erow of a hen, the thick husk on the ear of corn, and every other sign that's really worth a tinker's dern! Last Friday was the day, and despite a thick blanket of snow, the sun shone brightly all day long and a thousand whistle-pigs on a thousand hills saw a thousand . and those thousand weather prophets made a thousand streaks back into the sequestered gloom of a thousand dens: The sun still shines pretty tol'able bright, but there's a chill in the air that tells of coming blizzards, of

sleet and snow and northwest gales . . . yes, there's going to be forty days and nights of the very worst weather the country ever knew! Ask the patriarchs of the hills, who watch their pet signs with the eye of a chicken-hawk, and they'll tell you . . . that the Groundhog hasn't failed in fifty-odd years!

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. Of the glowing fire at the close of

But for we'uns the storm is cramful

Beautiful snow! Beautiful snow!

The kids they play in the blanket of white And mama makes onion syrup at

For little William or little Jane Choking with croup . . . ain't that a

Inspiring stuff, when the mercury's

Beautiful snow! Beautiful snow! When the plumbing's stuck as tight

And icicles hang from the window's

ledge. And you're looking for Charlie to

out the sink And he swears he will be there, in

You cock a skeptical eye as you go Beautiful snow! Beautiful snow!

Yes, the bards they rave of the flakes

Of the drifts that pile by the garden wall,

But we'll bet a berry they live in a

Where thrushes sing in the winter-

Where there ain't no slush to wet their feet,

Where there ain't no big coal bills

They're all right, folks, but they just don't know

When the blizzard roars we dream of a clime,

A dark-eyed gal and a jug of wine And a book, perhaps, by the sapphire

Where zephyrs lurk in the cocoanut

Far from the ice and far from the

Far from the muss of our own Main Street

That's where we'd like to pack up and

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 irrepairable loss . . , the death of a tiny son! The passing of a baby attaches trifling significance to those whose homes have never been blessed with the beauty and joy and inspiration of parenthood. But to a man who has felt chubby little fingers twine about his own . . . who has heard a weak little voice prattle its first words . . . who has seen the initial steps of his child end in a gurgling beap on the nursery carpet-to him is borne the somber notes of dire tragedy when death robs a cradle. A king may pass in the prime of his usefulness and his subjects, cast down with sorrow, will bow in reverence at his bier . . . but whoever heard of a king kneeling at his father's side to recite the age-old words of "Now I lay me down to sleep"? A Napoleon, fresh from victorious battlefields where he wrote history in human sacrifice, succumbs to the ravages of his own intemperance, and his warriors sigh

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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. Unanimous Supreme Court Decision Upholds Judge Hayes.

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

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. Just what disposition will be ordered made of the pa pers, Mr. Gragg does not know, but expects definite instructions from Washington within a few days. No person from Watauga County is affected by the ruling, so far as the Marshai recalls. He states that a great number of cases have already Watauga County Lawyers Ge on Rec-

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 Bynum Gibson. The Judge took the position that he was without jurisdiction to proceed with the trial because the Eighteenth Amendment had been repealed. This was in the face of a Hon. T. B. Finley, who retires at the 7,371 plea of guilty by one of the men. The end of his present term. Although plea of guilty by one of the men. The Government appealed to test the ques-

JUNIORS CLOSE **ESSAY CONTEST**

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

Dr. Guy H. Hill, principal of the deliver the principal address at the of Taylorsville, N. C., for Judge public meeting of Daniel Boone Counties Seventeenth Judicial District. eil, Junior Order, Saturday evening at 7:30 in the courthouse. The meeting marks the close of the essay contest in which cash prizes were offered high school students for the best essays on the subject of Crime Prevention, and the awards will be presented, and the winning compositions read at this meeting.

general public, it is desired that there be a large attendance, as matters of vital concern to the walfare of Wa tauga County and her people will come up for discussion. The high About beautiful, beautiful school students of Watauga County are especially invited to attend.

The complete program for the e follows: Song: "America."

Devotional: Revs. P. A. Hicks and J. H. Brendall Jr.

"Interesting Facts About the Jun-ior Order," Clyde R. Greene.

Presentation of Awards; Wade E. Brown

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

Address: Dr. Guy H. Hill, principa! Boone High School.

Benediction: Chaplain W. L. Triv-

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. He was accompanied by Mr. Arch Updike of Florida, who is drainage supervisor for the Land Bank.

Both of the gentlemen were highly cleased with the security being offered by those seeking Federal loans in Watauga, declaring that values represented far exceed those of other sections in the Southeast.

Mr. Updike owns one of the largest citrus groves in the State of Florida and expressed himself as being highly interested in the summer resort pos-

stated Tuesday that approximately This registration should have been \$400,000.00 in loans had been ap-\$400,000.00 in loans had been ap praised, and that his office was having a minimum of difficulty in gain- granted. Mr. Swift points out that it transmit and receive messages until ing approvals. Checks aggregating will be taken for granted that those 8 p. m. each day. Mr. Wilcox rightly around \$75,000 have already been re- who do not re-register have found feels that this improved service will ceived locally.

Sing for President



Cleveland .- Miss Nan Johnson (above) has been invited by Prestdent and Mrs. Roosevelt to sing at the White House some day soon, and she has accepted. Nan, a victim of infantile paralysis since 6, was prevailed upon to give up piano and study voice. She appeared before the Cleveland Rotary Club recently, which appearance brought the White House invitation.

BAR IN FAVOR OF **BURKE FOR JUDGE**

ord in Resolutions Favoring Alexander Man as Finley's Successor. A Unanimous Endorsement.

heartily in favor of the nomination Taylorsville, as judge of the Seven-Watauga County is not in the Sevention and determine the status of teenth District, local barristers felt about 9,000 other cases throughout so strongly in favor of Mr. Burke's candidacy that a resolution was adopted, as has been done in many counties both inside and outside the district. The resolution says.

> while not being residents of the Sev-enteenth Judicial District, but being interested in the selection of a man well qualified in every respect to suc-ceed the Honorable T. B. Finley, present judge of the said district, and who has declined to submit his name

"We know Mr. Burke to be a man D. L. Wilcox, G. K. Moose,

mously adopted, bears the signatures and G. C. Robbins, Blowing Rock. of: William R. Lovill, Charles T. Zimmerman, J. E. Holshouser, T. E. Seventh Crade Test Bingham, John E. Brown, John H. Seventh Grade Test Bingham, R. L. Ballou, Robert W. Pulliam, G. M. Sudderth and Wade E. To Be Given March 21 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. board by farmers who had seen the benefits of agent work in other coun- at once. ties. 'he commissioners, while not hostile in any way to the proposition, explained that no provision had been made for such a project in the present budget, and that it could not be ac complished before June, in any event. They, however, indicated a willingness to hear the pro and con arguments by that time so that intelligent action might be taken.

It was decided to postpone the advertising of property for taxes until the next first Monday, particularly for the benefit of those who are arranging to take care of their indebtedness through Tederal loans now pending.

CWA Registration Is **Extended Indefinitely**

Mr. S. C. Eggers, corresponding secretary for the Columbia Bank, stated Tuesday that approximately that several hundred CWA registrants have failed to re-registrants Mr. R. S. Swift, manager of the employment in private capacities.

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 Cuonty 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. Formerly a considerable number of Wataugans have attend ed, but interest is reported as far greater this time than previously This is the first assemblage of Re publicans on a State-wide scale since the elections of 1932.

Representative Harold McGugin Republican member from the Third Kansas District, has accepted the in-vitation 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 an nounced as to the details constituting the discussion

Mr. McGugin, a native Kansan, is 10 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 Watauga County Bar Associ- Brest; was a member of the Kansas ation has gone on record as being legislature in 1927; is a member of the American Legion, Odd Fellows and election of J. Hayden Burke, of and Elks. He was elected in 1930 to represent the Third Kansas District teenth Judicial District, to succeed and again in 1932 by a majority of

To Leave Monday Morning Watauga's delegation will leave Boone Monday morning at about 10 '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. The "We the undersigned members of dinner will be held at the King Cotthe Watauga County Bar Association, ton riotei at 7.30 and Congressman while not being residents of the Sev. McGugin's address follows. No other set speech has been arranged, but extemporaneous remarks will likely be made by several prominent in Republican political circles.

Those who have already made reservations for the dinner are: R. D. Dr. Guy H. Hill, principal of the for re-election to said office, do here-bound High School, who is known as by most heartily endorse the candi-A. W. Smith, W. H. Gragg, Baxter an exceptionally forceful speaker, will day of Honorable J. Hayden Burke Linney, W. O. Robertson, J. P. Robertson, J. Robertson, George C. Greene, J. E. Holshouser, of high legal attainments, of good Brewer, S. C. Eggers, John W. Hodg-moral character and one who pos-es, Rodney Greene, A. D. Adams, Earl sesses integrity, who is learned of Cook, Lloyd Hodges, Kenneth Linney, the law, and a man of fine judicial Kalter Carroll, Greene Miller, Boene temperament, and if he is elevated to L. E. Wilson, C. G. Lewis, W. A. Protthe bench of North Carolina, we be-fitt, Carl Byers, Meat Camp. A. G. resented, and the winning composi-ions read at this meeting.

Since this meeting is open to the Since this meeting is open to the Carolina will be proud of in the years. J. W. Harman, Alvin Cannon, Ben Farthing, Valle Crucis; J. E. Young, The resolution, which was unani- Howard Holshouser, C. S. Prevette

want to take this examination on The Watauga Democrat for publica-Wednesday, March 21st. This is to be the new Standard Achievement Plans for the proposed new build-State-wide Test and will be the only ing have been drawn and submitted recent months, was mentioned to the just how many to buy. It is necessary that he have this information REV. MILES H. VESTAL DIES

Bounties Being Paid on

The Department of Conservation and Development has authorized the ach. payment of bounties on sharp-shinned G. Farthing asks that the head of the tering the ministry, he served his bird or both ears of the cats be sub- county as legislative representative McGrail, time advantage, 3 minutes bird or both ears of the cats be submitted him for payment. The hawks two successive terms. are paid for at the rate of 25 cents a head, crows 15 cents, while wild- Thursday at Yadkinville. cats bring \$2.00.

Mr. Farthing further points out that it is now legal to take carp and suckers with gigs, provided new 1934 licenses are first secured. These li-censes will be good throughout the year's fishing seasons, and are now

NEW WESTERN UNION HOURS

Mr. Herman Wilcox, agent for Western Union Telegraph Company, an but an indefinite extension has been nounces that hereafter the office will be appreciated by the public.



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

LAUD HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

Junior Order Praises Authorities for Their Efforts Toward Securing a Modern Plant and Drafts Resolutions Pledging Support,

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 von praise from the membership of the Daniel Boone Council, Jr. Order United American Mechanics, at a reecent meeting resolutions were drafted pledging the co-operation of the Council in this movement.

committee, rollows

the American free public school sys- Creek; Mrs. Charles L. Younce, tem of education; and whereas, the Bone; Mrs. Paul Cook, Bamboo; L. buildings and equipment of the Boone J. Bingham, Triplett; Mrs. Tracy buildings and equipment of the Boone High School are woefully inadequate; Councill, Boone; Mrs. J. L. Reese, and whereas, for the best interest of the pupils and the community, it is Boone; Miss Francis Brinkley, Vilas, necessary that a community owned and controlled high school building be are created in the Boone District:

A few of the teachers mentioned

Daniel Boone Council No. 129, Junior work, but because of the standard Order United American Mechanics, in equipment necessary, the scope of this regular meeting assembled on Febru- work must necessarily be limited. ary 5, 1934: First, that we commend the local District School Committee, the County Board of Education and the County Commissioners for the steps they have taken to secure the money through the FWA for the con-struction of an adequate high school building in the Boone District; second, that we pledge our support to the school authorities in their efforts to secure better buildings and equipment and that we urge them to use County Superintendent Smith Haggaman states that he plans to give a grand states that he plans to give a resolutions be sent to the school auseventh grade test to all pupils who thorities, and that a copy be given to ers winning by time advantages.

one given on which to base promotion to the PWA authorities, it is learned. to high school. Mr. Hagaman is anx- but so far the project has not been ious to learn from each school just approved. Every effort is being put give Appalachian victory. The agitation for a county farm how many students will want to take forth in this connection, and a defi-agent, which has been revided within this test in order that he may know nite answer is expected soon.

AT HOME NEAR YADKINVILLE

Elkin.-Rev. Miles H. Vestal, 76, retired Methodist minister of the West-Birds and Wild Cats ern North Carolina Conference, died minutes 29 seconds; 155-pound, Frank Yadkinville from cancer of the stom-

During his ministry of half a cenand Cooper's hawks, crows and wild- tury he had served many charges as (D) defeated Farthing, time advancats, and County Game Warden H. pastor and preciding eider. Before entage, 1 minute 50 seconds; unlimited G. Farthing asks that the head of the tering the ministry, he served his class, "Red" Smith (A) won over

Funeral rites were conducted on

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. The opinion of the eminent minister is appreciated and is contained in this

terse statement: "I have greatly enjoyed your paper and think it the best weekly paper I have ever known anything

ADULT SCHOOLS) BE OPENED URING THE WEEK

ers Training School Enters Into it Week, and 21 Watanga Teach-Have Taken Special Courses to able Them to Open Classes for ose Above School Age. Several unties Represented.

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. The institute was sponsored by the Emergency Relief Education and designed both to place unemployed teachers in positions, and to give educational advantages to adults who for different reasons had been deprived of facilities for learning during their youth.

About fourteen counties from this section of the state were represented in the large group which composed Mrs. Day's classe

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. Any person above the school age may enroll, and twenty hours' teaching time will constitute a week-s work, in addition to ten hours' preparatory work on the part of the tutor. The hours of teaching will be arranged to suit each community condition. Three or four of the adult schools have already been organized and interest is reported as running high among the older folks

in several communities. 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 Bulis Church Greer, Mabel; Miss Dorcd pledging the co-operation of the Council in this movement.

The resolution, which bears the signatures of Linney Walker, Clyde R. Greene and W. L. Trivette as a special.

Tunnel, Maple Springs; Miss Sallie Greene and W. L. Trivette as a special Ray, Gap Creek; Miss Almedia Bing-"Whereas one of the cardinal prin-ciples of the Junior Order United Fork; Mrs. Jay Greene, Watauga Americaa Mechanics is the support of Falls; Miss Merie Davis, Clarks

"Now, therefore, be it resolved by will be engaged in nursery school

LOCAL WRESTLERS

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

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

Summary: 118 pounds, Blaylock (A) threw Dodd in 4 minutes 13 seconds; 126-pound, Gillen (D) threw Austin in 9 minutes 10 seconds; 135pound, Trexler (D) won over Finley Moore, time advantage, 3 minutes 20 seconds; 145-pound, Chamberlain (D) won over McCoy, time advantage, 6 on Wednesday night at his home near Moore (A) won over Benner, time advantage, 2 minutes 20 seconds; 165pound, Loy (A) threw Board, 6 min-utes 50 seconds; 175-pound, Apple 20 seconds.

> As a preliminary to the wrestling events the Appalachian girls basket ball team swamped Young-Harris College by the score of 45-15. Bingham and Krisp led the scoring for the local lassies, while Shoemaker, Chafin and A. Daniels played well at guard

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. At this time the new presidng elder, Rev. A. C. Gibbs, will deliver the sermon.