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HITHER AND YON

AN ARDENT prohibitionist taking a long-drawn-out swig of mean corn liquor.

Young wife saving her husband humiliation by buying a couple of bars of Life Buoy.

Local gendarmes escorting an allegedly inebriated person, who allegedly violated common laws of decency on an allegedly public thoroughfare, to the jail-house.

Husky athlete changing tire as a couple of lean companions congratulate him on his great strength.

Corpulent gent who holds a government position, smokes pipe, carries a pistol and wears gold badge (but wishes his name withheld from print), declaring that he's still a Republican. "Just to be different."

Proprietor Boone business house tells friend that "these blondes make me weak in the knees."

Plump country gal, attired in red from top to toe, lashes tarred and lips carmined, assumes air of sophistication as she lights herself a cigarette.

The divers merits of a "hot hell" and a "cold hell" being argued on Main Street.

Young gentleman, eyes glazed by the imbibe of fiery spirits, leading elderly gentleman across the street.

Small boy rolling a wheel-barrow loaded with a small charred keg.

Odell Benfield showing the place where he once had three perfectly good teeth.

Hard Thomas headed for the fiddlers' convention with a violin under his arm.

One feller proving by another feller that he'll knock h— outen a third feller is he don't let 'im alone.

G. O. P. stalwart declaring that N. R. A., properly defined, means "Need Republican Assistance."

SOMETHING TO WORRY ABOUT

A TENANT farmer who lives near Boone was brought before a local justice of the peace Wednesday morning, charged with the most atrocious crime known to man or beast. According to the testimony of substantial citizens, this human skunk, who, thank God, hails from another State, is guilty of beating to insensibility a little six-year-old boy who had been entrusted to his care by the local welfare department. The lad was brought into court, and his body, which bore at least three hundred welts and gashes, was exhibited before the Justice. Two heavy dogwood sprouts, worn to a frazzle over the puny body, were offered as additional evidence of the defendant's hellish brutality. The Justice, finding "probable cause," bound the culprit to Recorder's Court under the trifling bond of a hundred dollars, which, of course, will be promptly forfeited. The little boy was taken from the home where he has resided under these torturous circumstances for the past several months, was given medical treatment, and will be placed in the care of decent people, we hope. But the court, it appears, has dealt entirely too lightly with the offender. We always believed in giving the law a chance to strut its stuff in such cases... but often the law is too lenient. While we wouldn't promote a mob... not by any means, we thank you... something ought to be done to the "something" that beat up this kid. A dose of the same medicine wouldn't hurt him a bit... three or four good long dogwood sprouts worn to a frazzle around his wretched, worthless carcass. And a licking of this sort wouldn't half compensate for his crime against society. The citizens of the county will leave the case to the court, we are sure... and it is now up to the court to do its duty.

THOSE ARISTOCRATS

SHE'S an aristocrat! Her shoulders raise just a trifle when she is forced to walk with the lowly proletariat... she gathers her garments just a trifle closer about her when she mingles with the rabble at the market place! For Grandpa's uncle's cousin's nephew helped old G. Washington paddle a canoe or something across the Delaware one winter's day long, long ago!

He's an aristocrat! His grandpa fought, bled and died with Grant or Lee or Morgan or Sherman or somebody! One of his distant ancestors helped Betsy Ross rip up 'er petticoat and fashion the first American flag! No po' white trash in his family tree; no black sheep... just aristocrats... and then some aristocrats!

Like the poor, they will be with us always... these high-born, high-flown men and women! Inoculated against social error and spiritual wrong-doing by a long line of chivalrous forebears, these aristocrats thrive in the warm glow of self-satisfaction. Inculcated into the minds of each rising generation is the profound and enjoyable knowledge that "I am not as this publican." (Continued on Page 4)

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To Marry Governor



Miss Violet Elizabeth McDougall, (above) executive secretary to Governor John Garland Pollard of Virginia, is to become "first lady" of that State, her engagement to the governor having been announced recently.

TEACHERS FROM THREE COUNTIES IN SESSION HERE

More Than 150 Teachers Are Addressed by Members of State Department of Education at College Auditorium Monday. Dr. Highsmith, Misses McDougall and Douglas Take Part. New School Law Topic.

About one hundred and fifty teachers, high school and elementary principals of Watauga, Caldwell, Ashe and Alleghany counties gathered at the auditorium of the Appalachian State Teachers College Monday, where they participated in conferences conducted by members of the State Board of Education.

Dr. Highsmith, Miss McDougall and Miss Douglas came from Raleigh, and the former centered his discussions about the new school law. Miss Douglas discussed the use of libraries and supplementary reading matter, while Miss McDougall introduced plans of work, particularly elementary work for the year, teachers meetings and the like.

Lunch was furnished by the college for the visitors and at the conclusion of the conferences, Dr. Dougherty presented in detail the plan of the State School Commission's setup of a salary schedule. The entire scheme has not been completed, it was said, but will be in workable form by the fifteenth.

No Tax on Threshing Machines, Says Thomas

Mr. Marion Thomas, deputy collector of Federal revenue, who was in town the first of the week, says that he has had a number of inquiries as to whether or not there is a Federal tax on the operation of threshing machines. He states, in reply, that where threshers are used for custom work there is no levy under his office, and that they may be operated as heretofore. He also states that while he is not in position to speak with authority on State matters, that he understands there is no State tax which would affect the threshers.

Mrs. Love Recovering From Strange Stroke

Mrs. D. S. Love of Vilas, who suffered a stroke of paralysis on July 8, is now able to talk, and is showing signs of permanent recovery, according to her husband, who was a visitor in town Tuesday. Mr. Love states that the stroke was an unusual one, that his wife prepared breakfast as usual, that she ate and went about her farm duties without knowing of her illness, and that when she went to awaken a son she wrote him a note saying she had lost her speech. She remained in this condition most of the time since, but now has practically the complete use of her vocal organs.

SHERWOOD IS APPOINTED POSTMASTER AT VILAS

Mr. Ed. F. Sherwood last week received his appointment as temporary postmaster at Vilas, N. C., and will assume his work within the next few days. He expects to keep the office in the same building which it now occupies for the time being, but will build modern quarters when his appointment is made permanent. Mr. Sherwood succeeds Mr. Vance Pressnell, who has held the office for several years. He is quite popular in his community and is expected to make a highly satisfactory postmaster.

H. C. Jones, emergency negro agent in Winston-Salem, reports the planting of 3,160 gardens by negroes of the city. The gardens have been well cultivated and the surplus vegetables will be canned.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN WATAUGA

Delegations from Churches of Piedmont Carolina to Gather on Yonahlossee Road August 24-25. Camp Meeting Will Be in Progress. Free Camping Accommodations Provided for Those Who Wish to Attend.

The fifty-fifth annual session of the Piedmont Advent Christian Conference will convene Thursday and Friday, August 24th and 25th on the Yonahlossee Road five miles from Blowing Rock. The conference will be held in connection with the Advent Christian Camp Meeting, which will be in progress throughout the week of August 20-27.

The location picked for the conference and camp meeting is one of the most beautiful in Western North Carolina. The camp ground itself is on the very crest of the Blue Ridge with an altitude of more than 4,000 feet, overlooked from a few miles distance by the Grandfather Mountain, one of the most ancient formations in Eastern America.

Charles J. Preslar, president of the conference urges all the churches to send full delegations and "to show an unrivaled interest in the Lord's work in these days of Spiritual decline and worldliness.

Meals will be served on the grounds for not more than 20 cents each, officials state, with free indoor accommodations for those who wish to bring their own bedding. Board and rooms will be provided for a limited number of persons for 50 cents per day in private homes within easy distance of the camp ground. Free wood and camping space will be provided for those who bring their own tents. Cool nights in this high altitude are frequent and bedding should be ample.

A number of noted preachers and lecturers from all parts of the East will be heard during the camp meeting. Old-time hymns will be sung, and an old-time spiritual revival is expected by those in charge. The public is cordially invited to attend.

BOONE LADY HURT IN AUTO COLLISION

Miss Lucile Miller, Teacher in Concord Schools Severely Injured and Patient at Mooresville Hospital. May Return to Boone.

Miss Lucile Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Miller of Boone, and who has been engaged for two years as a teacher in a high school near Concord, was seriously injured last Friday evening when a car in which she and a number of other teachers were riding collided with a parked vehicle, when the driver's eyes were blinded by the lights of an oncoming auto. When the auto crashed, practically head on, it is stated, Miss Miller was thrown in some manner against the instrument board, a severe gash was cut in her chin and all her lower teeth except three were knocked out by the terrific impact. Other cuts and bruises and a badly shaken nervous system contributed to the lady's injuries and she is still a patient at a Mooresville hospital, although she is showing satisfactory improvement. Physicians believe that Miss Miller may return to her home here the last of the week and that there is a possibility of her having the teeth replaced and returning to her work within two or three weeks.

Miss Miller had only been teaching for two weeks of the present term when the accident occurred and was en route to an entertainment given the teachers by a family in the neighborhood. The young lady has a host of friends in the community, who will wish for her an early recovery.

J. P. Hoyt Succumbs On Monday Morning

Mr. J. P. Hoyt, 58 years old and former resident of Boone, died at the home of a brother in Johnson, S. C., last Monday morning from the effects of an incurable malady, for which he had undergone an operation in Columbia some time ago.

SUDRETH REUNION TO BE HELD AT LENOIR SEPT. 10th

The executive committee of the Sudreth clan met recently at the home of President W. Clyde Sudreth in Lenoir and made plans for the Sudreth Reunion to be held on September 10th at the home of Mr. John Sudreth one mile west of Lenoir on Highway 18.

Dr. A. A. Kent, Dr. C. E. Rozzelle and other speakers will be heard. It is hoped that all the family connection in Watauga will be present.

Asked For Teamwork and Getting It



President Roosevelt and Recovery Administrator Hugh S. Johnson, demonstrated exactly what they meant about teamwork in their launching of the National Recovery Administration program and are now watching with much satisfaction as one after another industrial division adopts codes and starts operation. Photo shows the President receiving congratulations of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh S. Johnson on his recovery address delivered recently.

FIDDLERS EVENT DRAWS THROGS

Convention Sponsored by American Legion Well Attended Friday and Saturday. Marshal W. H. Gragg Master of Ceremonies.

By TOM CUSHING On Friday and Saturday nights of last week eight bands and some thirty or more individual performers played, sang, and danced for the entertainment of an audience that literally packed the courthouse. The occasion was the American Legion Fiddlers convention that has come to be a pleasurable anticipated annual affair. An estimated crowd of more than five hundred persons from Watauga and adjoining counties enjoyed and demanded by their applause more and more of the mountain music supplied by the talented ones who played for the generous prizes awarded and for the benefit of the Legion exchequer.

Individual performers from the surrounding country, even as far away as Trade and Mountain City, Tenn., played as they had never played before or danced and sang with equal enthusiasm for an audience that warmed them to their nimble guitar-picking finger tips by generous applause.

Marshal Gragg Presides Under the capable direction of U. S. Marshal Watt Gragg, who acted as master of ceremonies, the programs ran smoothly and even the listeners took their cue from the interesting Marshal, laughed away all thought of a world of trouble and sales tax. Until the very late hour (for these here parts) of eleven-thirty on Saturday night, the audience remained seated throughout the program. If any left the house, he was not missed from among the many who crowded even the windows of the hall of justice.

To mention individual performers would be impossible in view of the fact that The Democrat is ready to go to press and the publishers need this story right now. However, it (Continued on Page 4)

LARGE CROWDS AT REVIVAL MEETING

Rev. B. E. Morris Assisting Local Minister at Baptist Revival. Z. M. Freeman the Singer. Services Being Held Twice Daily.

A series of revival services began at the Boone Baptist Church Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour, with Rev. B. E. Morris of Statesville assisting Rev. P. A. Hicks, the pastor, with the preaching. Mr. Z. M. Freeman of Statesville is in charge of the vocal music, and is assisting in young peoples' organization, while Miss Frances Freeman is at the piano. Services are being held at 3 and 8 p. m., and the afternoon services are especially appealing to the younger people, an urgent appeal being made to have school children attend.

The crowds which are attending the meeting thus far are large, and many are coming from different sections of the county. The sermons being delivered by Rev. Morris are forceful, and indications are that the meeting will culminate successfully. Present plans call for continuing the services through next week.

Sheriff Howell Raids Unique Distillery

Sheriff Howell and his deputies, who have established a record for the number of distilleries destroyed in a given period of time, have now come into possession of a distinctly different kind of whiskey plant. Last Monday in the Meat Camp community an outfit was seized, the boiler of which was fashioned from a five-gallon milk can and which had a gallon bucket soldered to the lid for a cap. The other paraphernalia was of the regulation type, and while there were no spirits in evidence, a barrel of beer on the premises was all ready for a run. The miniature plant, says the Sheriff, had doubtless been in operation for some time.

AVERY COUNTIANS COMPOSE VENIRE

Fifteen Automobiles Transport Seventy-five Men to Wilkes as Venire in Trial of James Grayson Murder Case. Holshouser Defends.

Early Tuesday morning fifteen automobiles came through Boone, en route to Newland, and returned before noon loaded with seventy-five citizens of Avery County, who had been summoned as a venire from which a jury will be selected for the trial of Glenn Welch in Wilkes County court for the slaying of James Grayson, policeman, last May 31st. The venire was drawn at Newland Friday, at which time J. E. Holshouser of Boone represented the defense.

Walsh was arrested shortly after Policeman Grayson was fatally wounded but has never made any statement regarding the affair. The trial it is stated, is the most sensational to come up during the present four-weeks term of court, and interest in the outcome is said to be running high.

The case will be watched with considerable interest in Watauga County where deceased was well known. Many relatives reside here and in neighboring sections of Tennessee.

NEW LIBRARY FOR STATE COLLEGE

Modern Brick and Wood Building to Be Built Soon. Three Stories. Local Labor to Do Work. Ready for Occupancy by December 1.

The construction of a modern library building will be commenced at Appalachian State Teachers College within the next few days, excavation and other preparatory work having already been completed. The building, which will be located between the Demonstration and Administration buildings, is to be 128 feet long, 58 feet wide and three stories in height.

The library will be of brick and wood construction, and will contain around 35,000 brick. Modern heating and plumbing appliances will be installed, and heat will be supplied from the central plant.

The construction work will be done by local labor, under the supervision of Engineer Robert Coffey. W. B. Hodges and James Carter, local contractors will do the brick work, and it is believed that the building will be ready for occupancy by the first of December.

The college library for many years has been housed in the old Watauga Academy building.

WATAUGA DEFEATS HENDERSON TEAM BY SCORE OF 4 TO 3

Superb Pitching of Henry Greene Features Baseball Classic at Hendersonville. Coker Triplett Leads Hitting for Local Team. Many Watauga Fans Attend. Return Game to Be Played Here Next Tuesday.

The Watauga County All-Stars, a picked team from the local baseball league, defeated a selected group of Henderson County players at Hendersonville Tuesday afternoon by the score of 4-3. More than a hundred Watauga fans accompanied the All-Stars on the trip, returning home late in the evening.

Henry Greene, ace Bamboo hurler, pitched scoreless ball for seven innings, but allowed three hits in the eighth, when he was replaced by Burkett. Mabel moundsman, who finished the game with a hitless variety of ball.

Coker Triplett, Elk center-fielder, led the hitting for the Watauga team, smashing out a home-run and a double in three trips to the plate. Trippney, Mast, Hampton and Cook also garnered two hits each for the victors.

Jackson, Hendersonville's twirler, starred for the losing team, pitching excellent ball for three innings and scoring a runner ahead of him in the eighth, when he smacked out a home-run.

Local people who witnessed the game declared that the contest was "good enough for the majors," each team playing air-tight ball. Only two errors were made by each aggregation. The Henderson team will come to Boone next Tuesday afternoon for a return game, which will be played on College Field at 2:30 p. m. A small admission fee will be charged to defray the expenses of the visitors.

The box-score and summary for the Tuesday game follows:

Table with columns for Watauga All-Stars and Henderson All-Stars, listing players and statistics (AB, R, H, E).

Summary: Home-runs, Triplett 1, Jackson 1, two-base hits, Trippney 2, Triplett 1, Church 1, Bagwell 1, Foster 1; struck out by Greene 3, by Burkett 3, by Ward 3, by Jackson 6; hits off Greene, 5 in 7 1-3 innings; off Burkett none in 1 2-3 innings; off Wright 7 in 2 innings, off Ward 2 in 4 innings, off Jackson 2 in 3 innings; winning pitcher Greene, losing pitcher Wright.

Score by innings: Watauga 1 0 2 0 0 0 1 0 0 4 Henderson 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 0 3

Watauga Schools to Employ 119 Teachers

Raleigh.—Watauga County school administrative units has been allotted teachers for the coming year by the State School Commission, as follows: white, high schools, 24, elementary, 92, total, 116; colored elementary schools, 3, in a compilation made by Secretary Leroy Martin.

These figures are tentative and are based on reports of daily average attendance for the six months term last year to which the new teacher load for the next year is applied. They are subject to change and several changes will be made before the figures are final and complete, a condition which will not be reached until the next school year nears an end.

The schedule for the teacher load shows in high schools, one teacher to 25 pupils, two teachers for 40 pupils, three teachers for 60 pupils, four for 85 pupils, and so on, and for elementary schools, one teacher to 25 pupils, two teachers for 45 pupils, three teachers for 65 pupils, four teachers for 85 pupils, and so on.

Litter of CO. forest floor blunts the teeth of erosion, helps to build up the fertility of the land, and is an argument against allowing fires to escape into the woodland.