing right to Carnera's temple.

The massive Italian pulled back, his lips drawn back from his white mouthpiece in a kind of foolish grin. He mumbled something like, "good, good," as Sharkey tore back. Then he lifted his tremendous right fist to the champion's jaw as they came to grips. The punch was a short upper cut inside as they were on the ropes.

Sharkey crumpled to the floor by the ropes, stretched flat on his face, as the crowd came to its feet with one long, amazing roar. As Referee Arthur Donovan picked up the count, Sharkey never stirred. He was just beginning to move, his face buried in the canvas, hands to his head, as the final 10 was tolled, two minutes, 27 seconds after the start of the sixth. Then his seconds leaped in and dragged the beaten champion to his corner, still apparently in a daze.

Jim Ragan Injured in Automobile Accident

C. C. (Jim) Ragan was injured Monday evening when an automobile which he was driving turned turtle on the Jefferson highway. His principal injuries are thought to consist of three broken ribs and severe bruises. Mr. Ragan believes that the wreck came as a result of locked brakes. The automobile is said to have turned over four or five times in the highway, and was practically demolished.

Watauga Minister Is President of Class

The summer graduating class of the Appalachian State Teachers College has elected Rev. Roy Dotson of Watauga County its president. Mr. Dotson, who is an experienced teacher and a successful minister, will receive his degree in the field of elementary education. Two of his children will be graduated in the same class: Hight Dotson of Boone, in physical education and science; and Mrs. Ola Dotson Furr of Concord, in elementary education.

FOURTH OF JULY DRAWS THROUGHS; LEGION IS HOST

Thousands of People Spent Tuesday in Boone and Joined in Festivities Sponsored by Local Legion Post. Parade, Baseball, Boxing and Various Field Sports Furnish Continuous Entertainment.

Many thousands of visitors from over Watauga and surrounding counties gathered in Boone Tuesday to enjoy the Fourth of July celebration sponsored by the American Legion, and to forget for a time individual care as they mixed and mingled with friends and acquaintances. The streets were thronged with people from early morning till late at night, and receipts at College Athletic Field, where entertainment was centered, were said to be altogether satisfactory.

The celebration was different in that patriotic and other brands of addresses were taboo, and the day was given over to having just a genuine good time. Baseball, boxing, foot races, pig races, etc., made up the field sports engaged in and the program was continuous following the parade at 9 o'clock.

Three official Watauga League baseball games furnished delight to the sports-minded, although as the score would indicate, the bran of ball was not quite up to standard.

Elk walked away from Boone by a 20 to 7 margin; Mabel scored 29 markers and refused to let Oak Grove have even one in a five-inning game, while Bamboo trimmed Blowing Rock to the tune of 8-1.

Two major boxing encounters were on the bill. Jack Storie and Blaine Miller battled three rounds to a draw, while John Cutshall won a six-round decision as he and Turner Watson heaved the leather.

A number of similar contests in which small boys engaged furnished keen amusement, as did sack races, pig races, and the attempt at scaling the greasy pole. However, the Democrat was unable to secure the list of winners in these various contests. A street dance in the evening attracted a considerable crowd.

WILKESBORO MAN BUYS RAILROAD

Yadkin River Line and Rolling Stock Purchased at Tax Sale by C. A. Jenkins. No Statement Has Been Issued by Purchaser.

North Wilkesboro.—Announcement of the purchase at tax sale of the right of way, rolling stock and other property of the Yadkin River Railroad by C. A. Jenkins, of North Wilkesboro, was made here this week. The line, built as a log road some twenty years ago, traverses some of the most fertile lands in the famous Yadkin Valley, extending from North Wilkesboro, thence up Elk Creek to Darby.

Much of the road was swept away by the 1916 flood, and the property has been allowed to deteriorate since the failure of the Grandin Lumber Company. Much interest among residents in the vicinity of the line has been aroused by the sale, but no statement from Mr. Jenkins has been made public.

Linney & Wilson New Lenoir Legal Firm

With the coming of Max C. Wilson, of Burnsville, former classmate of Attorney Baxter Linney at Duke University, to join Mr. Linney in the practice of law, Lenoir's youngest law partnership became effective on July first. Mr. Wilson announced Monday morning.

Following their graduation from Duke several years ago, Mr. Wilson elected to hang out his shingle in his home town over among the mountains in the extreme western part of the State, while Mr. Linney began his practice in Lenoir.

The firm will be reminiscent of an earlier legal association in Lenoir in that Mr. Linney is a staunch Republican, while Mr. Wilson is an equally loyal Democrat.—News-Topic.

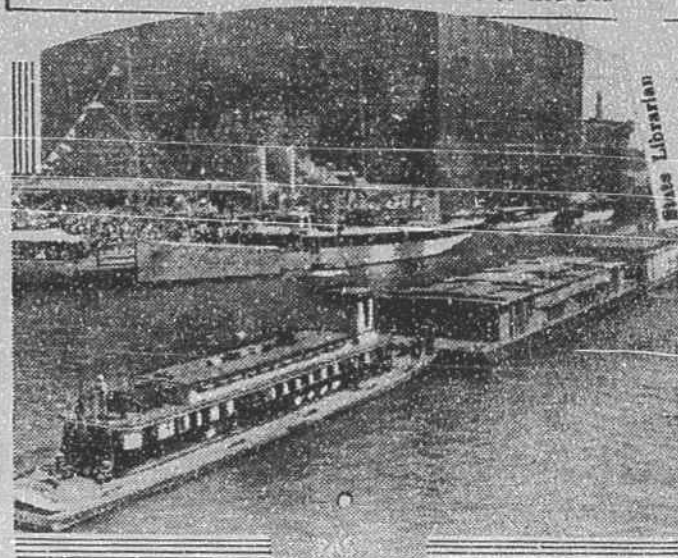
W. H. GOSS RESIGNS AS DEPUTY MARSHAL OF MIDDLE DISTRICT

North Wilkesboro.—The resignation of B. H. Goss, deputy marshal who has been stationed here for the past 18 months, became effective Friday night at the end of the fiscal year. The vacancy created by Mr. Goss' resignation will not be filled.

Mr. Goss is a native of Ashe County, being engaged in the insurance business prior to accepting the post of deputy marshal. He has not made known his plans for the future.

Mr. and Mrs. Goss have resided in the Wilkesboros during Mr. Goss' tenure of office.

New Mid-Western Trade Route to the Sea



A new trade route has been opened to 22 mid-western states. It is the Great Lakes-Gulf of Mexico waterway now open to barge commerce.—the fulfillment of an inland dream of many years. Above is pictured the first barge shipments crossing the official ship, U. S. S. Wilmette (background) at Michigan Link Bridge, Chicago, and inaugurates the first ocean to Lake Michigan shipments. It is said that twenty-two states in the Mississippi Valley are to enjoy a revision of shipping rates from this new trade route.

Greatest Downpour Since '16 Does Serious Damage

"What is described by farmers as the most disastrous downpour of rain to visit this section since the 1916 flood, broke over a broad territory early Monday morning, and in some sections devastated growing crops, carried away the topsoil, and inflicted damage to truck growers which would run into many thousands of dollars.

The section of Laurel Creek township extending down the water course from Sugar Grove to the Watauga River, suffered most severely, according to reports, bottom lands were either stripped of verdure or hopelessly covered with muck and debris, and yawning caverns were opened in fertile fields. Fencing was taken by the raging water which carried on its surface quantities of shocked grain, timber and other properties. Two or three bridges on cross-country roads were said to have been destroyed.

This section was visited by another serious downpour several weeks ago, and farmers had reseeded their fields in as far as possible, but the leading agrarians now declare that there is little that can be done at this late date to recover their heavy losses. The section is noted for its truck crops and furnishes the Southern markets with as much food as any section of the county.

Cove Creek and Meat Camp were both described as being at higher levels than at any time for seven or ten years, and more or less damage came to plantations in the sections which they traverse. The rain was accompanied by a violent electrical storm, and minor damage from lightning is reported from some quarters.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Dugger and Mr. Charles P. Whitten, all of Elk Park, spent Tuesday in Boone.

JULY FOURTH WAS CELEBRATED AT WAYNESVILLE IN THE YEAR OF 1806

Asheville.—"May every republican principled gentlemen live to see the good effects of the tariff and rejoice to see the fair sex of our nation wearing the manufactures of their own hands!"

Of peculiar interest in the light of the present day is this Fourth of July toast given by Reuben Deaver during a rousing celebration of the birth of the United States at Waynesville in 1828. Highly interesting, too, is the account of the entire celebration published in the Western Carolinian of July 22, 1828, because of the sharp contrast with the present-day observance of the day. It follows:

"Waynesville, N. C.—At a meeting of a respectable number of the citizens of Haywood County, assembled in the courthouse at Waynesville, Col. Robert Love was appointed president and Elijan Deaver, sen., vice president. The declaration of independence was read by Felix Axley, Esq., who made a few appropriate remarks. After this, the company repaired to Mr. B. Chambers' tavern and partook of a dinner provided for the occasion. The cloth being removed, the following toasts were drank:

"The day we celebrate; the constitution of the United States; the memory of General George Washington; the constitution of North Carolina; the framers of the declaration of independence; Charles Carroll, the only survivor among the signers of

West Point Commandant



Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Buckner Jr., a graduate of West Point Military Academy in 1905, returns to Uncle Sam's famous school as Commandant. He has been assistant superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds at Washington.

Tommy Ragan Family Threatened by Lightning

The old Long home-place in the Oak Grove community, now occupied by the Tommy Ragan family, was struck by lightning during the severe electrical storm early Monday morning, but, miraculously, none of the sleeping dwellers was injured.

The lightning bolt, Mr. Ragan states, struck a large locust tree near the house, then jumped from the trunk, tore a two-by-four from the framing of the building, smashed a window sash and entered the room where three children were asleep. The floor and ceiling of the room were badly damaged, but the occupants suffered only a slight shock.

REV. M. B. WOOSLEY PASSES MONDAY AT STATESVILLE

Former Pastor of Boone Methodist Church Succumbs to Hernia Operation. Funeral Held at Newton on Wednesday Afternoon. Was Secretary of Board of Church Extension. Minister for 15 Years.

Funeral services were held in Newton, N. C., Wednesday afternoon for Rev. M. B. Woosley, 38, pastor of the First Methodist Church of that place, who died early Monday morning in a Statesville hospital after an operation for hernia.

Mr. Woosley went to the hospital after delivery of a sermon in Newton Sunday, and attendance several days ago at the combined meeting of the Institute of International Relations and the fifteenth annual Methodist Pastors School at Duke University, Durham.

For four years Mr. Woosley was pastor of the Boone Church (1924-28) and was most popular with citizens of the town and county. He was a moving spirit in the civic, as well as the religious life of the community, and was one of the ablest sermonizers ever to occupy the local pulpit.

He was a graduate of Duke, then Trinity, class of 1917, and had been a minister for fifteen years. He was secretary of the board of church extension, a member of the executive council of Duke University, and president of the Catawba County Ministerial Association. He had been in Newton for three years.

Rev. J. S. Hyatt of Statesville, presiding elder of the Statesville District, was in charge of the funeral services, assisted by local pastors, and interment was in the cemetery at Granite Falls. The body lay in state in Newton Methodist Church Wednesday afternoon from 1 until 4 o'clock.

Rev. Woosley's mother, Mrs. J. E. Woosley, his wife, the former Miss Lucille Warlick of Granite Falls, and three children, Rebecca, Margaret and Harry, survive the deceased. The following brothers and sisters also survive: O. V. Woosley, superintendent of the children's home at Winston-Salem; Dr. John W. Woosley of the department of economics of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Mrs. O. V. Woosley of West Point, and Mrs. Tate Webber of Danville, Virginia.

Caldwell Man Hurt By Baseball Bat

Fred Chandler, Caldwell County man, was seriously injured on the Fourth, when a baseball bat released by a left-handed batter struck him in the face, during the progress of one of the local league games here. Chandler was standing about thirty feet from the batter, it is said, and the heavy cudgel struck him, butt end first, on the right cheek bone, inflicting a severe fracture and breaking his nose. He was given immediate treatment at the Hagaman-Linney Clinic, and taken to his home that night.

Much Moonshine Puts In Appearance Tuesday

Rather more than the usual amount of "sugar-head" whiskey was in evidence during the progress of the fourth of July celebration, but no very serious disorders were reported. Police officials lodged ten persons in jail during the day on charges of public drunkenness, and the trials will likely take place during Wednesday before Mayor Moore. The number of arrests is larger than was made on any recent public day, it is said.

BIG BOULDER HELD TO HILLS' BASE BY MASSIVE CHAIN

Pineville, Ky.—A huge boulder overhanging Pineville, which would smash houses in its path if it ever gave way and rolled down into the town, has been chained firmly to its mountain base.

Previous supports recently were found to have rusted, so a chain weighing about a ton and a half was obtained to moor the menacing rock in place. It was cut in two parts and four mules were used to drag each section to the top of Pine mountain.

There it was stretched by a heavy cable across an abyss more than 100 feet wide, and three-foot bolts were sunk in the top of the rock and in the supporting mountain to hold it firmly in place.

Each link of the chain, made of one and three-eighths inch steel, is four by six inches, and each link weighs approximately four and one-half pounds. The overhanging rock is in the Cumberland State Park property and is viewed by thousands of tourists annually.