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PASS THE TAFFY!

Five boys, well plastered with mud, made their appearance at Carolina Store No. 25 on East Main Street Monday morning.

WITH APOLOGIES TO WINCHEL.

FLASH... William Cole's bloodhounds, nonchalant as a couple of piglets on ice, casually stroll around Ralph Church's garage.

FLASH... Miss Cora Pearl Jeffcoat, who during the past few months has lost two perfectly good housekeepers via matrimony.

FLASH... Police, tipped off to the fact that eleven gallons of booze had been hidden near town.

FLASH... O. J. Harman, noted for his secrecy in passing "cracks" about Sheriffs, etc., is contemplating entering a new automotive venture.

FLASH... Boone's newest alderman, who wishes his name withheld from the public prints, is slowly cracking under the strain.

FLASH... Local business man, who for many weeks has been worried over the disappearance of his favorite brother-in-law.

FLASH... Federal officer, slightly corpulent about the midriff, subscribes for magazine after petite agent has agreed to "buss" lanky male companion.

FLASH... Roby Owens quotes President Roosevelt as having said in recent radio broadcast that "those who can't stand six per cent. beer will have to drink Coca-Cola."

FLASH... Saturday visitor to Boone tries to pay Democrat man ten dollars on account, and shortly afterwards is arrested by police on drunkenness charge.

FLASH... Clint Norris, late of the city's police department, enjoys all the facilities of urban life down on his Howard's Creek farm.

FLASH... Newly-opened Howard Street, pretty to be muddy at present has been christened "C. W. & A. Railroad" by Billie Cook.

FLASH... Local authority on such matters, with warning of secrecy, declares that a certain sheriff in a certain North Carolina county has a "measured half-gallon" of deputy sheriff badges for sale.

PAGE MB. CHIC SALE!

Brand-new little outside "telephone booths," just as purty as pictures, are making their appearances along the trails and highways of Watauga County.

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Breaks Swim Records



Miss Lenore Kight, Homestead, Pa., free style women's swimming champion of the U.S. lowered two national records in a meet of Olympic stars at Miami, Florida.

LOCAL DRYS ARE TO ATTEND MEET

United Dry Forces of North Carolina to Assemble in Greensboro on 16th to Perfect Permanent Organization. Interested People Invited.

The United Dry Forces of North Carolina will assemble in a State-wide conference at Greensboro on January 16th, for the purpose of perfecting a permanent organization to continue in North Carolina a constructive program of education in favor of temperance and against the evils of alcohol.

The county and other local units of the organization that fought to keep North Carolina dry in the recent election, desire to conserve the benefits of the recent campaign and to continue their efforts to keep legalized liquor out of North Carolina.

Temperance Workers Invited. All persons in North Carolina interested in the promotion of temperance are invited to attend the conference, and all members of the Central Committee, all candidates, county chairmen and managers of the United Dry Forces are particularly urged to be present.

Clyde R. Greene, Rev. J. A. McKaughan, T. E. Bingham, Rev. Roy Dotson, W. F. Miller, W. R. Lovell and perhaps other leaders in last fall's prohibition campaign are expected to attend from Watauga County.

Cove Creek High School Has Good Cage Season

The Cove Creek boys' basket ball team has made a good record in the games played this year, having won eight out of ten games. Some of the best teams in the country have been played and Cove Creek has made a good showing against all of them.

The boys making the first squad of ten are Fred Mast and Jack Henson, centers; Olen Combs, Joe Banner, Lonnie Isaacs, Jessie Eggers, forwards; Earl Hanson, David Horton, Marvin Deal, Joe Bingham, guards; while Bert Fletcher, Russell Oliver, A. R. May, Clyde Love and Lester Deal are working for future places.

The games played and scores are as follows: Cove Creek, 51, vs. Fleetwood High School, 9. Cove Creek, 49, vs. Fleetwood High School, 29. Cove Creek, 27, vs. Blowing Rock High School, 16. Cove Creek, 37, vs. Bethel High School, 13. Cove Creek, 45, vs. Newland High School, 11. Cove Creek, 46, vs. Miller's Creek High School, 8. Cove Creek, 26, vs. Tipton Hill High School, 33. Cove Creek, 34, vs. A. S. T. C. Freshmen, 25. Cove Creek, 24, vs. Bristol (Tenn.) High School, 41. Cove Creek, 25, vs. Tipton Hill High School, 20.

Butler (Tenn.) High School will be at Cove Creek on Saturday night, January 13th. This is expected to be a good game as Butler has always brought a good team to Cove Creek. A skating party will follow the game.

STROKE IS FATAL TO ABNER ADAMS; WAS 83 YEARS OLD

Former Citizen of Watauga Succumbs at Home Near Sutherland As a Result of Illness of Three Months. Funeral Sunday at Mountain View Methodist Church, and Interment There. Widow and Four Children Survive.

Abner Adams, pioneer citizen of Watauga County, died at his home near Sutherland, Ashe County, Friday evening, the culmination of an illness which began with a paralytic stroke three or four months ago. Deceased was 83 years old.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 2 o'clock from the Mountain View Methodist Church by Rev. Eugene Brown, of Mountain City, and interment was in the cemetery nearby.

Survivors include a widow and four children: Mrs. S. A. Norris, Boone; Mrs. J. M. Barlow, Trade, Tenn.; L. and J. D. Adams, of Stony Point.

Deputy Sheriff of Watauga. Mr. Adams was born and reared in Watauga County where he was well and favorably known by all the older residents. For a good many years he served as deputy sheriff under the late William Baird, and was a most efficient officer. He was a member of the Methodist Church and during his more active years contributed a full share of his time and energies to the furtherance of religious work. He was a member of the Masonic Order, a leading figure in this section throughout his long life, and one of this section's most upstanding citizens.

MRS. VANDYKE IS DEAD AT AGE OF 88

Well Known Resident of Route 1 Succumbs to Long Illness. Funeral from Home and Interment in the Critcher Cemetery.

Mrs. A. M. Vandyke, died at her home on Route 1 Monday after a long illness. Should she have lived until the first of February she would have been 89 years old. Funeral services were conducted from the home Tuesday morning by Reverend W. D. Ashley, P. A. Hicks and W. C. Payne, and burial was in the Critcher Cemetery.

Born in Granville County. Mrs. Elizabeth Milled Vandyke was born February 1, 1845, in Granville County, near Oxford, the daughter of Thomas Groves and Francis Critcher Morris, who moved to Watauga County in the year 1857. She was married to Elkancey Vandyke on April 4th, 1867. To this union were born four children, all of whom are living in and near Boone: Miss Nella Vandyke, W. T. Vandyke, Mrs. J. C. Brown and Mrs. T. Len Cooke.

Mrs. Vandyke was preceded to the grave by her husband, March 2, 1922. Having joined the Three Forks Baptist Church about the year 1880, she was a devoted Christian, always ready to help the sick and needy, and a mother whose greatest privilege was to do something for her children.

OLD CHRISTMAS CELEBRATED AT VILLAGE ON N. C. COAST

Rodanthe, N. C.—Last Thursday, January 4th, was Christmas Eve in Rodanthe and that night Santa Claus filled stockings for grownups and the kiddies.

The residents of this isolated spot on the outer banks of North Carolina prepared to spend Friday as a holiday exactly as most of the world celebrated Christmas on December 25th.

It has been custom here for generations to regard January 5 as Christmas, but there is no record in church history of an old Christmas. There is the feast of Epiphany or Twelfth Night which is said to be the time the three wise men reached Bethlehem to find the Christ Child in a manger, but that date falls on January 6th.

The feast of Epiphany was established in 813 to celebrate the manifestation of the star of Bethlehem.

Even oldest residents here know not how they came to observe January 5th as Christmas, but it is custom, handed down from generation to generation and for Rodanthe Friday was that day.

STORY—TRIPLET

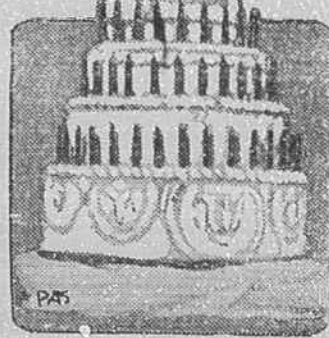
Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Triplett of Triplett have announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Chloe, to Mr. Turner Story of Boone, the ceremony having been performed in Mountain City, Tenn., on October 1st.

The bride is an attractive and accomplished young lady who made many friends in Boone during the time she was a student here. Mr. Story is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Shuford Story and is well and favorably known throughout this section. The newlyweds are making their home in Boone.

National Birthday Gift For President



"Birthday Balls" for President Roosevelt on January 30th, will be held in towns and cities throughout the country. Col. Henry L. Doherty, New York, is chairman of the national committee sponsoring the movement, the returns to go to the Warm Springs, (Ga.) Foundation which is to be endowed as a national center for the development of methods of treatment for infantile paralysis, a movement to which the President has lent much support.



Farmers Consider Burley Program; Markets Opened

Two meetings were held in the county last Saturday where speakers explained the Federal government's crop reduction program as applied to the growing of Burley tobacco, and showed the farmers the benefits to be derived by entering into a governmental agreement calling for an acreage reduction this year of from 33 to 50 per cent.

At Cove Creek High School the record crowd gathered and the auditorium was comfortably filled with farmers as W. H. Walker, agricultural instructor there, outlined the Federal program. At Boone Mr. Davidson, county agent of Johnson County, Tennessee, spoke to a smaller group and urged the signing of contracts. Under the proposal farmers agree to figure their average acreage over a period of three years, and the acreage cut off will be paid for at the rate of \$20 an acre, a bonus on the tobacco to be paid of either 10 or 15 per cent, depending upon whether the reduction amounts to one-third or one-half of the three-year average. A minimum price of 12 cents per pound is guaranteed under the program, the price guaranty dating back to the December opening, applies to tobacco yet owned by signers.

Walker Has Blanks. A supply of contract blanks has been left with Mr. Walker, who may be seen at the Cove Creek High School on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and he is in a position to give any further information desired before the actual signing of the agreement.

Mr. Davidson explained in his Boone speech that the AAA has already the necessary percentage of signers to carry through the program, but that there is yet time for Wataugans to sign and thus receive the benefit of the guaranteed price as well as the bonus payment. In urging the farmers to accept the program, Mr. Davidson called attention to the fact that the cattle growers had been offered the same Federal marketing protection, but that the large growers and packers stalled the deal, thus resulting in the lowest beef prices in years. No opposition was expressed by the farmers to the Federal plan of reduction.

Much Tobacco in County. The tobacco crop in Watauga county is described as the largest since farmers began the Burley venture several years ago and the quality is believed to be improved. Very little of the weed had been sold when the markets closed in December, but with the openings in Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia on Monday, tobacco is beginning to move.

Most of the local product is sold at Abingdon, Va., Greenville and Johnson City, Tenn. At Johnson City Monday 175,000 pounds were sold at an average of \$13.08, which represents an increase over prices received before the holidays, and improved prices are expected to continue until a higher average is reached. A good deal of high grade leaf was sold, one farmer receiving an average price of \$50, while numerous other crops were sold at from \$17 to \$25 per hundred pounds, it was said.

A. C. Adams Assumes High Banking Position

Of interest to the many friends of the former Miss Hattie Hagaman, is the information coming from Spokane, Wash., to the effect that her husband, A. C. Adams, has recently been named as general agent for the Farm Credit Administration at Spokane. The general agency operates over all of the Federal farm lending agencies in that territory, and carries a salary of \$12,000 per year, exactly double that which Mr. Adams has been receiving as secretary-manager of the North Pacific Grain Growers. The Spokane papers carry Mr. Adams' picture and describe him as "a man of unusual executive ability and long experience in farm affairs."

Mrs. Adams is the daughter of Mr. J. Roby Hagaman, was reared in this section, and the information concerning her husband's preferment is received by friends of the family with interest.

There were 134,442 farm women and girls, both white and colored, who were taught the principles of food conservation, garden growing and how to feed their families for better health during the past year by home agents of the State College Extension Service.

Snow Lodge Will Sponsor "Sunshine"

"Sunshine," a bright, snappy, musical comedy, is sponsored by Snow Lodge No. 363, A. F. & A. M., and will be presented by Cranberry Chapter No. 135, Order Eastern Star, at the Cove Creek High School auditorium Thursday evening, January 11, at 8 p. m. The proceeds from the entertainment are to be used in helping the Masonic and Eastern Star Home and the Masonic Oxford Orphanage. Those who have witnessed the dramatization state that it is unusually well presented and that a rare entertainment is in store for those who come.

COMMUNITY CLUB TO MEET

The regular monthly meeting of the Cove Creek Community Club will be held in the Home Economics Building Friday afternoon, January 19th, at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. D. L. Brown, Mrs. O. W. Bingham and Mrs. Howard Simpson will act as hostesses.

An interesting program, "The American Home," is being presented under the direction of Mrs. Don J. Horton.

All women of the community who are interested in the school and community life are cordially invited to attend.

MANY FARM LOANS BEING APPROVED SAYS MR. EGGERS

More than 160 Applications Made for Moneys to Pay Indebtedness. \$326,000 to Come into County. Two Appraisers on Job Constantly and Agent Promises Quick Service. Borrowers Should Apply Immediately.

More than one hundred and sixty applications for Federal farm loans have been received through the offices of S. C. Eggers, local loan agent, it was revealed Tuesday. These applications average something like \$2,000 each and represent about \$320,000. Mr. Eggers states that it is his opinion that no less than 75 per cent. of the applications will be approved.

More than 80 per cent. of all monies applied for by Wataugans are to be used for the payment of debts, it is stated, and 20 per cent. for necessary improvements.

Appraisers on Job

Messrs. George Reeves of Allegheny County and George Bramlett of Asheville, appraisers for the Land Bank, have been in the county for the past seven weeks, and Mr. Eggers states that it is entirely possible for an application to be made, the appraiser's report attached, and the whole mailed within one day's time. The appraisers are on call at any time from Mr. Eggers' office. Recently it was explained, 42 applications were sent in at one time, and the money is expected daily.

Mr. Eggers calls attention to the fact that anyone owning realty can make what is termed a commissioner's loan to pay any form of indebtedness. The interest rates are 4 1/2 and 5 per cent., and it is pointed out that the program is not plunging the people further in debt, but is merely transferring the indebtedness at decreased interest.

A Fair Proposition

Mr. Eggers states that it is the greatest proposition ever offered the people, is eminently fair, and provides means of ultimately lifting the mortgages through low interest and extended payments.

Farmers and others who are interested in securing loans are urged to get in touch with Mr. Eggers at once.

TWO SENTENCED FOR FLOODING JAIL

Prisoners in County Bastile Turn Water Loose and Flood Structure. Recorder Says Six Months. Two Previously Sentenced Same Offense.

Johnnie Tester and Clay Tester, two young men held in the county jail for trial on a charge of public drunkenness, were sentenced to six months each on the roads in Recorder's Court Tuesday, on a charge of damaging public property.

Plumbing fixtures in the cell block had been broken loose and the cells as well as the Sheriff's living quarters downstairs were flooded before a plumber could reach the scene and stop the rush of water. This is the second time the jail has been flooded by prisoners, and likewise the second time Judge Sudderth has meted out road sentences in this connection.

Other Cases Disposed Of

Charlie Greene, charged with larceny, failed to appear before the Recorder.

D. V. Winebarger, public drunkenness; dismissed. Dayton Ashley, Everett Story and Dean Ashley, public drunkenness; assessed with the costs, amounting to \$17.50.

Grover Ward, public drunkenness; costs, \$17.50. Johnnie Tester, public drunkenness; costs, \$14.50. Clay Tester, public drunkenness; costs, \$14.50.

To Register Farmers In Need of Laborers

Mr. R. S. Swift, manager of Watauga County Re-employment Office, announces that his office is now ready to register landlords and farmers who are in need of farm labor of any kind. Likewise, families desiring to rent a farm and unemployed farm labor are urged to register.

Families who left farms for work in towns or factories and are now interested in going back to the farm are urged, Mr. Swift said, to register and give the Government a chance to help them find the kind of employment they prefer.

There may be some families applying for farm placement who do not have enough food and clothing to "run" them until the crop is made. Under certain conditions, provision will be made to extend help to such families, he said. All parties interested in this program are requested to call at the re-employment office and register.