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COOTER ON THE CODE

President Roosevelt has found at least one Boone resident who is willing to co-operate in his recovery campaign...

OUTRAGEOUS

If you possess a morbid curiosity... like murders and suicides and such... just drive over to Blowing Rock and take a look at the butchery that a couple of well-intentioned business men have put across on a gullible citizenry...

TO OUR RESCUE

Here near the end of the tourist season, when we are practically fed-up on the curious stares that up-beat visitors direct at mountaineers, we're tickled to death to have somebody come to our rescue...

"It might be well for those genetry of the so-called intelligentsia north of the Mason and Dixon lines, who ever and anon evince deep concern for the plight of the poor 'mountain whites' of the south...

There were reported 250 Grange members in Madison County, and it was an unusual fact that of the 13 officers installed at Walnut, high up in the Blue Ridge Mountains, every officer installed, except one, was a college graduate.

Madison county lies deep in the mountains of North Carolina. But that has not prevented it from being the home for many years of Mars Hill College, one of the best educational institutions of its type in the entire country.

"When the Grange comes to our mountains to find virtually nothing but native college graduates for leaders, it is high time somebody up in New York or Boston was writing another magazine article."

WATAUGA HAS MANY RELIEF GARDENS THIS YEAR

Raleigh.—Watauga County has 1,675 individual gardens which covered an area of 780 acres, which were sponsored by the Governor's Office of Relief, Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, director, reports.

Approximately 70,000 acres of land, embracing 135,000 individual family gardens, have been planted and cultivated in the State this summer, and have already produced approximately 2,729,049 quarts of food...

The food thus produced will be consumed by the families cultivating these 135,000 gardens, thus reducing to the extent of its value the cost of food relief during the coming fall and winter, Mrs. O'Berry points out.

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Cuban President



Here is the man, Dr. Carlos Manuel de Cespedes, new President of Cuba, who is striving to restore order in the little southern republic.

SQUIRREL SEASON TO OPEN OCTOBER 1

Effort to Procure Earlier Opening Fails. Sheriff's Office to Co-operate with Warden Farthing in Enforcing Game Laws.

County Game Warden H. Grady Farthing announces that the squirrel hunting season in Watauga will open October 1st and close November 30th.

With reference to your inquiry of August 11th, the Legislature fixed the squirrel seasons. Our Conservation Board cannot fix the date.

The Watauga board of commissioners has asked the sheriff's office to co-operate with Warden Farthing in enforcing the game laws, and a concerted effort will be made to bring all offenders to justice.

License fees are as follows: County, 60c; State, \$2.10; combination State-hunt and fishing, \$3.00; non-resident hunting, \$10.10.

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY INTEREST IN BANNER ELK WORK

The Tennessee Valley Authority has been in correspondence with Edgar H. Tufts, of Banner Elk, in regard to the social and economic factors of life in this region.

OFFERING BRINGS \$2,500

The annual offering for the Grandfather Orphans Home at Banner Elk, taken last Sunday at the Blowing Rock Presbyterian Church, brought in approximately \$2,500.

Mr. Tufts said during the week he was very well pleased with the result of the offering, which equalled that of last year, and expressed his deep gratitude to the people of the Blowing Rock for the loyal support of the orphanage.

HORTON—MAY

Married on August 1st, at Mountain City, Tenn., Miss Myrtle May of Sherwood to Mr. James H. Horton of Vilas. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. May.

MRS. LLOYD ELLER DIES FRIDAY; ILL SEVERAL WEEKS

Well Known Zionville Lady Succumbs at Home of W. C. Greer in Boone. Was 35 Years Old. Husband and One Daughter Survive. Native of West, But Had Resided Here for Sixteen Years.

Mrs. Lloyd Eller, 35 years old, of the Zionville community, died Friday evening at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. W. C. Greer of Boone, after an illness with an incurable malady which became serious three weeks ago.

Funeral services were conducted from the Zionville Baptist Church on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. W. D. Ashley, who was assisted by Rev. R. C. Eggers.

Surviving are the husband and a small daughter, Hope.

Mrs. Eller was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ljungberg of Hobson, Montana, was born and reared in Wyoming, but had been a resident of Watauga County since she was married sixteen years ago.

COL. LUCKETT EXPECTS TO BUILD SUMMER HOME HERE

Col. Joseph Daniel Boone Luckett of Gulfport, Miss., is camping at his estate on Rich Mountain, where he expects to build a summer home in the near future.

MANY LOTS SOLD AT BLOWING ROCK

Last Saturday's Event Sees Beginning of Development on Yonahlossee; Several Purchasers Plan to Build Homes in Near Future.

(Blowing Rock) The A. S. Abernethy estate on the Yonahlossee Road, sold at auction last Saturday morning by the receivers, saw the beginning of a cottage development on the Yonahlossee Road.

The complete list of purchasers is now at Boone where the sales are being confirmed. Among those who bought lots at the auction were Dr. Frank Davis of Miami Beach, who bought six lots and has already begun to build.

Others who bought lots and it is understood plan to build on them are W. W. Daniel, Moses H. Teague and E. G. Underdown.

One hundred and twenty-five lots were placed on sale, of which seventy-four were sold.

HIT AND RUN VICTIM

Mrs. Donald MacRae of Linville, on her way over to the movies at Blowing Rock Friday of last week, picked up a stray nine-year-old colored boy who had been struck and left by a hit-and-run motorist on the Yonahlossee Road, ten miles out. The child's leg was badly scraped and bruised.

She brought him in to Dr. Mary C. Wartfield for treatment. After the show was over Mrs. MacRae returned to Linville, leaving the patient at Miss Florence Boyd's establishment on the Yonahlossee Road for future care.

Bananas, introduced into western lands within the last 55 years, are said to have been eaten by ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans.

Heads Women's Division of NRA



Mary E. Hughes (seated), of Louisville, Ky., is the newly appointed head of the Women's Division of the NRA, her job being to organize the women's clubs of the country in support of the recovery program.

Fair Tax League For Watauga In Prospect; Leonard To Speak

J. Paul Leonard, Statesville, secretary of the North Carolina Fair Tax Association, will address a mass meeting of the voters and business men of Boone and Watauga County at the courthouse Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

The primary purpose of the Fair Tax League is to create public sentiment in favor of the abolition of the sales tax, or rather to organize the sentiment which already exists.

It is strongly urged that all persons interested in the defeat of the retail levy lend the influence of their presence at this meeting.

It is especially desired that representative groups from each section of the county will be present, so as to express their attitude, regardless of party or political affiliation.

Daniels Heads American Legion; Mrs. Absber Secures High Office

The State Department of the American Legion closed its annual two-day convention at Wrightsville Beach on last Saturday after unanimous electing all officers including Tom C. Daniels of New Bern as commander.

Mrs. W. E. Absber of North Wilkesboro, well known in Watauga County, was elected president of the Auxiliary, which passed a resolution that no departmental presidential candidate can announce her candidacy until after Poppy Day, May 30.

Rev. John R. Hay, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Hickory, was elected chaplain and A. O. Dickens of Wilson, Judge Advocate.

Earl McMichael of Winston-Salem was named to complete the unexpired term of W. T. Joyner of Raleigh as national committeeman.

A. M. Chisholm of Crossnore was elected commander of the Seventeenth District, succeeding Charles L. Younce of Boone.

Among resolutions passed, none of which touched on prohibition, were

those calling for: Plans for a permanent memorial to the memory of the late George K. Freeman of Goldsboro, a former State commander.

Recommending that no veteran disabled in line of duty suffered any reduction in benefit under the veterans' economy law.

Asking Federal hospitalization for all veterans honorably discharged who require it and are not able to pay for the services themselves.

For the officers to send a telegram to President Roosevelt and to General Hugh S. Johnson, recovery administrator, pledging the department's support of the N. R. A. campaign.

Charles Smathers, who resides at the State Fish Hatchery near Rutherswood, tells The Democrat that he killed a large rattlesnake near his home recently, which contained 36 little ones.

Out of the 4,300 flowers grown in Europe, only 420 have an agreeable perfume.

DR. HARDIN HEADS NO OBJECTORS BUILDING & LOAN TO BANK OPENING

Banner Elk Physician New President of Watauga Association, Succeeding W. W. Mast. No Change in Other Officers Made.

Dr. R. H. Hardin of Banner Elk was unanimously chosen as president of the Watauga Building and Loan Association for the ensuing year when the directors met Saturday evening in regular monthly session.

L. A. Greene was re-elected as vice-president and W. H. Gragg as secretary-treasurer, there being no dis-sension in the voting.

Little other business was transacted, the sale of the R. L. Clay old house to Miss Genevieve Hayze being approved.

Plan of Reorganization Apparently Meets with General Approval. No Objections Filed With Clerk. Peoples Bank May Open.

Officials at the Watauga County Bank are working hard getting everything in shape for the opening of the institution which is expected to take place within about thirty days.

Information is that steps are being taken which will very likely culminate in the opening of the Peoples Industrial Bank. However, no definite official information has been given out yet.

TWO GIVEN ROAD TERMS; PLAYING HAVOC IN BASTILE

Carroll and Thornhill Convicted of Flooding Jail, Destroying Bedclothing, Etc., While Incarcerated. Two Given Road Sentences for Carrying Pistols and Blackjacks. Fines Imposed by Recorder.

Two prisoners at the county jail, Chester Carroll and one Thornhill, were given sentences of 6 months on the roads by Judge Sudderth in the Recorder's Court Tuesday when it was proven that while incarcerated on another charge, the two had destroyed jail equipment, bedclothing, etc., disconnected plumbing fixtures and flooded the building.

Reports Wednesday morning indicate that the pair when sent back to jail following their sentence, proceeded to do the same thing again with greater zeal. The water was loosed in the building a second time, and the structure was flooded even downstairs before the destruction was noted by the jailer.

Howard Hardin and Ralph Bennett drew six months each on the roads when they were found guilty of carrying two six-shooters and a black-jack. The weapons were turned over to the Sheriff to be destroyed.

P. H. Hodges, convicted of possession of whiskey, was fined \$50 and the costs, and a six-months suspended sentence was passed.

Charles Phillips, Ed Howell and James Main, violating dry laws; Jas. Main dismissed; others fined \$25 and costs, and placed under six-months suspended sentences.

Small Boy Injured When Struck by Car

Billy Andrews, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Andrews, was seriously injured Monday evening near his home on Brushy Fork, when he was struck by an automobile driven by Mr. Fred VonCanon of Banner Elk.

The boy was taken to Banner Hospital at Banner Elk, where it was disclosed that one leg was broken and severe bruises sustained. He is still a patient there, and is improving.

BELIEVES SALES TAX WILL BENEFIT THE FARMER

Adoption of the general sales tax has been fortunate for North Carolina's farm population.

"The general objection to the general sales tax is that a greater proportion of the income of the poorer classes must be absorbed in the tax than is true for the more wealthy class, even though the wealthy class buys more as individuals," said Joe E. Hill, North Carolina State College assistant in farm management research.

"However, this objection is taken care of in the exception of the basic food commodities as these articles compose the greater bulk of purchases made by the poorer classes and today the agricultural population might be so classed," he asserted.

Basic commodities are, wheat, flour, corn meal, fresh meat, lard, sorghum molasses, salt, sugar and coffee. The sales tax does not apply to the sale of products from farms, forests, or mines when such sales are made by those who helped in the production of such products in their original state or conditioning their preparation for sale, but the tax does apply to the resale of such products.

"The expense of a general sales tax in this State, agriculturally, is much less than if the ad valorem tax had been increased," Hill said.

North Carolina's population is near 70 per cent. rural, therefore our general sales tax favors the agricultural class not only as farmers, but as a whole. This enactment was sponsored as a means of providing more revenue for the public schools, and with the large percentage of rural population, it is readily seen that the agricultural children will receive greatest benefit from the tax.

He said the general sales tax is a fair tax, being more burdensome on those who can better afford to bear it, as well as being especially favorable to the one class of people most in need of its benefits—the farmer.

STORE WINS PRIZE

Smithey's store won first prize in a district contest sponsored by the Proctor and Gamble Company, for having sold the greatest amount of P. & G. Soap in the territory involved. The premium, which was a shotgun, has arrived.