

VALUE OF GARDEN CROPS IN COUNTY

\$85,148 Value of Watauga's Gardens—Many Farmers, However, Do Not Report.

Vegetables harvested for sale in 1934 totaled 95,684 acres in North Carolina, according to a special report of the 1935 Federal Farm Census released today by Director Wm. L. Austin of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. The acreage reported represents an increase of more than one hundred percent over the 43,901 acres reported in 1929 and comprised 22,009 acres of snap or string beans reported on 14,492 farms, 8,518 acres of cabbages reported on 7,852 farms, 9,619 of sweet corn reported on 6,317 farms, 5,420 acres of tomatoes reported on 6,655 farms, 20,240 acres of watermelons reported on 14,533 farms, and 29,378 acres of all other vegetables (excluding Irish and sweet potatoes) reported on 13,087 farms. The total acreage for 1929 included 9,796 acres of snap or string beans, 3,467 acres of cabbages, 5,498 acres of sweet corn, 1,887 acres of tomatoes, and 8,918 acres of watermelons. Duplin, Wayne and Sampson, the three leading counties in the acreage of vegetables harvested for sale in 1934, reported nearly one-fourth of the total acreage in the State.

Vegetables grown for use on the farms were valued at \$9,631,010, or an average of \$38 per farm reporting, and were grown on 250,291, or 83 per cent of all the farms in the State.

Statistics for Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga, and Wilkes are as follows:

Ashe: 307 farms reporting 195 acres of beans (snap or string), 766 farms reporting 593 acres of cabbages, 26 farms reporting 3 acres of corn (sweet), 23 farms reporting 8 acres of tomatoes, 6 farms reporting 5 acres of all other vegetables except Irish and sweet potatoes, 3,633 farms reporting \$126,033 as value of farm garden vegetable grown for home use (exclusive of Irish and sweet potatoes).

Alleghany: 122 farms reporting 136 acres of beans (snap or string) 203 farms reporting 255 acres of cabbages, 7 farms reporting 3 acres of corn (sweet), 3 farms reporting 1 acre of tomatoes, 12 farms reporting 11 acres of all other vegetables except Irish and sweet potatoes, 1,449 farms reporting \$50,917 as value of farm garden vegetables grown for home use (exclusive of Irish and sweet potatoes).

Watauga: 249 farms reporting 148 acres of beans (snap or string), 1,215 farms reporting 1,436 acres of cabbages, 36 farms reporting 16 acres of corn (sweet), 46 farms reporting 9 acres of tomatoes, 1 farm reporting 2 acres of watermelons, 87 farms reporting 74 acres of all other vegetables except Irish and sweet potatoes, 2,211 farms reporting \$85,148 as value of farm garden vegetables grown for home use (exclusive of Irish and sweet potatoes).

Wilkes: 44 farms reporting 27 acres of beans (snap or string), 45 farms reporting 15 acres of cabbages, 12 farms reporting 5 acres of corn (sweet), 60 farms reporting 28 acres of tomatoes, 32 farms reporting 18 acres of watermelons, 126 farms reporting 95 acres of all other vegetables except Irish and sweet potatoes, 5,163 farms reporting \$116,857 as value of farm garden vegetables grown for home use (exclusive of Irish and sweet potatoes).

TVA Awards Contract For Road In State

The Tennessee Valley Authority awarded contract today to the Cornell Construction Company, Inc., Winchester, Ky., for the construction of the principal access road to Fowler Bend damsite on the Hiwassee River in southwestern North Carolina. The contract amounts to approximately \$177,000.

The contract calls for the clearing, grading and construction of all structures for a roadway thirty-one feet wide from shoulder to shoulder, extending twelve miles eastward from the damsite to Turtletown, Tenn. It is expected that the surfacing of the highway will be done by the authority's own forces. The road will follow a right-of-way varying from 100 to 250 feet in width. The contract includes also the building of two steel bridges over Shoal Creek, one sixty feet long, the other ninety feet.

The contractor received instructions from the Authority to proceed with the work at once. Work on the roadway will be divided into two sections, the eastern strip between the damsite and Shoal Creek to be finished first. Construction time on this first section is fixed at 120 days, and on the second section, between Shoal Creek and Turtletown, on Tennessee Highway 68, at 180 days.

JOE CULVER DEAD

Meagre information coming to the Democrat at press time tells of the death in Butler, Tenn., on Wednesday, of Joe Culver, former prominent resident of Watauga county, his demise being due to a heart attack. Funeral, it is understood, will be held in Butler Thursday afternoon. Further details are not available.

Wilson Norris of Watauga County purchased a purebred Hampshire ram from a sheep breeder in Greenville, Tennessee, last week.

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At Townsendite's National Convention



Amid scenes of conflicting emotions, brought about by a wide variety of addresses, the national convention of the Old Age Revolving Pensions, Ltd., founded by Dr. Francis E. Townsend came to a close July 12. Above is shown Dr. Townsend, left, with Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, center, heir to the late Huey Long Share-Wealth Clubs and right, Father Charles E. Coughlin, Detroit Radio Priest of Social Justice Union. Below are two of the 12,000 elderly delegates who attended from states far and near.

SAYS LOCAL SCENES RIVAL SWISS ALPS

Swiss Railway Executive Is Enthusiastic Over Blue Ridge Mountains.

Banner Elk.—"We have toured the United States and looked for a spot that reminded us most of Switzerland. We have found it in the Blue Ridge mountains of North Carolina around Banner Elk and Blowing Rock." was the statement made by F. Dossenbach of Leonia, N. J., general representative of the Swiss Railways for America and Canada, upon his arrival at Pinnacle Inn last week for an extended vacation.

With Mr. Dossenbach are his wife and daughter. They have been coming to this section of North Carolina during the summer for a number of years.

Continuing his statement Mr. Dossenbach said, "If there were some white mountain peaks in the background of the beautiful pasture and woodlands, this certainly would be a second home for us."

"The Blue Ridge mountains, owing to their verdure and farming life, are much more similar to the mountains of Switzerland than the Rocky Mountains."

Mrs. Harman Passes At Sugar Grove Home

Sugar Grove, N. C., July 29.—On Friday afternoon, July 24th, the entire community was saddened by the passing of our dear, beloved Christian friend, Mrs. Rhoda Ward Harman. She had lived in this (Willow Valley) community, her entire life, and made friends with all whom she came in contact.

Mrs. Harman having given herself to Christian living and all worthwhile endeavors. She accomplished much in her quiet unobtrusive way. To know her was to love her. We may well look back upon her life in her home, in the community and her church as one of the beautiful loving devotion and Christian example.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday morning in Willow Valley Baptist church, by Rev. Willie J. Cook, assisted by Rev. W. C. Payne.

The flower girls: Misses Bonnie Ward, Maudeil Ward, Hazel Shull, Anna Lee Shepherd, Mrs. Fred Shull, Mrs. Bill Shull, Mrs. Loyd Isaac, Mrs. Spencer Cable, Mrs. Roby Greene, Mrs. Charles McConnel and Mrs. Leonard Ward were her nieces. They were loaded with unusual large numbers of floral tokens from her many friends who knew her great love for flowers.

The pall-bearers were: Clark Swift, Howard Simpson, Spencer Cable, Dillard Greene, Ronda Norris, Loyd Isaac, Lewis Glenn and Omar Baird. Interment was in the Ward cemetery.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Mr. L. D. Harmon, three daughters, Mrs. Ham. Mainie, Mrs. Carl Greene, Mrs. Dwight Edminsten and two sons, George and Osborne. One son, Arlis, preceded her to the "better home" some few years previous.

Mrs. Harmon was born May 3, 1875, died at age 61 years 2 months and 15 days. Mrs. Harmon professed faith in Christ and united with Antioch Church at an early age and lived a devoted Christian to the end.

SANDS COMMUNITY CLUB MEET

The Sands Community Club will meet at the club house, July 31st, with Mrs. Howard Foster hostess. A very interesting program is planned. Each member is requested to be present.

FARTHING RESIGNS H.O.L.C. POSITION

Boone Man Now District Supervisor for Department of Conservation.

Mr. H. Grady Farthing, for the past three years field representative of the Home Owners Loan Corporation, has resigned his position in order to accept a district supervisorship with the State Department of Conservation and Development.

In his new position Mr. Farthing will supervise the entire work of the Conservation Department in seventeen counties as follows: Mitchell, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Alexander, Watauga, Wilkes, Ashe, Alleghany, Surry, Yadkin, Stokes, Forsyth, Rockingham, Guilford, Caswell, Alamance. Mr. Farthing will maintain headquarters in Winston-Salem.

Mr. Farthing has seen considerable service with this agency of the state department both in county and district endeavors, and since he took a position with the H. O. L. C. demands for him to return to the conservation agency have been incessant. He created for himself a fine record of efficiency in both the public positions.

TENANT PROBLEM BECOMES SERIOUS

Local Rehabilitation Supervisor Says Half of Farmers Are Tenants.

The trend from individual ownership to farm tenancy was described as one of the major problems of the United States by D. Frank Baird of Boone, rehabilitation supervisor of the Resettlement Administration for Watauga County. Mr. Baird quoted figures compiled by the Resettlement Administration showing that nearly half of all farmers in the United States are now tenants.

"Every agricultural section of the country," he said, "has some tenancy." It ranges from around eight per cent in the New England states to better than forty-five per cent in parts of the corn belt and a fifth of more than seventy-five per cent of all farmers in some parts of the cotton belt.

The figures of the 1935 census of agriculture indicate that farm tenancy is still increasing all major sections of the country. Tenancy in the states of this region is as follows:

North Carolina, 142,158 tenants, gain of 3 per cent since 1930; Virginia, 58,386 tenants, gain of 16 per cent since 1930; Kentucky, 103,215 tenants, gain of 16 per cent since 1930; Tennessee, 126,607 tenants, gain of 11 per cent since 1930; West Virginia, 27,021 tenants, gain of 76 per cent since 1930.

PHYSICIANS TO GATHER IN BANNER ELK MEETING

Banner Elk.—Physicians in the North Carolina State Medical Society specializing in internal medicine will meet in a post graduate assembly at Grace Hospital August 20-21, according to announcement made yesterday by Dr. R. H. Hardin, of Banner Elk, chairman of the committee on post graduate study in the society.

At the assembly papers will be read by some of the outstanding physicians in internal medicine in the state. Arrangements have already been made with prominent physicians in nearby states to be here, and others of national repute have been asked to attend.

The assembly is especially for physicians in western North Carolina, however, it will be open to any who may wish to attend.

NEWEST UNIT OF BAPTIST CHURCH NOW BEING BUILT

Complete Church Plant Will Have Value of More Than \$80,000—Work On Foundation for Another Unit Started Monday—Finish In Four Months.

A crew of workmen started Monday morning on the footings for the last unit of the Boone Baptist Church plant, and the superintendent of construction, Mr. J. A. Campbell, plans to have the building ready for occupancy within four months.

The new unit, which, when completed, will be an integral part of the Sunday School plant now being used, will be 60x80 feet, of straw-colored brick, and will include basement, main auditorium and balcony. The seating of the auditorium will be approximately one thousand, and eight Sunday School rooms will be added in the basement. The heating plant in the present unit of the building, which is now being used for all the activities of the church, will take care of the entire plant, it is said.

The church is being finished with considerable cooperation from the state mission board, whose policy is to sponsor thoroughly modern church plants in all of the educational centers of the state. The complete church plant, including the parsonage, will have a value of more than \$82,000, while the part now under construction will cost \$25,000.

The Baptists of the town are being congratulated upon their enterprise in securing the completion of the church plant, which will be one of the most modern and beautiful to be found anywhere in this section of the country.

Watauga Represented At State Farm Meet

The following farmers and home demonstration club women will represent Watauga County at the North Carolina State Farmers' Convention being held at State College Station, Raleigh, this week: Mr. and Mrs. Lee Swift, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Snyder and Mrs. Jethro Wilson of Reese; Wray Wilson, Sugar Grove; Ernie Triplett and Howard Edmisten of Matney; Tom Wilson and Iva Wilson of Zionville; Alex Tugman, Boone; W. S. Miller, Todd and H. E. Greene, Deep Gap.

W. B. Collins, County Agent, accompanied the above mentioned representatives to Raleigh.

At this convention farmers and farm women will be given instruction on farming and home making by agricultural leaders in this and other states.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND COACHING SCHOOL

The third annual institute of health and physical education together with a coaching school is to be held at Appalachian College August 10 to 21, according to Mr. E. E. Garbee, director of Physical Education at the college.

Mr. Garbee explains that the institute of health will continue from August 10 to 15, while the coaching school will run from the 17th to 21st. Registration and room for the institute costs \$25.00, and a like amount for the coaching school, while meals may be had at the college cafeteria for 60 cents per day. Bed linen may be rented for 50 cents per week or may be brought from home. Gym suits and athletic equipment will not be furnished at the college, and there will be no accommodation for children.

The regular physical education faculty will be supplemented by Dr. King and others, while the coaching staff will have added Billy Laval, head coach at Emory and Henry and several other well known coaches.

Special excursions to various scenic points are planned for evening entertainment.

Further information may be procured by addressing Mr. E. E. Garbee, director of Physical Education, or Mr. P. O. (Kidd) Brewer, Director of Athletics, Appalachian College, Boone, N. C.

MRS. DUNCAN DIES

Mrs. J. C. Duncan, an aunt of Mrs. A. S. Harris of Boone, died at her home in Woburn, Mass., a few days ago, after an illness with pneumonia. Mrs. Harris was in Woburn at the time of her relative's demise. Mrs. Duncan was 61 years old. Funeral services and interment were in the Massachusetts city. There are no immediate survivors.

Mrs. Duncan had visited at the home of her niece in Boone two years ago, and had formed many friendships in this community.

Brutally Murdered



Helen Clevenger, New York U. sophomore, who was found murdered in a hotel room in Asheville, criminally attacked, shot and stabbed. Wide search is being made for the murderer.

WATAUGA COUNTY ON DROUGHT LIST

Twenty-Eight Counties In North Carolina Now Designated Emergency Sections.

Twenty-eight counties in North Carolina, 10 additional counties in Georgia, and five more counties in Kentucky have been officially designated as emergency drought counties by the Department of Agriculture drought committee.

The 43 counties named, the seventh certification since the designation began on July 7, brings the list of emergency drought counties to a total of 452. This designation is the first made in North Carolina. Emergency drought counties in Georgia and Kentucky now total 58 and 42, respectively.

The North Carolina counties designated are:

Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Canton, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Lincoln, McDowell, Macon, Madison, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Union, Watauga and Yancey.

BABIES WILL VIE FOR FIRST HONORS

Baby Show is Feature of the Blowing Rock Community Carnival.

The annual community carnival to be held at Blowing Rock on August 14th, at 3:30 P. M. will be featured this year by a Baby Show, according to information received by the committee on carnival arrangements.

Prizes are to be awarded under two classifications: For the best baby under 18 months old and for the best baby from 18 months to three years old.

It is explained that there will be no territory restrictions, that the contest is open to all, and that an entry fee of one dollar is required. Entries must be made no later than August 12th with either member of the committee, which includes Mrs. Gene Story (chairman), Mrs. Wm. Holshouser, Jr., Mrs. Joe Cannon and Mrs. Don Johnson.

Program For Baptist Preachers Gathering

The monthly preachers' meeting will be held at the Boone Baptist Church Monday, August 10th, beginning at 9 a. m., and all Baptist preachers and Deacons of the county are invited to attend.

At 9:30 the devotional will be led by R. E. Hendrix; 9:45, "The Work of the Holy Spirit in Selecting a Pastor," Rev. R. C. Eggers; Discussion; 10:15, "How Many Churches Should a Pastor Try to Serve at One Time?" J. J. Mathney; (Discussion); 10:45, "How Should a Church Deal With Its Active Deacons," Tipton Greene; (Discussion); 11:15, Bible Discussion, J. C. Canipe.

Watauga Boy Makes Good In Ohio City

Mr. C. Ray Lawrence, a former student of Cove Creek High School, a graduate of Mars Hill College, also a student of Draughon's Business College at Knoxville, Tennessee, is now located in Cincinnati, Ohio, with the American Life and Accident Insurance Company. He, having been with the company only eight months, is now leading in sales.

Mr. Lawrence recently announced his engagement to Miss Florence Elizabeth Johnson, who is a member of the Mars Hill College faculty, Mars Hill, N. C.

ROBBERS OF LOCAL STORE ARE JAILED ON CAPITAL COUNT

Thornhill and Patterson Waive Hearing On Burglary Charge, Growing Out of Smithey Store Robbery—Supreme Penalty May Be Sought.

George Thornhill and Manuel Patterson, said to be residents of Johnson City, Tenn., are in the county bastille as a result of the robbery of the Smithey Store in Boone last Wednesday night, and since two men were using the building for sleeping quarters at the time of the armed entrance, they are to answer charges of burglary in the first degree, which carries the death penalty in North Carolina.

Entrance was gained to the building by breaking a glass from a door, it is said, and loosening the bolt from the inside. Ralph Hodges and Elmer Miller, employees of the establishment were sleeping in the store at the time but were not awakened by the intruders.

Thornhill and Patterson were arrested near Elizabethton, Tenn., and Policeman Wiley Day and Owen Wilson, store manager, returned with them from Tennessee. Goods, identified by Mr. Wilson as belonging to his store, were found in the car, and inventoried \$100.48. Whether this constituted the total loss was not ascertained by the management.

The merchandise retrieved consisted mostly of cigarettes, chewing gum and like commodities.

The two who are accused waived preliminary hearing and will be tried at the regular term of Watauga Superior Court in September. It is understood that W. R. Lovill has been retained as counsel for the defense, while T. E. Bingham and Charles T. Zimmerman are to assist Solicitor Spurling in the prosecution.

Family Reunion To Be Held In State Kansas

Five of the oldest families of Watauga County, Must, Shull, Taylor, Baird and Horton, will hold their annual reunion on August 16th in Scott County, Kansas.

Mr. J. T. Shull, of Grigston, Kansas, who informs the Democrat of the event, states that relatives and friends of the different families in this section are cordially invited to be present. He further advises all to come expecting a good time.

TOURIST INTEREST IN STATE ON INCREASE

Bruce Etheridge, director of conservation and development, said Friday reports from every part of the State indicated there were more tourists in North Carolina now than there had been in several years.

The director said he was convinced from letters and reports he had received that the department's new booklet, "Come to North Carolina," and the new color-map of the highway department had played an important part in drawing visitors to the State.

SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST IN BASEBALL LEAGUE

Nine games yet remain to be played in the Watauga County League, the current season ending September 26. The schedule for August is as follows:

August 1: Bamboo at Aho; Mabel at Valle Crucis; August 8: Aho at Blowing Rock, Valle Crucis at Bamboo; August 15: Blowing Rock at Valle Crucis, Bamboo at Mabel; August 22: Mabel at Blowing Rock, Valle Crucis at Mabel; August 29: Bamboo at Blowing Rock, Aho at Mabel.

CATCHES SEA FISH

Miss Louise Farthing of Boone, caught six mackerel whose weight totaled 10 pounds while trolling off Wrightsville Beach. It was the young lady's first deep-sea fishing experience. Miss Farthing has been spending some time at the home of an uncle, Dr. L. E. Farthing, in Wilmington.

VACATION PERIOD ON FOR ORPHAN KIDDIES

Banner Elk.—Vacation time is here in reality for the children of Grandfather Orphanage. The annual period at which they leave Banner Elk for two-week vacations has arrived. Each summer every child visits some friend for two weeks. With each going to a different place, many nights around the fire in the fall are filled with yarn swapping.

The vacation period was started the Fourth of July when a group of larger boys made a trip to Lake James for a week-end's fishing. But now vacation time is in full swing and all are looking forward to their turn to go.