

# WILLIAM BROWN RITES SATURDAY

Esteemed Laxon Citizen Succumbs at Advanced Age. Details of Life.

(Special Correspondence)

William Brown, son of the late Bartlett and wife, Susie Brown, was born March 17, 1855, died March 27, 1936 at the age of 81 years and 10 days. He was married to Martha Norris Nov. 18, 1877.

To this union was born 8 children. He is survived by his wife and 5 children: Mrs. Etta Brown, Boone, N. C.; Nila of Dillshoro, N. C.; Kennie of Laxon, N. C.; Arlie of Bennettsville, S. C. and Mrs. Fred McNeil of Philadelphia, Pa. Also 19 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. He joined Laurel Spring Baptist Church Dec. 2, 1874 by profession in Christ. He has been a member of Laurel Spring Church longer than any other member on the book and was one of the most esteemed citizens of his section.

Funeral services were conducted from the Laurel Springs Baptist Church March 28 at 2 o'clock, Rev. Greaves Payne, Winkler and Levi Greene taking part in the rites. Interment followed in the churchyard cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: Walter Brown, R. B. Brown, Green Brown, Murry Brown, Tatum Brown, Gwyn Brown, Verne Greene, John T. Greene, Wiley Day, Willard Day, Wilson Greene, Joe Brown.

Honorary pallbearers: J. A. Norris, W. H. Blackburn, Lee Greene, Lark Watson, Mc. D. Wagner, W. L. Greene, W. M. Day, Charlie Watson, W. G. Coffey, Grant Norris, Jerry Greene, Edgar Hardin, D. L. Stanberry, A. N. Greene, Tom Greene Grant Miller, J. L. Coffey, W. H. Wagner, George Brown.

Flower girls: Ora Brown, Florence Brown, Hazel Stanberry, Pearl Cowles, Beulah Hodges, Mertie McNeil, Bertie Day, Georgia Norris, Martha Day, Elmar Day, Dessie Greene, Louise Coffey, Florence Nichols.

# POPULAR LADY IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Mrs. Ernest Sims Dies Tuesday; Rites to be Held Here This Afternoon.

Mrs. Ernest Sims, 23 years old, died at her home in Boone Tuesday, following an illness, from which she had been incapacitated for the past several months.

Funeral services are to be conducted this (Thursday) afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Lutheran Church of which deceased was a faithful member, the pastor, Rev. J. A. Yount, being in charge. Interment is to be at the old Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church on Route 2, Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home being in charge of the arrangements.

Active pallbearers are: Fred Norris, Herbert Moretz, Luther Moretz, George Moretz, Carl Sawyer and Coy Greene. Honorary: Dewey Howell, Samuel Moretz, Elwin Norris, Joe Todd, J. C. Goodnight, Dana Cowles, Howard Walker, Hamp Blackburn, Will Walker, G. L. Sawyer, Grady Moretz, Clyde Winebarger, Coy Billings, Austin South, Dayton Wilson, J. B. Horton, Thos. Coffey, W. B. Collins, Cleve Gross, Milt Greer.

The floral offering is to be borne by: Misses Cora Jeffcoat, Peggy Reichert, Velma Brown, Helen Underdown, Cleta Jones, Wilma Baird, Katie Lyon, Pearl Cowles, Marguerite Miller, Maude Moretz, Lucile Moretz, Margaret Ray, Yvonne Moretz, Belle Moretz, Gladys Hagaman, Mesdames G. L. Sawyer, and Milton Greer.

Surviving are the husband, the parents, and seven brothers and sisters: Stuart Moretz, Alexandria, Va.; David Moretz, Medina, Ohio; Thomas and Alonzo Moretz, Boone; Maggie E. Moretz, Mrs. Dolph Lyon, Boone; Mrs. Virginia Bolick, Globe.

Mrs. Sims was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Moretz of Boone and had been reared in this community. She received her education at Appalachian College, later acquiring a secretarial education and for a long time had been secretary to the Watauga County Board of Education, and her unusual efficiency in this work had been a topic of conversation among the officials with whom she worked. She will be greatly missed in this community, where she lived a life of great usefulness, and where her friends were numbered by her acquaintances.

# Bamboo News

Mrs. A. G. Keller of Blowing Rock has been visiting her son, G. J. Keller.

The Sunday School of Mt. Vernon rendered a very interesting and helpful missionary program on Sunday, March 29.

The Community Betterment club in regular session March 24 rendered an entertaining impromptu program. Members of the club are working hard on a three-act comedy play which they expect to render to the public in the near future.

Mrs. A. S. Harris is a patient at a Statesville hospital where she was taken Sunday. Friends are glad to hear of an improvement in her condition.

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## FINISHED

Arizona States Woman Retires From Public Office



WASHINGTON. Representative Isabella Greenway (D), above, announces she will not be a candidate for re-election to Congress or as Governor of her state, Arizona. "I am going to give some time to my family and its affairs," she said.

## LEE CLAWSON DIES FRIDAY AT AGE 65

Long Illness is Fatal to Prominent Citizen of Rutherfordwood Section.

Lee H. Clawson, 65 years old, prominent and popular citizen of the Rutherfordwood section, died at the home last Friday after an illness extending over a period of several months.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Sunday afternoon by Reverends Levi Greene and J. C. Canipe of the Baptist Church and interment was in the cemetery at Boone.

Surviving are the widow and four sons and daughters: Elan, Mildred, and Ruth Clawson of Boone, and Mrs. Eulalia C. Cooke of Yalton, Wash. Two brothers and three sisters also survive: Asa Clawson of Todd, John Clawson of Boone; Mesdames Jennie Blackburn, Brookside; Channie Greene, Laxon and Josie Norris, La Crosse, Fla.

Mr. Clawson was a native citizen of the section in which he died, and during his long life had contributed a full share to the welfare of the community and county. He was a citizen of unusual worth and news of his death is occasion for deep sorrow among the many friends of the deceased throughout this section.

## Special Meeting Of Jr. Order Council

Eight new members were initiated and two reinstated at a special meeting of the local Junior Order last Monday evening. The new members are: A. D. Wilson, Chas. Zimmerman, Pat McQuire, James McBride, T. M. Dunkley, Raymond Eller, Lonnie Henson, John W. Hodges Jr., Wade E. Brown and Roy Keplar were reinstated.

A great deal of interest is being manifested in the work of the Daniel Boone Council at this time. At present there are 61 members in good standing and several applications are on file. A Junior Order baseball team is being organized and there are plans for a series of games in the county and nearby towns.

Some time during April a ladies' night program, featuring an old-time box supper, will be held, with Mayor W. H. Gragg in charge.

## TEACHERS TO MEET HERE ON SATURDAY

Program is Arranged for Gathering of Educational Forces of the County.

Teachers in the various schools of the county have been asked by County Superintendent W. H. Walker to gather at the Demonstration School building in Boone Saturday, April 4 at 2 p. m. and the following talks will be delivered as a part of the exercises:

The Schools of Watauga County, W. H. Walker, county superintendent; Character Development through Physical Education, E. E. Garbee; Stimulating Musical and Dramatic Development in the High Schools, Miss Virginia Wary; Administering Standard Achievement Tests, Chapel Wilson; Oral Reading, Miss Carrie Smith; Conservation of Bird Life, a motion picture and slides.

Our strongest convictions are usually on those subjects about which we know least.

## DIRECTORS LOCAL BANK DEFENDANTS IN COURT ACTION

W. L. Cook Brings Suit for Collection of \$3819.13 Against Peoples Bank.

ALLEGES INSOLVENCY AS DEPOSITS WERE TAKEN

Plaintiff Avers that Bank Was Insolvent During Duration of His Account; Says He Was Told Bank Was Safe.

R. T. Greer, G. K. Moose, W. H. Gragg, I. C. Critcher and Sarah Wagner, former members of the directorate of the Peoples Industrial Bank are named as the defendants in a suit brought last week in Superior Court by W. L. Cook, local business man, who seeks to recover \$3819.13, deposits made by him in the institution, and which allegedly was lost due to the mismanagement of the bank by its directors.

The complaint which was filed by R. L. Ballou, local attorney, dwells particularly on the allegation that the closed bank received deposits of the plaintiff, while the institution was insolvent, and those portions of the document which are of greatest interest are published:

"The plaintiff says that he reasonably relied upon the defendants, as directors and officers of said bank their agents and employees, and because of said reliance, deposited on time certificate and checking accounts the sum of \$3819.13, said deposits being made from July 13, 1931 and prior thereto and continuing in the regular course of business down to and including March 22, 1933, and that no part of said \$3,819.13 had been withdrawn by the plaintiff or paid to him by the said (Continued on Page 8)

## MCDONALD STATES PROSPECTS BRIGHT

Candidate for Governor on Abolition of Retail Sales Tax

Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, Forsyth county candidate for the Governorship on a platform calling for abolition of the retail sales tax, was a visitor in Boone Thursday, and speaks most optimistically of his chances to win in the Democratic primaries in June of this year.

Dr. McDonald states that the politicians are decidedly unfriendly to his candidacy but avers that the masses of the people are flocking beneath his banners in sufficient numbers to cause speculation as to whether there is a chance of his winning in the first primary. He states that there are three grave questions before the people of the state at this time: 1. The question as to whether the Gardner-Ehringhaus political machine is to be perpetuated. 2. As to whether the obnoxious sales tax is to be continued. 3. The question as to whether the democracy of North Carolina is merely going to say it is behind President Roosevelt's administration or be actually and aggressively in the defense of the national policies.

Dr. McDonald's visit to Boone precipitated a lot of comment among the politically-minded, and the candidate seems to be thoroughly satisfied with the reception accorded him by the people of this section.

## SEED LOAN BLANKS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED

Blanks for making applications for federal seed loans have arrived at the office of Mr. S. C. Eggers, who states that farmers desiring to secure loans should make application at once, in order that there may be no delay. Mr. Eggers states that 248 had made application up to Tuesday afternoon, which is slightly fewer than had applied at the same time last year.

## RECORDER'S COURT

Four cases were tried before Judge John H. Bingham, Tuesday, as follows:

Lee Edminsten, breaking and entering, bound to Superior court.

Lee Teague, possession of whiskey, assessed with the cost.

Joe Jestes, trespassing, 4 months sentence, suspended on payment of \$20 and the cost. Defendant filed notice of appeal to superior court.

Fred Osborne, damaging public property (the county jail), 8 months on roads. Sentence suspended on payment of fine of \$50, and repairing of damage to jail.

## AMERICAN LEGION AND AUXILIARY TO MEET

The American Legion and Auxiliary will meet Friday night, April 3, in the Legion hut. All members are urged to be present.

## AS FLOOD WATERS SWEEP THE EAST

Scenes of Destruction are Depicted by News Photographers as Worst Flood of Century Takes Life, Limb and Property



NEW YORK. Flood pictures by the hundreds poured into New York from all sections of the Eastern seaboard. The selections above symbolize the story of destruction as it unfolded everywhere. Top, a Johnstown, Pa., family take to the hills when reports came that, "the dam has burst... flee for your lives." Center, typical scene on any of the great streams as the waters overflowed thousands of acres. Below, an actual rescue of a 60-year-old farmer, by a bus driver, from racing flood waters in Western Pennsylvania.

## Suit Against Town Continued Pending Refinancing Proposal

The suit of the North State Canning Company against the town of Boone, seeking to secure the payment of certain interest coupons, and which had been scheduled for trial before the Recorder Tuesday, was deferred until the first week in June, pending the debt refinancing program now being undertaken by the municipality.

When the case was called for trial, attorneys for the city asked for the continuance, stating that should the plaintiff secure judgment against the city at this time, the action would result in seriously hampering the refinancing plan, and might perhaps prevent its completion. Attorneys for the plaintiff readily agreed to the

continuance. Understanding is that the North State Canning Company, which has alleged failure of the city to honor interest coupons, is thoroughly agreeable to the refinancing of the city's indebtedness, with a lower interest rate, and is willing to co-operate in this movement. Should the plan materialize by June, the litigation would be ended.

Indications now are that the prospects for the exchange of present outstanding bonds for those of a new issue at lower interest rates are bright, and there appears to be general agreement among local security-holders to co-operate in every way possible in this movement.

## WILSON NAMED TO ELECTIONS BOARD

Tax Collector New Chairman; Walker and Holshouser are Other Members.

A. D. Wilson, county tax collector was named as chairman of the Watauga county board of elections, when the state board met in Raleigh Saturday, the other members of the local body being J. Y. Walker of Sugar Grove and J. E. Holshouser, of Boone.

The meeting of the state board was rather more uneventful than had been anticipated and there was no request from any of the candidates for governor that boards of election be chosen with a view to giving representation to all the aspirants. This generally causes considerable agitation, and this year particularly, something along this line was expected.

The board made an order that all absentee ballots be identified in the primary and election, and also ordered that candidates for all offices be printed on one ballot.

Inflated promises are usually followed by deflated performances.

## MINISTERS TO ASSEMBLE HERE

Local Baptist Church To be Host To Pastor's Conference on April 9, 10, 11.

Rev. J. C. Canipe, pastor of the Boone Baptist Church, announces the following as a tentative program for the Pastors' Conference to be held here next week:

9-9:15 worship, local pastors; 9:15-10 Bible Study, R. E. Hardaway, Lenoir; 10-10:45 The Preacher and His Program in the Churches, J. C. Canipe, Boone; 10:45-11 rest; 11-11:45 Training in Church Membership, E. I. Olive, North Wilkesboro; 11:45-12:30 Problems of Our Churches and Our Denomination, Secretary M. A. Huggins and M. O. Alexander.

Noon Recess  
2-2:45 The Baptist Program in the Light of the Program of Jesus, J. C. Pipes, Asheville; 2:45-3:30 Church Finance—Tithing and Lorr's Acre Plan, M. O. Alexander, Raleigh; 3:45-7:30 Sermon Preparation, J. C. Canipe and others; 7:30 Public Worship Service, local pastors.

The good people of Boone will provide lodging and breakfast for all who will attend. All the preachers are urged to attend.

## MERCHANTS JOIN IN LONG LIST OF PRIZES

Letter-Writing Contest is Sponsored by Merchants of this Community.

FIFTY DOLLARS WORTH PRIZES TO BE GIVEN

Simple Rules for Disbursement of Premiums for Writing Short Letters About Local Business Establishments.

Page three of the Democrat is utilized today by the announcement of a letter-writing contest which is open to every reader in the community, county and surrounding territory. To the persons writing the best letters about the advertisers will be awarded \$50 in valuable prizes. The contest has been promoted in this community by Mrs. A. R. Barlowe of Lenoir, former Watauga resident, who has spent several days here working out the details for the novel advertising plan.

There is no entrance fee required and red tape has been eliminated, it is explained. It is simply an effort on the part of the sponsor in conjunction with the local newspaper to get expressions from its readers as to just what they think of the different firms who are using advertising space in these columns.

Get your pencil and paper and write a letter of not over 100 words, telling why it pays to trade with the firms whose ads appear on page three. You may write as many letters as you desire, but they must be written about individual firms and not collectively.

Little trouble should be experienced in preparing a nice letter about (Continued on Page 8)

## TAX LISTINGS ARE TO START MONDAY

Tax Supervisor Releases Dates for Boone Township; Asks for Co-operation.

E. G. Greer, tax supervisor for Watauga county, states that the books will be open next Monday for the listing of real and personal property for taxation and has released the following dates for Boone township. Mr. Greer will take care of the listing locally himself, and asks taxpayers to meet him promptly.

Vilas, Coy Billing's store, Monday, April 6, all day; Tuesday, 7th, T. L. Mast's store, forenoon; Joe C. Hodges' afternoon; Eller McNeil's store, all day, April 8; courthouse, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 9-10-11.

Mr. Greer states that the lists have been named in each township and that they are working out their dates to best suit the convenience of the people. He states that posters will be displayed next week in each community, giving the dates.

It is stated that property is to be listed as of April 1, and officials state that the penalties of the law will be invoked against those who fail or refuse to make listings within the prescribed time.

## Hauptmann Gets Stay

Just as Richard Bruno Hauptmann condemned slayer of the Lindbergh baby, was to have been electrocuted Tuesday night, the prison warden announced a 48-hour stay, in order that the county grand jury might have additional time in which to investigate some "interesting new angles in the case." Even in the shadow of the chair, Hauptmann still reiterated his plea of innocence of the atrocious crime.

## Canning Specialist To Visit Community

Miss Wood, canning specialist from State College Extension department will be in Boone Wednesday, April 8 to conduct demonstrations in canning fruits and vegetables. The demonstrations will be held in the Appalachian home economics department at 2 o'clock p. m.

It is hoped that many ladies of this section will take advantage of the opportunity of securing the services of a specialist in this field.

Miss Jones, local home demonstration agent, extends a cordial invitation to everyone in the county who is interested in the preservation of fruits and vegetables.

## A CORRECTION

The Democrat's attention has been called to an error published last week in the report of the death of Mr. R. A. Taylor. It was stated that the funeral was conducted by Rev. Ben Williams, when as a matter of fact the rites were by the pastor of the deceased, Rev. Joe Greene. The error is regretted.