

By J. C. R.

THAT PESKY FIG!

Perhaps a few folks disbelieve the "Groundhog Theory" . . . perhaps there are a few of the intelligentsia who care not a whit whether the sun shines brightly on Candlemas Day or is shrouded in a blanket of coal-black clouds . . . and then there are those who are too darned contrary to admit that a lowly whistle-pig can and does control the weather!

BEAUTIFUL SNOW

The poets sing of the beautiful snow, Of the cracking ice and the winds that blow; Of the jingling bells on the passing sleigh.

When the plumbings stuck as tight as a wedge And icicles hang from the window's ledge.

Yes, the birds they rave of the flakes that fall Of the drifts that pile by the garden wall.

When the blizzard roars we dream of a clime, A dark-eyed gal and a jug of wine

Far from the ice and far from the sleet, Far from the muss of our own Main Street . . .

That's where we'd like to pack up and go, When we hear about beautiful, beautiful snow!

THE GREATEST SORROW

A strong man, eyes filled with tears, discussed with friends his greatest sorrow, his most trying experience, his most irreparable loss . . . the death of a tiny son!

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100 VIOLATORS ESCAPE TRIAL IN MIDDLE DISTRICT

Marshal W. H. Gragg Says Warrants Outstanding Will Be Held Until Detailed Instruction Are Received from the Department of Justice.

Perhaps no less than one hundred violators of the Volstead Act will escape trial in the Middle District Court, says Marshal W. H. Gragg of Boone in commenting upon the decision of the United States Supreme Court to the effect that persons charged with violation of the prohibition laws are to go free, provided sentences imposed have not gone into effect.

Marshal Gragg states that of the approximately 100 warrants some of them are in the hands of the field deputies, others are in the office, and that no especial effort had been made in serving the papers for the past few days, pending the action of the supreme tribunal.

Opinion Given on N. C. Cases The opinion was given in passing on two cases from North Carolina where Federal Judge Hayes ordered the discharge of Claude Chambers and Byrum Gibson.

JUNIORS CLOSE ESSAY CONTEST

Prizes to Be Awarded High School Students in Public Meeting Saturday Evening. Guy H. Hill to Be Principal Speaker. Public Invited.

Dr. Guy H. Hill, principal of the Boone High School, who is known as an exceptionally forceful speaker, will deliver the principal address at the public meeting of Daniel Boone Council, Junior Order, Saturday evening at 7:30 in the courthouse.

Since this meeting is open to the general public, it is desired that there be a large attendance, as matters of vital concern to the welfare of Watauga County and her people will come up for discussion.

The complete program for the event follows: Song: "America." Devotional: Revs. P. A. Hicks and J. H. Brendall Jr.

Reading of Best Essay and General Comment. Rev. J. A. Yount, president of Citizens Crime Prevention Association.

Officials of Land Bank Pay Visit to Watauga

Mr. S. C. Lattimore, reviewing appraiser for the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, spent Tuesday in Boone looking over the work being done by his agents in Watauga.

CWA Registration Is Extended Indefinitely

Mr. R. S. Swift, manager of the National Re-employment Office, says that several hundred CWA registrants have failed to re-register as required.

Sing for President



Cleveland.—Miss Nan Johnson (above) has been invited by President and Mrs. Roosevelt to sing at the White House some day soon, and she has accepted.

BAR IN FAVOR OF BURKE FOR JUDGE

Watauga County Lawyers Go on Record in Resolutions Favoring Alexander Man as Finley's Successor. A Unanimous Endorsement.

The Watauga County Bar Association has gone on record as being heartily in favor of the nomination and election of J. Hayden Burke, of Taylorsville, as judge of the Seventeenth Judicial District.

The undersigned members of the Watauga County Bar Association, while not being residents of the Seventeenth Judicial District, but being interested in the selection of a man well qualified in every respect to succeed the Honorable T. B. Finley, present judge of the said district, and who has declined to submit his name for re-election to said office, do hereby most heartily endorse the candidacy of Honorable J. Hayden Burke of Taylorsville, N. C., for Judge of the Seventeenth Judicial District.

"We know Mr. Burke to be a man of high legal attainments, of good moral character and one who possesses integrity, who is learned of the law, and a man of the judicial temperament, and if he is elevated to the bench of North Carolina, we believe he will make a record that both his friends and the State of North Carolina will be proud of in the years to come."

The resolution, which was unanimously adopted, bears the signatures of: William R. Lovill, Charles T. Zimmerman, J. E. Holshouser, T. E. Bingham, John E. Brown, John H. Bingham, R. L. Ballou, Robert W. Pulliam, G. M. Sudderth and Wade E. Brown.

Commissioners Meet in Routine Session

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, but little except the routine matters of business came up for discussion.

Bounties Being Paid on Birds and Wild Cats

The Department of Conservation and Development has authorized the payment of bounties on sharp-shinned and Cooper's hawks, crows and wildcats, and County Game Warden H. G. Farthing asks that the head of the bird or both ears of the cats be submitted him for payment.

NEW WESTERN UNION HOURS

Mr. Herman Wilcox, agent for Western Union Telegraph Company, announces that hereafter the office will transmit and receive messages until 8 p. m. each day.

40 LOCAL MEN TO GREENSBORO FOR LINCOLN DINNER

Largest Delegation Ever Known Will Attend Republican Banquet. Representative Harold McGugin of Kansas Will Deliver Principal Address. A Brief Sketch of Career. List of Wataugans Expected to Attend.

Forty Watauga County Republicans have signified their intention of attending the Lincoln Day Dinner in Greensboro Monday evening, February 12th, this being the banner attendance from this section since the inception of the banquet event five years ago.

Representative Harold McGugin, Republican member from the Third Kansas District, has accepted the invitation to deliver the address. He is known as a forceful orator, well informed on the issues of the day, and members of the local delegation look forward to a clear-cut and interesting address, although it has not been announced as to the details constituting the discussion.

Mr. McGugin, a native Kansan, is 40 years old and was admitted to the Kansas bar in 1914, spent almost two years with the American armies in France, was a second lieutenant in the adjutant general's department at Brest; was a member of the Kansas legislature in 1927; is a member of the American Legion, Odd Fellows and Elks.

To Leave Monday Morning Watauga's delegation will leave Boone Monday morning at about 10 o'clock, and it is explained by members of the local arrangements committee that those who have not as yet made reservation may go if they are at Boone prior to 10 o'clock.

Those who have already made reservations for the dinner are: R. D. Hodges, A. E. Hamby, Wm. Winkler, A. W. Smith, W. H. Gregg, Baxter Linney, W. O. Robertson, J. T. Robbins, Fred Winkler, T. E. Bingham, George C. Greene, J. E. Holshouser, D. L. Wilcox, G. K. Moore, Jerry Brewer, S. C. Eggers, John W. Hodges, Rodney Greene, A. D. Adams, Earl Cook, Lloyd Hodges, Kenneth Linney, Katter Carroll, Greene Miller, Boone, L. E. Wilson, C. G. Lewis, W. A. Profit, Carl Byers, Meat Camp, A. G. Miller, Deep Gap, Russell Welborn, Stony Fork, W. M. Thomas, Mabel, J. W. Harman, Alvin Cannon, Ben Farthing, Valle Crucis, J. E. Young, Howard Holshouser, C. S. Prevette and G. C. Robbins, Blowing Rock.

Seventh Grade Test To Be Given March 21

County Superintendent Smith Hagaman states that he plans to give a seventh grade test to all pupils who want to take this examination on Wednesday, March 21st. This is to be the new Standard Achievement State-wide Test and will be the only one given on which to base promotion to high school.

REV. MILES H. VESTAL DIES AT HOME NEAR YADKINVILLE

Elkin.—Rev. Miles H. Vestal, 76, retired Methodist minister of the Western North Carolina Conference, died on Wednesday night at his home near Yadkinville from cancer of the stomach.

NOTED MINISTER LAUDS DEMOCRAT

Dr. O. J. Chandler, former pastor of the Boone Methodist Church, now a resident of Asheville, in a recent private communication takes occasion to compliment Watauga County's only newspaper.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE AT HENSON'S CHAPEL

The quarterly conference of the Methodist Church will be held with the Henson's Chapel congregation on Sunday morning, it has been announced by Rev. G. C. Graham, the pastor.

LAUD HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

The effort on the part of local educational authorities to secure a modern high school building for Boone through funds made available by the Public Works Administration, has won praise from the membership of the Daniel Boone Council, Jr. Order United American Mechanics, at a recent meeting resolutions were drafted pledging the co-operation of the Council in this movement.

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"Whereas, one of the cardinal principles of the Junior Order United American Mechanics is the support of the American free public school system of education; and whereas, the buildings and equipment of the Boone High School are woefully inadequate; and whereas, for the best interest of the pupils and the community, it is necessary that a community owned and controlled high school building be erected in the Boone District:

College Junior at 14



Atlanta.—Above is A. W. Cain, of Dahlonega, Ga., who at 14 years of age is a junior classman in the University of Georgia, the youngest junior in the history of the school.

ADULT SCHOOLS TO BE OPENED DURING THE WEEK

More than one hundred teachers, twenty-one of the number being residents of Watauga County, will finish a special course in adult teaching and nursery school work Saturday, when Mrs. J. M. Day of Asheville ends her classes at the Appalachian Teachers College.

TEACHERS TO ORGANIZE SCHOOLS

Each teacher will organize his or her school in the particular section affected, it is explained, and it is their desire to have thirty students each. In some localities it may be possible to have a two-teacher school.

WATAUGANS LISTED

Those from Watauga County qualifying for this special work and who expect to institute classes next week in the communities indicated are: Miss Madge Williams, Mabel; Miss Bullis Church Greer, Mabel; Miss Dorris Wilson, Meat Camp; Miss Ruby Forthing, lower Cove Creek section; W. D. Miller, Todd; Mrs. William Tunnel, Maple Springs; Miss Sallie Ray, Gap Creek; Miss Almedia Bingham, Meadow Creek; Kemp Wilson, Zionville; Miss Hazel Blalock, Boone's Fork; Mrs. Jay Greene, Watauga Falls; Miss Merle Davis, Clarks Creek; Mrs. Charles L. Younce, Boone; Mrs. Paul Cook, Bamboo; I. J. Bingham, Triplett; Mrs. Tracy Councill, Boone; Mrs. J. L. Reese, Cove Creek; Miss Maggie Moretz, Boone; Miss Francis Brinkley, Villas; Mrs. Pans Hampton Cook, Bamboo; Dewey Broome, Boone.

LOCAL WRESTLERS WIN OVER DUKE

A. S. T. C. Grapplers Score Spectacular Victory Over Blue Devil Varsity. Blaylock and Smith Perform Spectacularly. Summary.

Appalachian State's wrestlers defeated Duke University's powerful team, 16-14, here last Saturday night. Only three men were pinned, the others winning by time advantages.

Blaylock, Appalachian, 118 pounds, threw Dodd in four minutes and thirteen seconds for the most spectacular match of the night. Smith, Appalachian unlimited, won from McGrail in three minutes and twenty seconds to give Appalachian victory.

Summary: 118 pounds, Blaylock (A) threw Dodd in 4 minutes 13 seconds; 126-pound, Gillen (D) threw Austin in 9 minutes 10 seconds; 135-pound, Trexler (D) won over Finley Moore, time advantage, 3 minutes 20 seconds; 145-pound, Chamberlain (D) won over McCoy, time advantage, 6 minutes 29 seconds; 155-pound, Frank Moore (A) won over Bener, time advantage, 2 minutes 20 seconds; 165-pound, Loy (A) threw Board, 6 minutes 50 seconds; 175-pound, Apple (D) defeated Farthing, time advantage, 1 minute 50 seconds; unlimited class, "Red" Smith (A) won over McGrail, time advantage, 3 minutes 20 seconds.

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