

Mrs. Lillie Reese, Beloved Zionville Lady, Dies From Long Illness.

(Special Correspondence)  
Mrs. Lillie Wilson Reese, aged fifty, died at her home here March 16, after an illness of several weeks duration.

Funeral services were conducted from Zionville Church Friday morning by the pastor, Rev. W. C. Payne assisted by a former pastor, Rev. W. D. Ashley, Rev. R. C. Eggers and Rev. Philip Fletcher, and interment was in the family cemetery near by. Special music was rendered by Union choir led by J. F. Oliver.

Mrs. Reese received her education at A. S. T. C., Boone, and for several years taught in the public schools of this county.

On Nov. 10, 1912 she was married to Will E. Reese and to this union were born four children: Madge, Madeline, Vaughn and Hugh Reese, who with their father survive her.

Surviving Mrs. Reese also is an aged mother, Mrs. Amelia Wilson, who made her home with her daughter, and the following brothers and sisters: W. K. and Odie Wilson of Zionville, Ira Wilson of North Bend, Oreg.; Donnelly Wilson of Akron, O., and Lee Wilson of Cleveland, O.; Mrs. W. C. Miller, Zionville; Mrs. Archie Warren Mountain City, Tenn.; Mrs. C. C. Greer, Cleveland, O.; Mrs. Jack McNabb and Mrs. Louie Anderson of North Bend, Oreg., and Mrs. Dale Chrieman of Philadelphia, Pa.

Funeral services were: Chas. A. Greer, Edd Greer, Ross Bumgardner, John A. Castle, John Miller, E. H. Wilson, W. C. Greer and W. O. Stephens.

Flower girls were: Ruth Castle, Mildred Thomas, Dety Ruth Greer, Carolyn Greer, Estella Miller, Lillie Mae Smith, Lizzie Miller, Esther Miller, Irene Brown, Helma Warner, and Della Lewis.

Mrs. Reese was active in church and social activities always doing her part toward the upbuilding and advancement of a just cause. The sick and those in sorrow were always cheered by her visits and in her going the church has lost a valued member and teacher, the family a devoted wife, mother and sister, and the community a neighbor and friend. Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Other Zionville News

Mrs. Dale Chrieman from Philadelphia, Pa., arrived here Thursday to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Wm. B. Reese and will visit among relatives for a short time before returning to her home.

Mrs. Tom Wilson from Silverstone was a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Greer over the week-end.

Miss Geneva Thomas was able to return to A. S. T. C. at Boone this week, having been confined from illness at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. R. A. Potter, for the past week.

Miss Mozella Eggers continues to improve from a recent appendix operation.

Master Harold Greer has returned to his home here after visiting for several weeks with friends at Silverstone.

Mrs. Alice Miller, with her son and daughter, have returned from Jenkins, Ky., where they visited with relatives during the past week.

Rev. R. C. Eggers filled his appointment at Mt. Vernon Church Sunday.

Mrs. Loyd Eller is confined to her home from illness at this writing.

Mrs. Marion Reese has returned home from West Virginia where she visited relatives for several weeks.

A son was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Rom Winebarger at their home here.

Grissom Candidate For Governorship

Gilliam Grissom, former collector of internal revenue, was given the republican nomination for governor at the convention held in Raleigh Tuesday, while Frank Patton of Morganton was chosen as candidate for the United States Senate by unanimous vote.

State Chairman W. C. Meekins was renominated without opposition as was Charles A. Jonas of Lincolnton for the post of national committee man. Mrs. John R. Jones of Wilkesboro was named national committee woman. Messrs. Meekins and Jonas were elected delegates at large to the national convention by virtue of their offices, the other two delegates-at-large being Stuart W. Cramer and David H. Blair. Judge Meekins was endorsed for the presidency.

Nominations for other offices included: Lieutenant-Governor, J. Sam White; Secretary of State, Dr. Campbell; State Auditor, J. T. Prevette; North Wilkesboro; State Treasurer, Clarence T. Allen of Aurora; Attorney General, Fred D. Hamrick of Rutherfordton; Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. John H. Cook of Greensboro; Insurance Commissioner, Herbert F. Seawell, of Carthage; Commissioner of Agriculture, John Phillips, Creswell; Commissioner of Labor, D. T. Vance, of Avery county; Supreme court justices, W. G. Bramham of Durham, and Fred W. Thomas of Asheville; Electors at large, Sam J. Morris, Raleigh, and Ray McKay, Lexington.

The keynote speaker was Senator Steiwer of Oregon who denounced the new deal and held that the Democrats had no right to claim credit for recovery, alleging that the United States had fallen behind other countries in recovery.

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MAKES GOOD

Boone Man Is Getting Ahead in Baseball Circles



Coker Triplett of Boone who reported Wednesday to the Piedmont baseball league in Portsmouth, Va., for the current season, and who is making rapid progress in the game. Young Triplett began his athletic career at Appalachian where he succeeded in both football and baseball. His first year on the diamond as a professional in 1935 was with Tallahassee in the Georgia-Florida league. It was there that he won the championship batting average, .340. Many friends in Boone and this entire section are following young Triplett's career with interest.

R. A. TAYLOR DIES AT AGE 66 YEARS

Prominent Citizen of County Succumbs to Illness With Pneumonia.

Mr. R. A. Taylor, 66-year-old resident of the Rutherford community, and one of the county's finest citizens, succumbed on the 15th, according to belated information reaching the Democrat. Mr. Taylor had been sick all winter, pneumonia being the direct cause of his demise.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Ben Williams from the Fairview Methodist Church Tuesday, March 17, and burial was in the cemetery there.

Surviving are the widow, one son and one daughter, James Taylor and Miss Ruth Taylor of Asheville; two brothers, Adolphus Taylor of Harley, and Hamp Taylor of Grangeville, Idaho, and two sisters, Mrs. J. A. Lewis of Zionville and Mrs. Maggie Warden of Charlotte.

Mr. Taylor was a son of the late James H. Taylor, and lived his long and useful life in this county. He was a farmer, a devout member of the Methodist Church, exercised a great influence for good in his section, and the county could boast of no more model citizen than he.

MRS. ANNIE HODGES

Mrs. Annie R. Hodges, 42 years old, wife of Newland Hodges of Boone, died Tuesday morning after an illness with pneumonia. Funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon by Rev. Mr. Watson of the Baptist Church and Dr. E. C. Widenhouse, Methodist pastor. Interment followed in the Winkler cemetery.

Surviving besides the husband are four children, all of whom reside at the home: Katherine, Mary, John, Hazel and Caroline Hodges; five sisters, Mesdames Maffie Pennington, Hemlock; Edith Taylor, Green Lane, Va.; Rachel Eastridge, Holston, Va.; Danford Jones, Crandall, Tenn.; Lackey Jones, Crandall, Tenn. One brother, Tom Roark, of Boone, also survives. The father, Tim Roark, lives at Crandall, Tenn.

UNDECIDED

Governor Hoffman of New Jersey is reported as undecided as to whether he will make further moves in the case of Bruno Hauptman, condemned slayer of the Lindbergh baby, but did say he was to confer again with Attorney General Wilentz. Unless there is further interference Hauptman will die in the electric chair next Tuesday night.

What the world needs is a cure for loneliness.

Democrats had no right to claim credit for recovery, alleging that the United States had fallen behind other countries in recovery.

URGE ABOLITION OF LOWER COURT IN G. O. P. MEETING

Republican Convention Saturday Condemns Watauga Recorder's Tribunal.

RUSSELL HODGES IS AGAIN NAMED COUNTY CHAIRMAN

Clyde R. Greene Remains as Secretary to Executive Committee. Full County Organization Named By Assemblage.

The adoption of a resolution condemning the Watauga County Recorder's court and urging its abolition, was the only business aside from the routine, when the Republicans gathered in county convention in the courthouse Saturday afternoon.

Because of the extremely unfavorable weather, the regular convention program was not carried out and while the attendance necessarily was not large, a representative group took part in the re-election of Russell D. Hodges as county chairman of the executive committee, Clyde R. Greene as Secretary, and participated in the naming of a full county-wide organization. There were no speeches as had been arranged, but Messrs. T. E. Bingham and W. H. Gragg were among those making impromptu talks.

Would Abolish Court  
The organization elections were as had been anticipated and the convention manifested its greatest enthusiasm over the resolution to abolish the recorder's court. The resolution in this connection, which was unanimously adopted, follows: "We, the Republicans of Watauga county, in convention assembled, hereby adopt the following resolution: "We condemn the Watauga county Recorder's Court and recommend that it be abolished."

"1. Because of the unnecessary waste of the taxpayers money incident to the operation of this court which is one of the several reasons for the increase of 20% in our tax rate for 1935 over 1934.

"2. Because the court has not, in our opinion, given the law enforcement officials the proper support, which has discouraged the officials in the performance of their duties and has also increased the disrespect for all laws.

"3. Because we believe in the strict enforcement of all laws irrespective of personalities or politics."

Committee Named  
The new executive committee is composed of one member and one associate member from each township. The list follows, the last named in each instance being the associate member:

Bald Mountain, Turner Watson, Mrs. Wade Norris; Beaver Dam, W. R. Johnson, Mrs. W. R. Johnson; Blowing Rock, J. E. Young and Mrs. Fred Hartley; Blue Ridge, Roy Keller, Mrs. Ethel Holder; Boone, T. E. Bingham, Mrs. J. M. Gaither; Cove Creek, Ivy Wilson, Mrs. Marion Thomas; Elk, V. C. Cox, Cora Johnson; Laurel Creek, Alvin Cannon and Mrs. Nora Harman; Meat Camp, No. 1, Carl Byers, Mrs. W. A. Profit; Meat Camp No. 2, Wayne Miller, Mrs. John Penley; North Fork, J. M. May, Pearl Eller; Shawneehaw, Tom Shook, Mrs. John Smith; Stony Fork, W. M. Greer, Mrs. Joe L. Coffey; Watauga, Fred Hartley, Mrs. Pearl Luttrell.

THE FLOOD TOLL

The scene of the disastrous Johnston flood of the eighties furnished the beginning for similar disasters which continue to spread ruin and destruction over a number of eastern southern and mid-western states. Tuesday night as the Ohio river floodcrest passed Cincinnati 20,000 were left homeless, although the river was reported as losing some of its fury. High waters in other sections were receding as flood-torn communities sought to repair \$500,000,000 damages in eastern states. Revised casualty lists show more than 175 dead with 400,000 homeless. The federal government, the Red Cross, and most community chapters throughout the country are joining in supplying funds so that the suffering and deaths from resultant sickness and hunger may be kept to the lowest minimum.

MRS. BEULAH HARTLEY

Mrs. Beulah Hartley, aged 35 years died Tuesday and funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon from the Cool Springs Baptist Church by the pastor, Rev. W. C. Payne. Burial was in the Hartley cemetery.

Surviving are seven children, two sisters, Mrs. Louise Byland, Blowing Rock; Mrs. Myrtle Pitts, Blowing Rock; one brother, James Fry of Florida, and the mother, Mrs. Dorra Fry of Catawba county.

ROYAL WEDDING BELLS MAY PEAL

King Edward VIII, New Bachelor Ruler, is Expected to Take Bride, and England Stirred by the Prospect



LONDON . . . The idea of King Edward, VIII, in the role of a happy bridegroom and an early royal marriage has gripped England since he indicated in a recent message to Commons, that he "might" wed. Here with are shown four royal women of Europe, each eligible to become Queen of England. Top, with Edward, then Prince of Wales, is Princess Eugenie of Greece. Below, left to right, Princess Juliana of Netherlands, Princess Katherine of Greece and Princess Irene of Greece.

DEATH BRINGS END TO USEFUL CAREER

Miss Nannie Rivers Dies Saturday; Had Been Teacher For Fifty Years.

Miss Nannie Jane Rivers, pioneer Boone resident, who for more than fifty years had taught in the schools of various counties in North Carolina and Virginia and who was a potent force in the early conduct of the Watauga Democrat, died at the R. C. Rivers home here Saturday afternoon at the age of 77 years. Miss Rivers had been in her usual health until a week prior to her death.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Sunday afternoon by the Reverend Sexton Buchanan of the Blowing Rock Presbyterian Church who was assisted in the rites by Dr. E. C. Widenhouse, local Methodist pastor and interment was in the family plot in the community cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: J. D. Council, D. J. Cottrell, J. S. Winkler, R. L. Bingham, W. R. Lovitt, T. M. Greer, Dempsey Wilcox, and A. E. Hamby. Honorary: John W. Hodges, J. H. Norris, B. B. Dougherty, W. H. Gragg, Dr. J. B. Hagaman, J. F. Sherrill, Dr. J. M. Hodges, Bill Rush, Dr. J. C. Farthing and J. C. Fletcher.

A beautiful floral offering was borne by Mesdames M. P. Critcher, Henry Hardin, James Carter, Frank Robbins, Jr., William Winkler, Misses Helen Gragg, June Lee Russell and little Velma and Kathryn McGhee.

There are no immediate survivors. A number of nephews and nieces reside in this community.

Born in Tennessee

Miss Rivers was born in Carter County, Tennessee, a daughter of Dr. James G. Rivers and Jane Rhea Rivers, the family moving into Watauga county about the close of the Civil War. She was the last surviving member of this family, a sister, Mrs. J. W. Farthing, also of Boone, having died last October. A brother, Robert C. Rivers, veteran local newspaper publisher, died two years previous to that time.

Miss Rivers took advantage of such school facilities as were available during the reconstruction period, and being possessed of a brilliant mind managed to acquire a good education and began teaching in the schools of the mountain counties when a very (Continued on Page 8)

McDONALD OPENS SHOP

State headquarters for Dr. McDonald's campaign for the democratic nomination for Governor were opened formally in the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Wednesday, Manager W. L. Lumpkin has announced. C. A. Upchurch, formerly of the News and Observer staff will handle the publicity for the anti-sales tax campaign being waged for the Governorship.

SCHOOLS OPEN AS WEATHER RELENTS

Record Snow Fall of Last Week Stopped Schools and Manned Motorists.

All of the schools of the county were able to open their doors the first of the week, according to Superintendent Howard Walker, after having had an enforced vacation during last week on account of the snowfall which for the time had even the main highways blocked, and precluded the operation of buses. Mr. Walker states that at Boone and Cove Creek, the weekly vacation day will likely be used in order that the work may be made up and the schools closed at the scheduled time.

More About Weather

By the first of the week practically all the country roads had been opened for travel and the streets of Boone had practically lost the huge drifts which for the time precluded travel along the sidewalks. WPA workers under special authority granted through the district office were instructed to open side streets in the town as much as possible, and they together with the city, had the snow fairly well out of the way. A hard rain Tuesday cleared away the remaining drifts of consequence in the city.

Wednesday morning of last week found hundreds of cars buried in the snow over the county, their passengers taking refuge in the nearest domiciles, and for the first time perhaps in a great many years traffic of all kinds was at a complete standstill for a short time.

Wind Carries Away Public School House

During the recent storm the Bailey Camp school house near Blowing Rock in the edge of Caldwell county, is reported to have been lifted from its foundations and carried by the heavy gusts of wind a distance of several feet. The school, it is understood, will be closed for a week while carpenters place the structure back on its foundation. This work, at best, could scarcely be completed in less than three or four days, it is said.

WPA RELEASES 1877

The State Works Progress Administration released 1,877 workers last week in its gradual curtailment program and on March 21 had 41,335 men and women engaged on projects compared with 43,212 the previous week. The work list will be cut to \$2,850 under present plans, with many workers being taken over by the public works administration projects resettlement administration, federal road work and other agencies.

WATT GRAGG SEEKS SEAT IN CONGRESS HELD BY DOUGHTON

Boone Mayor is Honored At Gathering of Republicans in Salisbury Monday.

NOMINEE OUTSTANDING FIGURE IN HIS PARTY

Had Been Marshal, Chairman, Delegate to Convention, and Leader in Business and Civic Life The City.

Watt H. Gragg, Mayor of Boone and former United States Marshal for the middle district will oppose Congressman Robert L. Doughton in the election this year, the nomination having been tendered him Monday when ninth district republicans gathered in convention in Salisbury. Mr. Gragg was given the privilege of naming the congressional district chairman who will also be his campaign manager.

Mr. Gragg, who, according to reports, expects to wage a vigorous campaign for congressional honors, has been one of the most active figures in republican circles in this section for many years, and during the Hoover administration was selected as United States Marshal over a large field of influential candidates for the position. He has been chairman of the party in this county, more than once delegate to the national convention, and last May was chosen Mayor of the town of Boone, a normally democratic municipality. He is personally popular, capable and aggressive in politics, and has been a leader in the civic and business life of the community for many years. He is secretary of the Watauga Building and Loan Association and has other interests in the town and county.

Other Business

Delegates to the national convention were elected, two of them, H. S. Williams of Concord and Charles E. Welch of Ashe county, declaring opposition to the candidacy of William E. Borah, while one, Robert H. McNeil of Iredell was defeated. His request was that he be allowed to vote his convictions. Alternates to the convention are Thomas H. King of Alleghany county and B. M. Bowman of Salisbury. Baxter M. Linney of Lenoir was named as presidential elector.

H. S. Williams of Concord was named convention chairman and Grant Banguess of Jefferson, secretary. Mr. Williams was the principal speaker and after urging united action on the part of the Republicans advocated that they sweep the democrats out of power and "correct the mistakes of the past few years."

TO EXPLAIN NEW FARM MEASURES

Meeting to Be Held in Boone to Give Information on AAA Substitute Law.

The new farm program will be explained to North Carolina farmers in a series of mass meetings that will cover the entire state.

The meetings will be conducted by seven teams from the State College agricultural extension service which have been making an exhaustive study of the program.

Starting in the coastal counties on March 26, the teams will swing across the state until they finish with the mountain counties on April 18, said Dean I. O. Shaub, director of the extension service.

In most counties, he said, the farmers will gather in the courthouses on the day designated. Where the courthouses will not be available the county agents will select other suitable meeting places.

In arranging for the meeting, the farm agents have been instructed to invite vocational teachers, home agents, other agricultural leaders, and all farmers.

The new program is more adapted to all the farms in North Carolina, the dean pointed out, than was the old AAA. Therefore it is urgent that every farmer attend these meetings.

In the tobacco counties, he continued, the speakers will also stress the importance of united action by the growers to control production under the voluntary contracts and the state compact plan if such a plan is adopted.

County and community committees will play a prominent role in administering the new program, the dean pointed out. County agents have been asked to appoint temporary committeemen to serve until the growers can elect permanent committeemen.

The meeting for Watauga county will be held on April 14, it was further announced.