

DEATH ENDS COLORFUL CAREER

Albert C. Ritchie, Four-time Maryland Governor and Nationally-Known Figure Dead; Funeral This Afternoon.



Albert Cabell Ritchie, for sixteen years Governor of the State of Maryland and three times an active contender for Democratic presidential preferment, who died Monday from a stroke of apoplexy. Funeral services for the 60-year-old leader are to be conducted this (Wednesday) afternoon.

Scenic Parkway Officially Named By Interior Head

The scenic parkway to connect Shenandoah and Smoky Mountains national parks has been officially named Blue Ridge Parkway by Harold C. Ickes, secretary of the Interior.

The name was given the scenic boulevard because it will follow the main ridge formation of the Blue Ridge between the two national parks through the finest scenic section of eastern America.

Construction of the parkway is of vital interest locally because it will follow the summit of the Blue Ridge through Wilkes and adjoining counties to the north and west. The Boone Trail (federal 421), highways 16 and 18 leading through North Wilkesboro west and north will be three of the leading thoroughfares leading from the east to the parkway, which will be a distance of 25 to 30 miles from North Wilkesboro.

It has been estimated by the department of the interior that the parkway will be available to travel to 73,000,000 people.

Rutherford Store Is Again Robbed

The large general store owned by Mr. Eller McNeil at the old Rutherford postoffice site was entered for the fourth time last Sunday morning, the cash drawer looted and perhaps some merchandise taken.

Entrance was gained to the building by forcing a door while Mr. McNeil was attending church, several dollars left in the till were taken, but Mr. McNeil did not at once know whether or not any merchandise was removed. No arrests have been made although it is understood there are valuable clues.

This makes the fourth time the store has been the target for robbers within the past few years.

LOCAL-MADE NOVELTIES TO FEATURE LUM-ABNER

The Woodcraft Novelty Company of this city has received an order from a merchant in Mena, Arkansas, for several dozen rustic souvenirs of different kinds, with the name of the town burned on each piece. The order further stipulates that the novelties must carry the notation "Home Town of Lum and Abner."

Modern methods haven't cheapened everything. Nowadays it costs on an average about \$20,000 to kill one soldier, while in Caesar's time it cost only about \$1.

BLOWING ROCK PIONEER DEAD

Mrs. Mary Ingle Rites Conducted in Lenoir Sunday; Interment in That City.

Mrs. Mary A. Ingle, pioneer Blowing Rock resident and innkeeper, died at her home in Lenoir Friday evening after a lingering illness. She was 90 years old.

The funeral services were conducted at the Zion Reformed Church Sunday afternoon by the Dr. W. W. Rowe and interment was in a cemetery in that city.

Ms. Ingle was the widow of the late Rev. John Ingle, a Reform minister, the family having moved from Blowing Rock and established a home in Lenoir about nine years ago. Mrs. Ingle was one of the pioneers of the Blowing Rock country and was widely known throughout this section as well as in other states. For many years she was associated in the management of the Ingle House, popular tourist hostelry and the kindly lady made a wide-spread circle of friends.

Surviving are the following: Mrs. W. L. Dougherty of Lumberton; Mrs. C. C. Winecott of Winston-Salem; T. W. Ingle, Black Mountain; John R. Ingle, Lenoir; A. W. Ingle, Carl Ingle and Hubert Ingle who reside in the state of Kentucky. She is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Fannie Lowe of Greensboro and Mrs. Isaac Shoffner of Climax, N. C.; one brother, W. S. Holt, of Greensboro, 29 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

NO MORE WINE AFTER MONDAY SAYS SHERIFF

Sheriff Howell and his deputies were busy Wednesday officially notifying the several wine dealers in the county of the action of the board of commissioners in outlawing the sale of wine in the county. Dealers, who were reported as having very little of the beverages on hand, were given Monday to rid themselves of the supply.

Maryland Town Puts 'Paid' on 1935 Tax List

Upper Marlboro, Md.—Everybody pays their taxes in Upper Marlboro and the seat of Prince Charles county, Md., is free of debts. This town of 1,800 inhabitants stamped "paid in full" on the tax books as the last two of some 100 taxpayers walked up to Treasurer Charles J. Hill and liquidated their 1935 bills.

Upper Marlboro's assessed valuation is \$483,000, and the town's levy is 10 cents on \$100, accounting for a total of \$483. While the town owes no money, it expects to go in debt soon for about \$20,000 for a water and sewer system if WPA helps out.

Connecticut is 300 years old.

VETERAN OF ARMY OF LEE IS DEAD AT AGE 90 YEARS

Short Illness Fatal to One of Watauga's Three Surviving Confederates.

FUNERAL SERVICES AT MEAT CAMP THURSDAY

Six Sons and Daughters Survive Esteemed Citizen; Was Successful Merchant, Public-Spirited and Neighborly.

William H. Norris, aged 90, one of the three Confederate veterans in Watauga county, died Feb. 19, 1936 in Boone at the home of his daughter, Mrs. S. O. Stanberry, after a short period of illness resulting principally from natural infirmities of advanced age.

Funeral services were conducted from Meat Camp Baptist Church Thursday at 2 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. J. C. Canipe, who was assisted in the rites by Rev. R. C. Eggers of Zionville.

Active pallbearers were: Aubrey Norris, William Norris, George Greene, Clyde R. Greene, Glenn Ragan, and Will Jones. Honorary: R. L. Bingham, G. P. Hagaman, S. C. Eggers, Roy Critcher, James Cooke, B. K. Osborne, and Jont Norris. The floral offering was borne by: Mrs. George Greene, Mrs. Andrew Parsons, Mrs. L. D. Woodard and Miss Hilda Cooke.

Interment was in Meat Camp cemetery, Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home being in charge.

Mr. Norris is survived by four sons and two daughters: E. M. Norris, Starbuck, Wash.; J. L. Norris, LaCrosse, Fla.; J. T. Norris, Turner, Ore.; W. M. Norris, Aberdeen, N. C.; Mrs. N. M. Greene and Mrs. S. O. Stanberry of Boone. One brother, D. A. Norris, of Boone, Route 2, 23 grandchildren and 35 great grandchildren also survive.

Mr. Norris was the son of Joel and Polly Norris. He spent practically his entire life in Watauga county where he was well known and highly esteemed by all his acquaintances. During the Civil War he was captured by the Yankees who kept him in prison at Camp Chase, Ohio, for a long period of time. In 1866 he married Martha E. Carlton who died in 1923. For many years he was a successful merchant in the Meat Camp section and was prominent in civic affairs of the county, holding various public offices at different times. He was also a member of the Masonic Order and a liberal contributor to all worthy causes. Early in life he professed faith in Christ, but did not join any church. He was known as a generous neighbor, especially in time of need. A host of friends mourn his demise.

HODGES ISSUES CONVENTION CALL

Republican Congressional Convention To Be Held in Salisbury March 23.

A convention of the Republican Party for the ninth congressional district will be held at Salisbury, March 23 at 1 o'clock, according to an announcement made Monday by Russell D. Hodges of Boone, who is Republican district chairman.

The convention will name a candidate for Congress and transact such other business as may properly come up for consideration, it is stated.

Mr. Hodges insists that each county chairman in the district call their county conventions prior to the date of the district meeting in order that each county will have properly certified delegates at the Salisbury meeting.

Local High Quint Loses to Newland 27-21

(By Jack Storie)

Boone Hi lost to Newland Hi at Newland last Friday night, 27 to 21. On the way over to Newland Paul Hagaman's car slid off a steep hill and turned over four times on the side of Grandfather Mountain, with Burl Storie and Earl Greer in the car with him. Hagaman and Greer were uninjured, while Burl Storie had a minor head wound, but not serious. The boys were very nervous and failed to play their regular style of ball and Newland eked out with the victory in the last few minutes to play. Storie and Hagaman scored 6 points each but were not hitting the basket as usual. Greer, Barnett, Scott and Clay played well, but were excited over the accident. Boone Hi is now tied with Cove Creek for the lead in this district.

A Prundale, Calif., hen has four legs and lays two eggs simultaneously.

MAKES RECORD



Coach Red Watkins, who has handled the destinies of Appalachian State's great wrestling teams of the past five years, will pit his claimants to the North Carolina title against the holder of the Tennessee state title here Friday night when Appalachian State and Maryville tangle. Watkins' wrestlers have lost but three meets during his regime, two of these coming in one year at the hands of the Maryville team. In an early season meet State was returned the winner over the strong Tennessee contingent by an 18-6 score. Watkins is a native of Winston-Salem and is a graduate of Maryville.

SAY RICHARDSON FIGURED IN THE FATAL ACCIDENT

Boone Man Bound to Wilkes Superior Court on Charges of Aiding, Abetting.

LOCAL RESIDENT SAYS HE WAS IN BOONE AT TIME

Defendant Disclaims Any Visit To Wilkes County on the Day That Two Women Were Killed in Bus-Auto Wreck.

Dell Richardson, well known resident of Boone was given a hearing in North Wilkesboro on charges of having aided and abetted in the deaths of Miss Wilhelmina Triplett and Mrs. Hubert Cantor, Wilkes citizens who were killed in the collision of an automobile and a bus on the Boone Trail near the Wilkesboro October 6, 1935. Mr. Richardson was bound to superior court under a bond of \$500.

The state presented evidence in an effort to show that Richardson was racing with the bus, passed it and crowded the car occupied by the two women into the ditch. Two other occupants of the death car, who survived the crash, said the car owned by Richardson at the time, and the one figuring in the fatal accident, were alike in appearance. Other witnesses said that Richardson was in Wilkes county on that date, while the defense proved by a number of witnesses that he was in Watauga county at the time.

Mr. Richardson states he knew nothing of the charges until last week, but happened to know exactly where he was at the time, due to the fact that the county singing was being held in Boone on that day, that he was here and was later called to the western part of the county.

John Jones, driver of the bus, is under bond for trial in the March term of superior court, which convenes in Wilkesboro March 2, with Judge Sink presiding.

Jacob Fletcher Dies At An Advanced Age

Jacob Fletcher, prominent citizen of the Beaver Dam section died Sunday from an illness of long duration. He was 82 years old.

Funeral services were conducted from the Forest Grove Baptist Church by Reverends J. C. Canipe and Ed Farthing, and interment was in that neighborhood.

Surviving is one son, Will Fletcher Beamer Dam, and five daughters, Mesdames Joe Eller, Jim Gross, Will Gragg, Mat Johnson and Miss Sophia Fletcher.

Mr. Fletcher was one of the pioneer citizens of his community, was well known and highly respected. He was an active influence in religious work and did a full share as an outstanding citizen of the county.

There will be a basketball game played between the Boone All-Stars and the boys of B. H. S. sometime soon. Also a small admission of 10 and 15c for which this money will go for the buying of baseball material. We hope to have at least a million rosters for both sides. So until then, we'll be seeing you.

HENDERSON WINS ACQUITTAL; SELF DEFENSE CLAIMED

Slayer of John Gragg Acquitted in Preliminary Hearing On Tuesday

WITNESSES TELL STORY OF FATAL ENCOUNTER

Two State Witnesses Tell of Knife Stabs While Defendant Was Being Beaten and Choked; Other Court News.

Sherman Henderson, resident of the Boone Fork section was acquitted in Recorder's court of a murder charge, growing out of the knife-slaying of John Gragg, a neighbor, which occurred in a roadside affray Sunday a week ago.

Failure of the lower court to bind the defendant to the higher tribunal came after the examination of two witnesses for the state, Floyd Church and Carl Davis, who had been held for the hearing, and who told the court they saw the fight which ended fatally for Gragg.

The testimony indicated that Church, Davis and Gragg were traveling along the Yonahlossee road about seven miles from Blowing Rock, and overtook young Henderson, who was walking along the road. The car was stopped, it was said and Gragg got out and called to Henderson, who kept moving away all the while insisting he wanted no trouble with him. The alleged aggressor was said to have followed however, Henderson was thrown in the ditch, and the witnesses averred that Gragg pinned him about the throat with his left hand, the while he pounded his face with his right fist. Henderson produced the knife and slashed Gragg in the thigh and behind one knee. Gragg arose, bleeding profusely and died within the space of a few minutes.

The witnesses were examined separately, one being left in jail while the other took the stand, and their accounts of the tragedy corresponded in all the principal details, corroborating the defendant's previous statement that he acted in self-defense.

Each of the witnesses testified that there had been any previous trouble between Gragg and Henderson they knew nothing of it.

Other Cases

Other cases tried before Judge Bingham Tuesday included one against Rom Wineberger, arraigned for possession of whiskey for the purpose of sale. He was fined \$25 and the cost, and a six months suspended sentence was made part of the court order.

Clyde Greer, charged with breaking and entering was bound to the spring term of Watauga Superior Court.

SKILLED LABOR NOW ABSORBED

Employment Office For This Area Reveals That Mechanics Are Employed.

North Wilkesboro.—The re-employment office in this city reports that the supply of available skilled labor, especially in building trades, does not fill the demand.

Recently the state office called on the local branch, which serves Wilkes, Alexander, Ashe, and Watauga counties for brick masons and of the 15 registered for work only one was available all the others being busy engaged on various jobs in their own communities. There are also very few unemployed carpenters.

Immediately after the call for brick masons came a representative of the office contacted everyone of the brick masons registered and promptly learned that all with the exception of one were gainfully employed on private projects. The office is asking that all skilled workmen without jobs register and keep in touch with the office in the event that the office is called on to furnish skilled labor.

It was also reported from the office that skilled tractor drivers and road machine operators are wanted for work on the Blue Ridge Parkway, 30 miles of which is now under construction in Alleghany and Wilkes counties. Some previously employed have given up their jobs because the weather did not permit working full time.

Employment in this section is at a high mark at the present time and there is a comparatively low registration of jobless.

No? Well Try It "There's no difficulty in this world that cannot be overcome." "Is zat so? Say, did you ever try to push the tooth paste back in the tube?"