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FOE OF SALES TAX



Hon. T. C. Bowie, of West Jefferson, who has accepted an invitation to address the Watauga Unit of the Fair Tax Association at the court house Friday evening.

BOWIE TO FLY SALES TAX NEXT FRIDAY EVENING

Jefferson Attorney and Prospective Gubernatorial Candidate to Speak at Mass Meeting at Court House. All Citizens of the County Urged to Attend and Hear the Important Issue Discussed.

Hon. T. C. Bowie of West Jefferson, member of the General Assembly and ardent foe of the sales tax, will speak to the citizens of Watauga County and point out the evils of the three per cent. levy, at a mass meeting arranged by the Watauga Unit of the Fair Tax Association at the court-house Friday evening.

U. W. Todd, vice chairman of the local organization, in making the announcement, asks that it be specifically understood that this meeting is in no sense a gathering of merchants, but that all people, regardless of political affiliation, are urged to be present and be informed of the injustices existing under the special retail tax as levied by the last Legislature.

Roy Williams Rites Are Held Last Friday

Funeral services for Roy Williams, well-known resident of the Poplar Grove section, were conducted from the Baptist Church in that neighborhood last Friday by the pastor, Rev. R. C. Eggers, assisted by Rev. W. C. Payne, and interment was in the family graveyard.

Active pall bearers included Fred Winkler, James Hodges, John Dotson, P. M. Winkler, A. A. Dotson, A. E. Vannoy and H. L. Hodges. Twenty-four flower girls bore the large floral offering.

Mr. Williams, who was 45 years old, died last Thursday after an illness of a week. He became desperately ill after a hard day's work and failed to rally. He was an industrious farmer and carpenter, a good man and valuable citizen.

Surviving are the widow, formerly Miss Connie Hayes; three daughters, Pauline, Ora Lee and Beatrice; two sons, Clyde and Roy Jr.; an aged mother, Mrs. Susan Williams; three sisters, Mrs. Lloyd Cottrell, Mrs. Tom Hayes and Mrs. Will Norris; and two brothers, Raleigh and John Williams, all of this county.

Blowing Rock School To Open on Sept. 18

The Blowing Rock School will open on Monday, September 18th. The opening date that is generally accepted by the patrons of the school is September 11th, but "due to some work that must be done on the school building, the date has been changed to the 18th."

Principal Grady Tester requests that all parents make an effort to start their children on the opening days. The golf course and most of the hotels where students are employed are expected to be closed by the 18th.

Crotalaria seems to be finding a place as a summer legume in the peach orchards of Richmond County, says A. D. Robertson, county agent.

GRID PRACTICE BEGINS AT A.S.T.C.; TOUGH SCHEDULE

Garbee Supplants Johnston as Coach of Mountaineers. Three Games to Be Played Here. Fighting Squad Expected. Schedule for Season Announced. Fayette Again Coach at Local High School.

Freshman football practice began at Appalachian State Teachers College under the direction of Coach Garbee, who supplants Johnnie Johnston as leader of the fighting Mountaineers. Indications are that the local school will place in the field a grid-iron machine that may easily be expected to sustain the wonderful records built by Johnston during his three years here.

A number of star players on the Mountaineer squad were lost this year on account of graduation, but their places are being filled by seasoned performers, and local dopesters are of the belief that a fast, fighting aggregation will be ready by the opening of the season.

Schedule Announced. Coach Garbee has announced the following schedule of games for the varsity, three of the most important to be played here:

- September 23: Erskine College at Boone.
September 30: Milligan College at Johnson City, Tenn.
October 7: Glenville State College at Boone.
October 14: Western Carolina Teachers College at Cullowhee.
October 21: Piedmont College at Boone.
October 28: King College at Asheville, N. C.
November 4: Concord State College at Boone.
November 11: Open.
November 18: Tusculum College at Greenville, Tenn.
November 25: Eastern Carolina Teachers College at Greenville, N. C.
The freshman schedule has not yet been completed.

High School Practice Begins

- Coach Claude Fayette of the Boone High School will begin putting his boys through the paces this week. Several of his best bets graduated last spring, but he expects to produce a formidable squad by the beginning of the season. Following is the schedule for the season:
September 29: Cranberry High School at Boone.
October 6: Open.
October 13: Mountain City High School at Mountain City.
October 22: Crossnore High School at Crossnore.
October 29: West Jefferson High School at West Jefferson.
November 4: Glen Alpine High at Glen Alpine.
November 11: Taylorsville High at Taylorsville.
November 18: Open.
November 24: North Wilkesboro High at Boone.

GEO. P. SHERRILL PASSES THURSDAY

Pioneer Citizen of Beaver Dam Section Dies After Long Period of Declining Health. Had Been Leading Citizen and Church Worker.

George P. Sherrill, 83 years old and one of Beaver Dam's most prominent citizens, died at his home in that section last Thursday. Mr. Sherrill had been in declining health for several years, and death came largely as a result of frailties of old age.

Funeral services were conducted from the Beaver Dam Baptist Church in which deceased had been a leading spirit on Friday, and interment was in the nearby cemetery. A large concourse of friends from over the county gathered for the obsequies, which were in charge of Rev. R. C. Eggers, Baptist minister. Rev. Wellington Swift, aged minister of the same denomination, assisted in the services.

Surviving are the widow and four children: John Sherrill of Knoxville; George Sherrill, who is president of Clemson College, Clemson, S. C., and Mrs. Dora Swift, who lives at the old home.

Mr. Sherrill had rounded out a long and useful life. He was a consecrated churchman, a kind and helpful neighbor, and a leader in causes for public betterment. No man was held in greater esteem in Watauga than George Sherrill.

SUFFERS STROKE

Mrs. Dick Holler of Blowing Rock suffered a stroke of paralysis at her home last Sunday morning, and so far hasn't rallied from the sudden illness. She has no use of any part of her body, it is stated, and is speechless. The friends of the good woman have grave fears that she may not survive the stroke.

Death Claims City's Last Veteran of Confederacy

W. R. Spainhour, 88-year-old veteran of the Civil War, and the last remaining follower of Lee and Jackson in this community, died at his Boone home Friday morning, the immediate cause of his death being attributable to a heart ailment. Mr. Spainhour had been ill, however, a good part of the time for the past year.



W. R. SPAINHOUR

Funeral services were conducted from the Boone Baptist Church Saturday by the pastor, Rev. F. A. Hicks, who was assisted by Rev. J. H. Brentall of the Methodist Church, Professor I. G. Greer, W. R. Lovill and Dr. B. E. Dougherty, life-long and intimate friends of the family, each paid brief but glowing tribute to the life of the deceased.

Active pallbearers were: Joe Spainhour Jr., Ralph Spainhour, Hooper Hendrix, Grady Farthing, Henry Hardin, James Council, Tracy Council. The honorary pallbearers: I. G. Greer, B. E. Dougherty, W. R. Lovill, Robert Pulliam, Ralph Greer, Walter Winkler, J. L. Winkler, B. J. Council, Cliff McConnell, M. P. Critcher, E. G. Farthing, A. S. Harris, Henry Hardin and Dr. R. H. Hardin.

Flower girls: Miss Nita Winkler, Mrs. H. G. Farthing, Mrs. Hooper Hendrix, Miss Louise Farthing, Mrs. Tracy Council, Mrs. Jim Council, Mrs. Ralph Greene, Mrs. Jim Miller, Miss Blanche Blair, Mrs. J. W. Williams, Mrs. R. H. Hardin, Mrs. Ed Farthing, Mrs. Henry Hardin, Miss Sallie Ray, Mrs. Serman Hollars, Mrs. Dean Bingham, Mrs. Joe Cook, Mrs. Joe Sutherland, Mrs. Mack Luttrell, Miss Louise Miller.

The floral offerings were unusually profuse and beautiful, and the masses of bloom bore testimony to the esteem in which Mr. Spainhour was held in this section.

Surviving is the widow and two children by the first marriage, Mrs. W. F. Miller of Boone and Mrs. C. C. Powell of Wilson, N. C.

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Large Crowd at Dry Rally As Mast Wins Nomination

A crowd of men, women and children representative of practically all sections of the county taxed the capacity of the courthouse auditorium Sunday afternoon to hear Hon. W. C. Newland, Prof. I. G. Greer, Attorney J. F. Spainhour and other prominent speakers fire the opening guns in the campaign of the United Dry Forces to have Watauga County render a majority against the proposed repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, and to nominate W. W. Mast, Valle Crucis merchant, as the candidate for dry delegate to the constitutional convention to be held in December.

All available seats were taken as T. E. Bingham, one of the county dry managers, called the house to order. Professor J. T. C. Wright led in singing "America," and prayer was offered by Rev. G. C. Graham, Methodist minister of Sherwood, County Superintendent Smith Hagaman presided at the convention and Mr. Bingham briefly introduced Mr. Newland, veteran barrister of Lenoir, who spoke fluently and intently to his Watauga County friends on the evils of the liquor traffic and urged them not to take a backward step by joining in the repeal parade. Mr. Newland recalled that near thirty years ago he went down to defeat in a Congressional race because of his legislative support of the Watts prohibition law. The wet forces that year, it is remembered, rallied under the banner of the dashing young Spencer Blackburn, and Mr. Newland missed his seat in Washington. He is proud of losing, however, since he went down in defeat defending prohibitory laws.

Tells of Old Days. The former Lieutenant Governor described visits to Boone in early days when inebriates would be lying along the road, and cited present conditions in proof of his contention that the Eighteenth Amendment had succeeded. He stated that prohibition laws were the most rigidly enforced of any statute on the books and said that crowded court dockets proved its success. He predicted that should North Carolina go wet this fall, the Legislature would feel compelled to repeal the Turlington act and that there would be a saloon at every filling station, if the proprietor was willing. He stated that British distillers were spending millions to rid the country of prohibition so that they could profit by releasing a flood of whiskey in this country.

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KRAUT FACTORY IS IN OPERATION

Unusual Size Pack to Be Made at Local Cannery. Cutting Now Going on and Cabbage Being Delivered in Large Quantities.

Cutting of cabbage for conversion into the famed Watauga Sauer Kraut has commenced at the North State Canning Company's factory here, it is stated by W. F. Miller, manager, who says that this year's pack will not likely be larger than usual.

Twelve employees are on the job cutting the cabbage and packing it into the tremendous stave vats, from whence it will emerge as the finest sauer kraut, and the popular by-product, kraut juice. For the last few days a steady stream of wagons and trucks have been engaged in hauling great loads of fine cabbage to the knives of the slicing machines, and Monday haulers had to be stopped for a brief period on account of all the bins being loaded.

Mrs. Blonnie Clay of Charleston West Virginia, has purchased the Luther South property in Buena Vista. She and her family expect to move here next spring.

MAN IS KILLED BY ELECTRICITY

Ira Dugger of Elk Park Meets Death While at Work in Plant of J. M. Dearmin. Funeral Services Held on Sunday Afternoon.

Elk Park.—Ira Dugger, 26, electrician employed by the J. M. Dearmin Coal and Ice Company of Elk Park, Avery County, was electrocuted at 9 o'clock Saturday morning when he came in contact with an electric light wire.

Mr. Dugger was engaged in packing a pump at the ice plant at the time. He was in a pit in which there was water. He reached for a light cord and was electrocuted when his left hand touched the wire, which carried a voltage of 220.

Mr. Dugger was alone at the time. His body was found by Harold Winters, a small boy. The funeral service was held at the home here at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, with the Rev. Roy Wilson officiating. Surviving are his widow, two children, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dugger, two brothers, Milton and Gurney, and two sisters, Mrs. Delsie Shell and Mrs. Reece Winters.

OVER 700 ENROLL AT APPALACHIAN FOR FALL TERM

Registrations About the Same as Last Year and Pass 750 Mark Before Noon Wednesday. Three to Four Hundred Freshmen and Nearly as Many Sophomores. Boone High Gets Off to Good Start.

The Appalachian State Teachers College is abreast of last year's record enrollment, it was learned Wednesday noon, when seven hundred and sixty-eight students had enrolled for the regular fall term. Information from the office of Register J. M. Downum was to the effect that students continue to come and that the number will be greatly increased before the students really get down to business proper. Between three and four hundred enter as members of the freshman class, while near three hundred will take second-year work, it is said.

Other Schools Open

The Boone High School also had an auspicious opening, but registration figures were unavailable at press time. Dr. Guy Hill remains this year as principal, and there are some changes in the remainder of the faculty. A complete list of the teachers will appear next week, however.

The Demonstration School is progressing nicely, and the usual number of kiddies are enrolled in the primary grades.

Contributions Asked To Transport Guns

The local post of the American Legion recently secured two large field guns from the War Department, to be used for decorating the courthouse lawn. The guns are at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland, and are ready for shipment, but funds have not yet been secured to transport them to Boone. Contributions, large or small, are being asked by the Legion to carry out this project, and those who are willing to donate are urged to see any of the following persons at once: Ed Luttrell, Shulls Mills, W. W. Daniels, Blowing Rock; L. E. Wilson, Boone; L. E. Wilson, Meat Camp; Sam Horton, Cove Creek; Mrs. Mary Harris, Cove Creek; Bob Gentry, Lawson; Green Brown, Lawson; Linza Cook, Stony Fork, The Shores; Wood, Sugar Grove; R. E. D. Contributions may also be left at the Democrat office.

Upchurch to Fill Two Engagements Locally

Rev. C. A. Upchurch, former superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, who is campaigning for the United Dry Forces of North Carolina, will speak at Mount Vernon Baptist Church Monday night, September 11, at 8 o'clock, and at South Fork Baptist Church the following Tuesday evening at the same hour, according to announcement coming from Clyde R. Greene, a local dry leader, Monday.

WATAUGA TEAM DEFEATS WILKES

Bill Lentz Pitches Three-hit Ball to Lead Local Team to Great Victory. Second Game to Be Played on Thursday.

North Wilkesboro.—Bill Lentz, Blowing Rock mound ace, pitched three-hit ball to lead the Watauga League All-Stars to a 6 to 0 victory over the Wilkes League All-Stars at the fairgrounds here Thursday afternoon.

Lentz pitched one of those rare games seen in baseball and silenced the bats of the leading sluggers of the Wilkes teams. Only Johnnie Osborne, of Grier Mills, who registered two hits after taking the place of Allie Hayes at shortstop in the fifty inning, and Jimmie Henderson, lanky first baseman, touched the Watauga Pitcher for a bingle.

Tom Bumgarner started on the hill for the Wilkes team and Carl Trippany, first man to the bat, greeted one of his offerings for a home run through the left field fence. Bumgarner pitched effective ball at intervals, but allowed four runs before finishing his stay on the mound in the fifth inning.

Coy Billings, who followed Bumgarner to the hill, pitched sensationally, allowing only two hits until the ninth when two runs were scored by the visitors.

Pinch hitters were ineffective against the slants of the Watauga mound star and the Wilkes nine got only one man as far as third base. Errors were few on both teams, and the game was played in a little more than an hour and a half. The Wilkes All-Stars will play the Watauga team in Boone Thursday afternoon, in the second of a three-game series.

INDESCRIBABLE BEAUTY

We've made a very startling discovery... a little chunk of heaven recently broke away from its celestial moorings and dropped right dab in the middle of Boone. You don't believe it? Well, smart fellow, we'll prove it to you. Just get the kinks out of your legs and take a short stroll up North Water street. When you come to a bramble of rhododendron, top-heavy with blooming clematis, turn abruptly to your left, and walk across the shady bridge that spans the sparkling brook. Hold your breath, brother, you're there! Take a look at that garden! Feast your unworthy eyes on those dahlias, and gladiolus, and asters, and phlox, and a dozen or two other varieties of flowers that botanists had best try to spell. The beauty of this plot of ground is indescribable. Thousands of blossoms in thousands of shades... blossoms as large as ordinary dinner plates... blossoms as fragrant as the proverbial Rose of Sharon... blossoms that life their delicate heads from a veritable bower of lesser blossoms. One look will inveigle sincere "Oh mys!" and "My goodnesses!" from man, woman, saint, sinner. A little chunk of heaven, that's all... all heuned in with rocks and logs. It's worth anybody's time to take a walk up to Mrs. Watt Gragg's superb garden.

HERE YOU ARE, FOLKS!

Mention of old-fashioned light rolls was made in this column several weeks ago. A friend down-State read about 'em, recollected the way his granny used to bake 'em way years ago, and dropped us a line, asking that we furnish a recipe. A neighbor lady, one of the best best cooks in a land of good cooks, gladly gives us the formula, and we pass it along with a sincere hope that everything turns out O. K. Here it is:

- 1 yeast cake
2 tablespoons butter
1 cup warm water
2 tablespoons melted lard
1 teaspoon salt

Method: Mash yeast cake up, add sugar and warm water. After it is dissolved, add salt, pour in bowl and add mixed lard. Work until real stiff, then put in a greased bowl to rise. About 1 hour or 1 1/2 hours before you are ready to bake, roll out a little thicker than you do your biscuits and cut with small cutter. Then brush them with melted butter and let rise until ready to cook... Poke 'em in the stove, brown heavenly, place on table, smear prodigally with yaller butter, take a couple of bites, jump up, kiss your wife, and sing at the top of your voice, "Happy days are here again!"

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