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THAT "SPRINGY" FEELING

At seven bells this a. m. the old alarm clock roused a sketch man from troubled dreams...

And he planned to write a column that'd knock your eye out... a column fit for the kings...

RANDOLPH COUNTY OFFERS CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRMAN

Asheboro—Randolph County Republicans injected a three-cornered fight into the State convention...

Ferre, prominent lawyer, publisher, active Legionnaire and a political leader of recognized ability...

REV. WALKER TO CONDUCT REVIVAL AT MABEL CHURCH

Pastor G. C. Graham of the Watauga Charge, has announced that special revival services will begin on next Sunday at 11 o'clock at Mabel Methodist Church.

DUGGER'S "BALSAM GROVES" TO BE REPUBLISHED SOON

Banner Elk.—The first volume from the pen of Shepherd M. Dugger, "The Balsam Groves of the Grandfather Mountain" will be reissued in a new edition next month.

ANCIENT TESTAMENT

Pageland, S. C.—A copy of the New Testament bearing the date of 1645, and believed to be a copy of a translation by Martin Luther...

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FUNERAL SERVICES HELD IN LENOIR FOR DR. JOHN SQUIRES

Prominent Chemical Engineer and Financier Met Death in Florida Car Wreck. World Traveler and for Many Years Head of DuPont Laboratories. Received Early Education at Valle Crucis.

Funeral services for Dr. John Squires, who met death in an automobile accident near Miami, Fla., on Wednesday of last week...

The well-known chemical engineer and financier was driving alone when his car left a Florida highway, and death occurred before aid arrived.

Chief Chemist for DuPonts Dr. Squires was chief chemist for the DuPont Powder Company at Wilmington, Del., for a number of years...

Dr. Squires was born in Union County January 19, 1882, at Morven. He moved to Lenoir with his mother, Mrs. Mary Ann Stevens Squires, in 1894.

He was a world traveler and had visited all the civilized countries in the world, both as a student and in carrying on his research work.

Survivors include a brother, Mark Squires of Lenoir, and three sisters, Mrs. W. L. Nicholson, Miss Kitty Squires and Mrs. J. W. Delaney, all of Charlotte. He was never married.

Cove Creek Cagers Take Part in Tournament Play

The Cove Creek High School basketball squad, composed of eight players, the scorekeeper and coach, have just returned from Winston-Salem where they took part in the ninth annual Journal and Sentinel basketball tournament for twenty counties of Northwestern North Carolina.

The Cove Creek team advanced to the quarter-final round before being eliminated by Dobson, State Class B champions and winners of the tournament. Dobson went on to defeat Copeland, and then won over Rural Hall High School, 45 to 26 in the final game.

The Cove Creek team made 95 points in defeating Mt. Ulla, 33 to 15; Yadkinville, 39 to 20, and losing to Dobson, 35 to 23. Mast was high scorer with 23 points, while Earl Henson ran a close second with 22.

Those making the trip were: Jack Henson, Olen Combs, Joe Banner and Lonnie Isaacs, forwards; Fred Mast, center; David Horton, Earl Henson and Marvin Deal, guards; Stanley A. Harris Jr., scorekeeper, and W. H. Walker, coach.

LEES-McRAE COLLEGE TO ISSUE ONTARAGA JUNIOR BANNER ELK

The senior class of Lees-McRae College will publish a year book, The Ontaraga Junior. Last year's annual, the Ontaraga, was forced to suspend publication because of the early closing of the college.

For Federal Judge



Cleveland.—Judge Florence E. Allen of the Ohio Supreme Court (Above) has been honored by President Roosevelt, having been nominated for the federal bench as judge of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals at Cincinnati, the highest federal judicial post ever held by a woman.

REPUBLICANS TO GATHER SATURDAY

Convention Will Name New Executive Committee and County Chairman and Select Delegates to State and Congressional Conventions.

The first official reminder that another election year has rolled around comes Saturday when the Republicans of Watauga County gather at the courthouse for the purpose of electing a county organization naming delegates to the Congressional and State conventions...

The convention has been called to meet at the 2 o'clock hour and will be more or less of a routine meeting. The different members of the executive committee will be chosen following the action of the precinct meetings to be held Friday afternoon.

At the State convention principal interest centers about the selection of a State chairman James S. Duncan, who has held the important post for four years, is solidly backed for re-election, while William Meekins, a son of Federal Judge Isaac Meekins, has been actively campaigning.

LYON WINS HIGH POST WITH CHAIN

Boone Man Made Supervisor Hickory Division of Carolina Stores. After Four Years' Service Promotion Comes as Reward for Service.

Mr. H. L. Lyon, for four years employed in managerial capacities with the Carolina chain of grocery stores, and lately stationed at Rutherfordton, visited homefolks and friends in Boone last week, and incidentally told The Democrat of having been promoted to the position of supervisor of stores for the Hickory division, which comprises nine individual establishments.

Mr. Lyon has made an enviable record with the Carolina people and has been known to have placed three stores on a solid paying basis, when they had previously operated without profit.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. David Greens at Hagaman-Lizney Clinic on Tuesday afternoon, a daughter, who has been named Lucy Jeanette.

ANOTHER VETERAN OF CONFEDERACY DIES AT TRIPLETT

Newton Greer, 93, Buried Last Thursday. Served for Duration of War With Armies of Northern Virginia. Had Been Bedfast for Forty Years With Rheumatism. Survived by Two Sons and a Daughter.

Newton Greer of Triplett, Watauga County, a veteran of the Confederacy, died at his home on Wednesday, the 14th. He was 93 years of age. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Marshall Watson, Baptist minister, on Thursday, and the body laid to rest in a community burying ground.

Surviving are the following children: Albert and Jasper Greer and Mrs. Julia Hartley, all of Triplett.

Mr. Greer enlisted in the Confederate Army at the beginning of the Civil War, and served with Lee in Northern Virginia until the final battle at Appomattox. For the past forty-odd years the aged veteran had been confined to his room with rheumatism, but he had borne his infirmities with the same courage which carried him safely through the carnage and misery of the War Between the States.

He was known as an excellent citizen, had been a member of the Baptist Church for nearly seventy years, and until illness made attendance impossible, had been active in religious work. His wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Greer, passed away November 25th, 1933, at the age of 83 years.

Only four survivors of the Confederate armies now reside in Watauga. They are Elihu Luther, Deep Gap; William H. Norris, East Boone; Enoch Swift, Amantha, and Lemuel Greene of Sugar Grove R. F. D.

GREER NAMED TO TAX POSITION

Former County Treasurer Succeeds J. S. McBride, Deceased, as Supervisor. Listers Being Named and Work to Be Completed May 1.

E. G. Greer, well known Zionville citizen, has assumed the duties of Tax Supervisor of Watauga County, to succeed J. Smith McBride, deceased. The appointment came the first Monday of the month at the hands of the Board of County Commissioners, and Mr. Greer is rapidly completing a slate of list takers for the different sections of the county which will be published next week.

Mr. Greer points out that the present law requires listing as of April 1st, and that taxpayers should complete accounting of their property by the first of May. He does not state just when listing will commence, other than that the listers will get down to business as early in April as is possible.

Mr. Greer is well known in Watauga where he served six years as treasurer, and is well qualified for his new line of work.

DEEP GAP NEWS CHANGES ITS NAME TO BATTLE AXE

Mr. W. A. Watson of Deep Gap, who a few weeks ago launched a small newspaper known as the Deep Gap News, tells The Democrat that he is now issuing The Battle Axe instead. The new publication is described by Editor Watson as a red-hot number, costs 25 cents a year, and a copy may be had in exchange for a stamp.

MANY TO ATTEND JACKSON DINNER

Indications that Several Local Partisans Will Go to Raleigh March 31. Senator Clarke to Speak. Tickets Must Be Secured Early.

Several of the younger Democrats of Watauga County have signified their intention of attending the Jackson Day dinner to be held in Raleigh Saturday evening, March 31, at which time Senator Champ Clark of Missouri will deliver the principal speech. Senator Clarke is a young and able speaker, and is said to have followed closely in the footsteps of an illustrious father.

The meeting, which is sponsored by the Young Democratic Clubs of the State, has the approval of the regular Democratic organization and many political leaders will be present. A social hour has been arranged as a new feature of the banquet event, and dancing will culminate the entertainment.

Attendance is by ticket and Jim Rivers, chairman of the Young Democratic Club of Watauga County, insists that those making plans to attend the Jackson Day dinner get in touch with him immediately and secure tickets for the event.

Knows Depressions



New York.—Eberhard Faber (above), pencil king of the U. S. who celebrates his 75th birthday this month, says he has spent fifty-five active years as an officer of his company and has gone through depressions of all kind. He says the present depression is at its end. Don't worry is his rule for longevity.

FARTHING URGES HOME GARDENING

Former Sheriff to Supervise Relief Planting and Named by TVA to Encourage Promotion of Seed Potato Culture in Watauga.

Ex-Sheriff L. M. Farthing has been placed in charge of a county-wide gardening program, his principal duties being those of calling on relief families and having them plant gardens, seed and fertilizers for the projects to be furnished from relief sources. Mr. Farthing will further superintend the planting to a large degree, see that the gardens are cultivated and that the crops are taken care of.

Simultaneously with this appointment Mr. Farthing has been designated by the Tennessee Valley Authority to encourage the planting by farmers of certified seed potatoes. This movement, which is a part of the TVA co-operative plan, has as its object the production of seed potatoes rather than tubers for table consumption. While it is a little late to get the fullest results in this connection, Mr. Farthing is to make a strong effort to have as many certified potatoes planted as possible. Seed will be purchased by him, and in turn resold to farmers through the TVA, which will have charge of selling, grading and certifying. Warehouses are to be constructed here later to store the product, and those in authority state that markets may be found for all the certified seed that the three counties of Watauga, Avery and Mitchell can produce.

The particular inducement to the farmer, of course, lies in the fact that seed potatoes sell at a very much higher price. Mr. Farthing asks that all farmers in the county interested in seed potato production get in touch with him at the earliest possible time, and consideration is being given to the holding of a farmers' meeting for the discussion of the possibilities of the TVA program.

GRAGG GOES WITH FENNER & BEANE

Former Marshal Assumes Position With Brokerage Firm After Retiring from Government Service. To Buy and Sell Securities.

Watt H. Gragg has accepted a position as field representative with Fenner & Beane, international stock and bond brokers, and assumed his new duties on the 15th, immediately following the termination of his work as United States Marshal for the Middle District.

Mr. Gragg's new duties will carry him into every county of the State, where he will contact those wishing to dispose of stocks and securities of any kind, investigate and keep tab of the financial standing of counties, cities and towns, and offer investors such securities as they might desire. Mr. Gragg states that he will be glad to be of service to citizens wishing to know the value of stocks, bonds or securities they may own. Fenner & Beane is one of the largest firms of brokers in the world, maintains offices in nineteen foreign countries, and private wires connect its offices in fifty cities of the United States. While Mr. Gragg did not mention his salary, he intimated that he was quite as lucratively employed as when in the service of the Government, and friends are congratulating him upon his new connection.

"HEAVEN BOUND" "Heaven Bound," a play unusual in interest, will be given at Elkland High School on Saturday night, Mar. 31st, at 7:30. This play has a cast of twenty-five, all negroes. It is their own production and conception of the journey through life. Negro spirituals are woven into the play in an interesting manner. This is the most popular play of the State. Come see old Satan himself in character, also St. Peter and others.

WALKER IS NAMED HEAD OF SCHOOLS AT BOARD MEETING

Howard Walker of Cove Creek High School Appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction for Watauga County Monday. Technically in Law Causes Farthing to Withdraw. New Official Goes in First Monday.

Luther M. Farthing, former sheriff of Watauga County, appointed superintendent of schools the first Monday in March to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Smith Haganman, caused the Board of Education to meet in special session Monday for the purpose of tendering his withdrawal. A technically in the State law requiring superintendents to have so much actual school experience within the past ten years developed, and Mr. Farthing, rather than to have any question involved as to his qualifications, withdrew, in the meantime thanking the members of the board for their consideration.

Immediately thereafter the board went into executive session and Mr. Howard Walker, teacher of Agriculture in the Cove Creek High School, was named to the superintendency, his term of office to begin the first of the month according to the terms of Mr. Haganman's resignation.

Well Qualified Mr. Walker is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Walker of Sugar Grove, and has spent his entire life in school work, both as an instructor and as a student. He is a graduate of Cove Creek High School, going from there to Berea College where he received a B. S. degree at graduation. He taught in the schools of Rockford, Ala., for one session, going from there to summer school at N. C. State College for special work. He then became instructor of vocational agriculture at the Cove Creek High School, which position he is now holding for the third consecutive year.

Mr. Walker is recognized as an exceptionally able young man, and no doubt is entertained but that he will be able to perform the duties which go with the superintendency in thoroughly efficient manner.

Rutherford Hatchery to Distribute Million Trout

Charles E. Smathers, superintendent of the Rutherford Fish Hatchery, states that he will have 1,000,000 rainbow, brown and brook trout ready for distribution to the streams of this section by May 1st. He is anxious that local people procure as many of them as possible, and states that application blanks may be had at his office.

Mr. Smathers plans extensive improvements on the hatchery during this summer, one of which will likely be a filtering plant for the water supply. The trout fishing season will open in Watauga on April 15th, and Game Warden Grady Farthing is of the opinion that streams will be well stocked. Licenses will be on sale at several points in the county.

Dr. Guy Hill to Speak At Henson's Chapel

An address on the subject of "Practical Christianity" will be given by Dr. Guy H. Hill, principal of Boone High School, as the main feature when the annual Young People's Day is observed at Henson's Chapel Methodist Church next Sunday evening at 8 p. m. There will be a program rendered jointly by representatives of both junior and senior divisions of the organization. This will consist of silent prayer, instrumental music, the reading of two select Scripture passages by junior and senior members, prayer by the group; poem, "Along the Way"; offering, hymn "Give of Your Best to the Master," and a 15-minute dialogue, "Failure—or Success?"; this number to be rendered by Mr. Stanley Harris Jr. and Miss Chloe Michael.

All of the young people of the community are cordially invited to attend this annual celebration of Young People's Day, and their attention is called to the program, especially the address of Dr. Hill, on a subject that will be treated especially from the standpoint of youth of today.

GEORGE W. MALTBA PASSES AT AN ADVANCED AGE

George W. Maltba of the Blowing Rock section, who for several years had been in declining health, passed away on Wednesday afternoon of last week. He was 77 years of age. Funeral services were conducted Thursday and burial took place at the Winkler cemetery east of Boone.

Mr. Maltba was employed on the estate of Mrs. Moses H. Cone for a long period, and was known as an upstanding citizen. Surviving is an aged widow.