

By J. C. R.

An Independent Weekly Newspaper—Established in the Year Eighteen Eighty-Eight

VOLUME XLVI, NUMBER 13

BOONE, WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1934

\$1.50 PER YEAR

MARION TRIPLETT KILLS SELF; BAD HEALTH IS BLAMED

Well-Known Farmer Uses Shotgun to End Own Life. Tragedy Happened at Home Near Boone Sunday Afternoon. Was Forty Years Old. Funeral Tuesday at Cool Springs Church. Five Children Survive.

Marion A. Triplett, 40-year-old farmer who lived near Boone in the direction of Blowing Rock, was killed Sunday afternoon by a load from a 12-gauge single-barreled shotgun, fired by his own hand. Impaired health is believed to have been the cause of the suicide.

Information is that Mr. Triplett was alone on the place when the tragedy occurred, of which nothing was known until members of the family returned from church services. The body was found in the home with the weapon beside it. The load struck the heart, it is said, and death was believed to have been instantaneous.

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday from the Cool Springs Baptist Church near Blowing Rock by the Reverends Bob Shore and Will Cook and interment was in the Hartley cemetery nearby.

Vilas Cook, Larry Rogers, Dean Payne, Milton Pennell, Milton Payne and Fred Pennell acted as pallbearers and a large crowd of friends gathered for the obsequies.

Survivors include a widow and five children, Carl, Hill and Claude Triplett, Meadames Mollie May and Dudley Pennell. Three brothers also survive, A. L. Triplett of Blowing Rock, Elbert Triplett of Lenoir and Bloom Triplett of Blowing Rock; sisters Miss Ruth Triplett and Mrs. Walter Triplett of Lenoir.

Mr. Triplett was a native citizen of Watauga County where he had spent his life and where he was engaged in farming. He was a good citizen, highly respected and his tragic death cast a gloom over the neighborhood.

Agricultural Committee To Be Decided Friday

In accordance with a motion passed at a recent meeting of Watauga farmers the following local men have been named as a prospective committee to have charge of agricultural affairs in the county. The selections were made by Wade B. Brown and Newton Cook, and will be submitted to a called meeting of farmers to be held at the Courthouse in Boone on Friday night, September 28th, 7:30 o'clock, at which time other matters relative to a systematic agricultural program will be discussed. The board selected at Friday night's meeting will be referred to the County Commissioners on the first Monday in October for official approval. The list of prospective board members selected by Messrs. Brown and Cook are:

Bald Mountain, W. N. Howell; Beaver Dam, W. W. Wilson, Spencer Warren; Boone, L. H. Holler, Conley Glenn, Henry J. Hardin; Blowing Rock, Arthur Moody, Q. B. Cannon; Blue Ridge, J. G. Keller; Cove Creek, Den Horton, Alfred Thomas, H. P. Cook; Elk, C. C. Triplett, J. P. Cook; Laurel Creek, Will Winkler and Ira Edmisten; Meat Camp 1, Alec Tugman, Avery Greene; Meat Camp 2, Henry Beach; North Fork, Dolph Thomas; Frank Main; Shawnoeah, R. D. Edmisten, Duke Tester; Stony Fork, Murray Brown, C. M. Watson; Watauga, T. C. Baird, Claude Shores, John Fox.

Mr. Brown is anxious for a large crowd of farmers and other interested persons to be present at the meeting Friday night.

Revival Draws Much Interest; Stores Close

The revival meeting which is being conducted at the Baptist Church by the Rev. J. M. Haymore is creating intense interest and large crowds are attending at both the afternoon and evening hours, standing room often being at a premium in the church auditorium.

Forceful sermons are being delivered and sufficient interest has developed to cause merchants of the town to close their stores for the afternoon services. Those closing from 3:30 to 4:30 during the afternoon this week are: Smithy's, Carolina Stores, Five to Five, Spainhours, Farmers Hardware, Watauga Hardware, Boone Department Store, Pearson's, Mullins and Clay, Walker Jewelry Store, Bern Mars Jewelry Store, Highland Furniture Company.

WELFARE BOARD TO MEET

The Watauga County Board of Public Welfare will meet at the office of the secretary, County Superintendent Howard Walker, next Monday at 2 p. m. for the transaction of routine business matters.

The members of the board include: Mrs. Mary Harris, Guy H. Hill and John B. Stecia.

Sets Maine Record



PORTLAND, Me. . . A new photo of Governor Louis J. Brann, the first Democratic governor of Maine in 16 years, who was reelected to a new state record of a Democrat winning a second term here.

COVE CREEK FAIR BEGINS OCTOBER 5

Premium Lists Will Be Distributed Last of Week. Event Has Drawn Much Interest in Former Years. New Features.

The Cove Creek Community Fair is to be held this year on October 5th and 6th, according to a preliminary announcement made by Mr. George Farthing, instructor in the department of Agriculture at the Cove Creek High School, which institution has sponsored the fair for a number of years.

Premium lists are being printed and will be ready for distribution the last of the week at the following places: Watauga Drug Store, T. L. Mast's Store, Vilas Service Station, Valle Crucis Co., W. W. Mast's Store, W. F. Sherwood's Store and Bert Mast's Store. Farmers and housewives from every section of the county are invited to exhibit their products at the fair.

Among the many attractions this year will be the following athletic events in which every school of the entire county is invited to participate:

County High Schools: Volley ball for boys and girls; Indoor baseball for boys and girls; Races, 50 and 100 yards for boys and girls; Races, 220 and 440 yards for boys only; Sack race for boys and girls; Relay race for boys and girls; Potato race for boys and girls; High and broad jumping for boys and girls; Shot put, for boys only.

County Graded Schools: Indoor baseball for boys and girls; Races, 50 and 100 yards for boys only; Sack race for both boys and girls; potato and relay races for both boys and girls.

The fair, which in previous years has been conducted by Mr. Howard Walker, now county superintendent, has always drawn intense interest in the county, and this year's event promises to even surpass former efforts. Mr. Farthing will be in position to release more definite information to the press next week.

Automobile Accessory Store to Open Friday

Friday and Saturday mark the opening of the Economy Auto Store, opposite Critcher Hotel, Boone. A most complete tire and accessory store, locally owned by Mr. Glenn Brown, well-known and popular young business man.

Mr. Brown states that the store will carry over 1,400 different items, making it the most complete stock of automotive merchandise in this section of the State. This firm has been fortunate in securing nationally advertised standard brands of merchandise, such as Goodrich tires and accessories, as well as numerous other items. Everything for the car, will be the motto. However, a number of items for the housewife are carried in this store. Free souvenirs will be given to everyone visiting the store during the opening days. Doors open at 8 o'clock promptly Friday morning and the public is cordially invited to attend the grand opening.

A. S. T. C. Senior Class Has Election of Officers

The senior class of Appalachian State Teachers College named the following officers at an election held Saturday: President, C. C. Wright, Wilkes County, vice-president, Miss Garnett Shipman, Henderson County; secretary, Miss Mabel Hughes, Avery County; treasurer, Harold Graybeal, Bel Air, Md.

President Wright is a son of the late Superintendent C. C. Wright, who distinguished himself for long and efficient service at the head of the Wilkes County schools. He is also a brother of Professor J. T. C. Wright, head of the mathematics department at A. S. T. C. Dr. Amos Abrams, of the department of English, was selected as sponsor for the class.

OFFICIALS NAMED TUESDAY FOR THE COMING ELECTION

Watauga Board in Uneventful Meeting Names Registrars and Judges for November Referendum. Lineup Follows Closely the Boards of Previous Years. Registration Books to Open on Saturday, the 6th.

The Watauga County Board of Elections met in Boone Tuesday on call of Chairman R. S. Swift and the registrars and judges were named for the different precincts of the county, who will in turn hold the elections of November 6th.

For the most part the names follow closely the line-up in former years, and it is explained that registration books will be open in the different precincts for the registration of new voters for three successive Saturdays, beginning October 13th, Saturday, November 3rd, is set apart as challenge day.

The list of the officials follows, the first named in each instance being the registrar, the second the Democratic judge, and the third the Republican judge:

- Registrars and Judges: Mountain Township—Howell, Will Davis, W. F. Norris. Beaver Dam—D. C. Hugaman, John Ward, C. T. Cornett. Blue Ridge—Floyd Tate, Nile Cook, G. J. Keller. Blowing Rock—D. J. Boyden, Bob Greene, George T. Robbins. Boone: James Gross, L. L. Bingham, C. M. Critcher. Cove Creek—Claude Williams, Tom Moody, M. F. Thomas. Elk—Pearl Randall, John Johnson, V. C. Cox. Laurel Creek—Jerd Shull, Ous Mast, Marshall Ward. Meat Camp No. 1—Charles Hodges, B. H. Gross, Charles G. Lewis. Meat Camp No. 2—L. E. Beach, Jim McNeil, Wayne Miller. North Fork—Walter South, Sam South, J. M. May. Stony Fork—Joe Luther, Ralph Morris, Joe Coffey. Shawnoeah—Lloyd Welch, J. L. Triplett, W. C. Smith. Watauga—Boger Cole, Martin Herman, O. J. Coffey.

BINGHAM TO AID IN DEBT ADJUSTMENT

Boone Lawyer Named by Judge Hayes as Conciliation Commissioner. 26 Named, Including Prettvitts and Crouse.

Mr. T. E. Bingham, well known Boone lawyer, has been named by Judge Johnson J. Hayes of the Middle District Federal Court, as one of 26 men to act as Conciliation Commissioners to assist in farm debt adjustments.

Mr. Bingham, it is understood, will offer his assistance to farmers and their creditors who are not able to reach a satisfactory agreement for settling the debts out of court.

Under the Frazier-Lamke amendment to the bankruptcy act a farmer may file an insolvency petition with a federal court and retain possession of his land while either buying it back or paying rent on it. The commissioners will assist in legal work in such cases where farmers ask for help.

Other commissioners appointed in this immediate territory are: Aieghany, R. F. Crouse, Sparta; Ashe, Joseph M. Prettvitt of Jefferson; Wilkes, A. H. Casey of North Wilkesboro.

State College Will Observe Homecoming

President B. B. Dougherty of Appalachian State Teachers College has announced that Saturday, October 13th, has been selected as the date for Homecoming Day.

The college is making this one of the great events of the year, and for this reason has moved the date back several weeks to the time when the mountains are usually adorned in their most gorgeous autumn colors. Former students from every county in North Carolina are expected to be present for this occasion, in numbers to tax the capacity of the town for entertainment.

Incidentally, this is the occasion of the annual football game between Appalachian and Western Carolina Teachers College. This is the third game in the Appalachian series of eight. The first game will be played with Milligan College at Elizabethton on the night of September 28th.

A CORRECTION

In a recent report of the county budget for the year, it was stated in The Democrat that a special school levy of 25 cents was made for Cove Creek Township. This is in error as the special tax in that district is only 12 1/2 cents.

Not Worried About Age



WASHINGTON . . . Rush I. S. Senator, 29, West Virginia candidate for S. Senator, is not worried about being seated if elected, even though 30 years is stipulated as youngest U. S. Senate age. The Senate has sole right to judge qualifications of members.

TWO ABSOLVED OF ROBBERY CHARGE

Trivett Boys Gain Freedom when James Miller Fails to Identify them as Highwaymen. Pair With Guns Robbed Him of \$75 Friday.

Abraham Lincoln Trivett and William Howard Taft Trivett, better known as Link and Howard, were absolved from guilt on charges of highway robbery in Recorders Court Tuesday, when James Miller, Boone man, was unable to identify them as his assailants. Mr. Miller was accosted by two men Friday night on the Jefferson road near Boone, and at pistol point was forced to surrender more than \$70, carried on his person. Due to the darkness, he was unable to say if the boys taken in custody were the robbers, and no new clues have been advanced.

Odus Watson, charged with violation of the prohibition law, was fined \$25 and the cost and placed under a six-months suspended sentence.

Roy Ruppert, charged with trespass, was adjudged not guilty. Jerd Ward, charged with public drunkenness, was assessed with the cost.

490 Are Enrolled at Cove Creek School

At the end of the first week, 490 students were enrolled at Cove Creek School, according to an announcement made Monday by Principal Sam E. Horton. Two hundred and sixty-five were enrolled in the elementary and grammar grade school, and 225 in the high school.

The commerce class has an enrollment of fifteen regular high school pupils and ten part-time pupils. The part-time class, composed of employed persons, meets after school hours. Sixty girls are enrolled in the two-year course in Home Economics and fifty-five boys in the four-year Agricultural course. World history is being offered in the ninth grade. American history in the tenth and eleventh and geography has been dropped from the curriculum. Classes have been organized in physical education under the supervision of a classroom teacher, which will permit all pupils to have at least one hour a day for outdoor play.

Eight clubs have been organized, four of which will meet every week, thus giving each pupil the opportunity of belonging to two clubs. The names of these clubs, together with the officers, will be published next week. Departmental work has been instituted in the grammar grades. Both teachers and pupils are pleased with the new organization.

Plans for the fair, sponsored by the agricultural and home economics departments, are under way and prospects are favorable for a very successful event.

New Buildings Are Finished, One Occupied

The new business block alongside the upper Carolina Store has been completed by Contractor Lloyd Robbins of Blowing Rock, and half of the structure is now occupied by the Highland Dry Cleaners. The other portion of the building, erected for Messrs. C. M. Critcher and Nile Cook, is to be rented, and the space is not yet taken.

The new structures constitute a great improvement, and are thoroughly modern and of brick construction, fronting 50 feet on the main street.

School Teachers May Get Two Months Pay

All teachers in the Watauga County schools who began their classroom duties during the month of July may now get pay for the first two months service, states County Superintendent W. H. Walker, the vouchers now being available at his office.

The amount of money involved in the initial payment is about five thousand dollars, it is said.

WATAUGA BANK IS OPEN; DEPOSITS ON FRIDAY \$29,450.50

Financial Institution Closed Since Banking Holiday of March, 1933, is Reopened Friday for Unrestricted Operation. Federal Insurance Covers Each Individual Deposit up to Five Thousand Dollars.

The Watauga County Bank, closed since the Presidential banking holiday of March, 1933, was opened for unrestricted business last Friday morning, by the authority and under the approval of Commissioner of Banks Gurney P. Hood, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. By virtue of membership in the last named institution of the Federal Government, individual deposits in the local bank are now insured up to \$5,000.00.

As the news spread throughout the county Friday morning that the bank was open, a constantly increasing throng of depositors passed through the corridor, and although the event had not been publicized except by word of mouth, it was found at the close of business in the afternoon that \$29,450.00 had been deposited, and official word is that accounts are being opened almost hourly, the remainder of doubt having been thoroughly dissipated by the insurance of deposits.

123.7 Per Cent Liquid. In a statement published in The Democrat today it is shown that the bank is now 123.7 per cent liquid—having 23.7 per cent more in cash and marketable securities than is due to the depositors and other creditors.

The opening Friday marked the end of a long fight on the part of the officers and directors of the institution, who have given unstintingly of their time in the reorganization of the institution, in order that liquidation should not occur. Mr. John Allen of the State Banking Department comes in for a share of the honors and tells The Democrat on behalf of himself and the officials, that the people of Watauga County have co-operated wonderfully in bringing about reorganization of the county's pioneer bank.

Mr. G. P. Hugaman, who has been cashier of the bank almost from its infancy, and whose efficiency and popularity has been generally recognized, holds his position, while Dr. B. B. Dougherty is president; L. A. Greene, vice-president; W. W. Mast, vice-president; Paul A. Coffey, assistant cashier, and Miss Bernice Gragg, holds the position of bookkeeper.

The attention of the public is called to page eight of The Democrat today wherein is published a concise statement of the conditions of the bank as of last Monday. Elsewhere in the paper is published a list of service charges in force at both the Watauga Bank and the Bank of Blowing Rock, which, it is explained, are fixed by the Bankers Code, and represent the minimum for such services.

Legion Post to Install Officers Friday Night

Lionel Ward, service officer of Post 130, American Legion, announces that on Friday night, October 5th, the biggest meeting of the season will be held by that organization.

Post officers for the coming year will be installed and the following speakers will be heard on the program: Louis Radcliff, national committeeman, of Charlotte; F. A. Hutchinson, State Service Officer, and Chief Attorney Pate of the Veterans Administration. Other distinguished Legion officials are also expected to attend.

Music will be furnished by the Legion string band and a big feed will be served by members of the Auxiliary. Mr. Ward urged all ex-service men to be present, and asks that members bring their dues for the incoming year. In making his announcement he states: "Let's get started early this year; bring your wives, sweethearts, fathers, mothers and children—it's all free."

Rev. Isbell to Begin Meeting at Blue Ridge

Elder R. L. Isbell of Lenoir will assist the pastor, Rev. S. E. Gragg, in the conduct of a protracted meeting which will begin at the Blue Ridge Advent Christian Church, on the Yonahlossee Road on the fifth Sunday evening of this month. The services will last through the first Sunday in October and Reverends Isbell and Gragg extend a special invitation to the general public.

Mr. Isbell is known as a most logical and forceful sermonizer and during the course of the meeting his sermons will be interspersed with entertaining accounts of a trip he made some time ago through the Holy Land.