

ELLERBE LAUDS SCHOOL PROJECTS

WPA Project Supervisor Says Schools Being Built "Models of Construction"

J. E. Ellerbe, of Winston-Salem, recently appointed supervisor of projects for the Sixth WPA district, expressed himself today, when questioned, as having been particularly impressed with Watauga county's school program on his first visit around the district.

Mr. Ellerbe paid high tribute to the class of workmanship in all of these buildings, and stated that they showed the result of most excellent supervision and careful planning and workmanship throughout.

He remarked that schools being constructed at Boone, Valle Crucis, Mabel and Bethel would be a credit to any city in the district, and are a remarkable achievement for a rural community.

"Built of native material," said Mr. Ellerbe, "by native labor, and veneered with native stones—these school buildings are models of construction throughout, and works of art from the exterior. I know of no finer work on any WPA project in the sixth district. WPA is proud of its Watauga county school program and hopes that Watauga is also proud of it."

He stated that he felt that much of the credit for the construction of these school buildings should be attributed to the careful planning, and consistent perseverance of Jim Rivers, former sixth district director, who worked steadily throughout his term in that office to push these schools.

Mr. Ellerbe stated federal expenditures on these buildings to date had been approximately as follows:

Boone high school	\$9,000.00
Mabel	8,500.00
Bethel	9,000.00
Valle Crucis	8,000.00

These buildings are in various stages of completion, but all of them will be finished and ready for occupancy before March 1.

MRS. J. M. PAYNE IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Esteemed Boone Lady Was Widow of Late Lamented J. M. Payne; the Funeral

Mrs. J. M. Payne, 76 years old, widow of the late lamented Rev. J. M. Payne, and one of the oldest and most estimable ladies in the city, died last Wednesday night after a long illness. Mrs. Payne had never recovered from a broken hip received in a fall last August and the injuries sustained then, contributed to her demise.

Funeral services were conducted Friday from the Boone Baptist church by the pastor, Rev. J. C. Canipe, who was assisted in the rites by Rev. R. C. Eggers and Rev. Robert Shore. A large crowd of friends gathered for the rites and a profuse floral offering was in evidence. Interment was in the community cemetery.

Survivors include nine sons and daughters: Rev. W. C. Payne, Ed Payne, Boone; A. C. Payne, Nashville, Tenn.; Coleman Payne, West Jefferson; Mrs. Sam Austin, Mrs. P. M. Winkler, Shulls Mills; Mrs. Mary Graybeal, Marion, Va.; Mrs. Dempsey Wilcox and Mrs. Lon Harrison, Boone.

There are 33 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Active pallbearers were grandsons of deceased: Lewis Austin, Glenn Winkler, Milton Payne, Dean Payne, Grant Winkler, Collis Austin, Kent Graybeal, A. B. Graybeal, Honorary: Dr. Perry, Dr. Harman, D. J. Cottrell, L. L. Critcher, Joan W. Hodges, G. P. Haganan, J. L. Qualls, Estes Hartley, John Norris, Jeff Stanbury, B. B. Dougherty.

The flower bearers were granddaughters of Mrs. Payne: Ella Austin, Daisy Austin, Eddie Payne, Sisile Winkler, Mrs. Len Story, Mrs. Tom Holloway, Mrs. Henry Rogers, Mildred Harrison, Martha Harrison, Helen Wilcox, Mary Lillian Wilcox, Nancy Jane Wilcox, Edna Payne.

Mrs. Payne was reared in Caldwell county, the former Miss Jane Downs, and had resided in Boone for more than twenty-five years. She was married in young womanhood to Rev. J. M. Payne, who died in 1916. She was a lady of strong Christian character and was a worthy helper of her devout husband in his Gospel ministry. Mrs. Payne was well known throughout all this mountain region, where she did a full share for the betterment of the people.

Mother of Blowing Rock Man Succumbs

Mrs. Annie Call Cooper, 73, a member of one of Wilkes county's most prominent families, died last Thursday in Wilkesboro at the home of a sister-in-law, Mrs. P. S. Call. She had been ill for the last two weeks.

She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Call of Wilkesboro. She was first married to Newton Prevette and after his death married A. S. Cooper, of Brownwood.

Among the survivors is C. S. Prevette, a son, prominent realtor and insurance man of Blowing Rock.

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LEN WILSON

BOONE GRIDDER LEADS NATION

Len Wilson's Spectacular Football Performances Bring Renown to Appalachian

Len "Ripper" Wilson, son of County Tax Collector A. D. Wilson, a 200-pound Appalachian State fullback, has set a record for the nation by crashing across the goal line for his 63rd point this season. According to sports writers he has scored 23 more points in football than any other man in the nation, it is revealed. Appalachian has scored 191 points this season, and is likewise leading the nation to a tune of 43 points.

Young Wilson's spectacular rise reached its height two weeks ago in his five-touchdown spurge during the Mountaineer's 52-0 rout of Guilford. Wilson has runs of 79, 25, 12, 2 (2) and 1 yards for touchdowns. Practically unstopable through the line he runs like a scared jack rabbit once in the clear. Although he is an accomplished kicker he doesn't have to worry about that phase of the game with Rovie Angell, the south's leading kicker last season, in the game. There are few better blockers on the squad, and few if any better defensive men, as Wilson was a whale of a good tackle before moving back a notch to help carry the mail.

The big blond behemoth is a native of Boone and with a continuance of his present performances he is headed for national recognition this season. A sophomore, he is putting in his second year of varsity play.

New Bleachers Will Seat Over 2,000

Work began Monday on excavation for the cement bleachers which are to be built at the Appalachian football field as a project for the NYA workers of the college. Probably thirty or thirty-five boys will be given work on the plan, according to Mr. Teems, school engineer for Appalachian State Teachers College.

When completed, the bleachers will be ten rows deep, running the entire length of the field on the east side—three hundred and thirty feet long. This new improvement at the park will seat approximately two thousand and two hundred people. The project is expected to reach completion before the baseball season opens, though it will be ready for temporary use during the latter part of the football season.

EMPLOY PHARMACIST

The Carolina Pharmacy has secured the services of Dr. J. D. Pike, who will be in charge of the prescription department in the popular drug store, and Dr. Pike is preparing to bring his family here to reside. He is a graduate of the Southern School of Pharmacy, Atlanta, and was employed for a time at Clemson College, S. C. He comes to Boone from the Walgreen Drug store in Winston-Salem.

There are 360 boys and girls in 4-H club work in Jones and Onslow counties.

WIFE PARKWAY EMPLOYEE FATALLY INJURED WHEN AUTO DOOR OPENS

Mrs. Belle Stutta, wife of Emeal Stutta, an employee on the Blue Ridge Parkway, fell from a car in which she and her husband were riding near Deep Gap Monday evening, and died within a few minutes from the injuries sustained.

It was not ascertained whether she accidentally unfastened the door or whether it opened itself. The back of the woman's hand struck the pavement and she died while being taken to a North Wil-

HANCOCK JOINS DOUGHTON IN BIG POLITICAL RALLY

Huge Gathering of Partisans Expected in Boone on 28th; Free Barbecue Dinner and Band Concert to Feature Meeting

Hon. Frank Hancock, fifth district congressman, will join with Congressman Robert L. Doughton, of the ninth, in providing the oratory for the large political rally to be held as an all-day affair in Boone on October 28th, it was learned by The Democrat Tuesday.

According to the tentative plans made by the committee on arrangements, of which Dr. C. L. Rhyne is chairman, the event will be featured by a barbecue dinner, free to the thousands who are expected to gather, and an effort is being made to have the Lenoir High School band, the most celebrated musical organization in this state, present for the occasion.

The meeting will be held, it is said, on the Mrs. J. F. Hardin property, where the Bob Reynolds barbecue was held four years ago.

This marks the first public appearance of Mr. Doughton in the county during the present campaign, and his utterances are expected to be strictly on the lines of national issues. Mr. Doughton by virtue of his position as chairman of the house ways and means committee, has been particularly close to the president during the present administration.

This marks the first visit of Mr. Hancock to Boone. He is known, however, as one of the ablest of the state's congressional delegation and is said to be a speaker of great charm and logic.

Many thousands of persons are expected to gather for the rally, not only from Watauga county, but from the adjoining counties, and the event will likely mark the largest political gathering to be held in this county for many years.

To Instruct Workers On Automotive Safety

Mr. Early, former lieutenant of the state highway patrol, and at present an official of the works progress administration in Raleigh, is in the county this week, where he is to address groups of WPA foremen and workers on the elements of safety which should be observed in the operation of motor trucks on the various projects.

Drivers of trucks furnished by the state and other sponsors will also be advised along this line, in every case where WPA workers are calculated to be endangered by the operation of motor vehicles.

Hon. Frank Patton To Speak On Radio

Hon. Frank C. Patton, Republican candidate for the United States senate in North Carolina, will address the voters of the state through the facilities of radio station WBT, Charlotte, Saturday, October 24, from 8 to 8:30 p. m.

Mr. Russell D. Hodges, local Republican chairman, who makes the announcement of the broadcast, urges the people of this section to tune in for the address, and it is suggested that radios be placed in the various political gathering places that as may as possible hear the speaker's message.

Reed Coffey Loses In Fight For Life

Reed Coffey, Avery county youth, convicted at the July term of court for the first degree murder of an uncle, Hardy Coffey, has lost his appeal to the State Supreme court, and must pay the supreme penalty in the gas chamber, as directed by the court.

The only remaining avenue of escape for the Avery youth is through executive clemency.

Kesboro Hospital

Deceased was 25 years of age, a daughter of J. L. Miller, of Columbus, S. C. In addition to her husband and father, she leaves three brothers and one sister, Muller Miller, of Lexington, S. C.; Harper Miller, of Columbia; Tolbert Miller, of Florida; and Mrs. Mabel McDade, of Lexington, S. C.

Funeral services were to have been held Wednesday morning in Lexington.



They're Choosing 1936 Star Farmer

Members of the national executive committee of the Future Farmers of America, meeting in Washington, working on the task of selecting from all high school students taking vocational agriculture courses throughout the nation, the one that shall be named the "Star Farmer of 1936." The committee comprises (left to right) Wm. H. Johns, national advertising executive, New York; Owen D. Young General Electric Co., and R. H. Cabell, president of Armour & Co., Chicago. The gathering is of considerable local concern due to the fact that both the Cove Creek and Boone high schools maintain strong FFA organizations.

Walter Greer is Charged With Hurling Fatal Stone

Ira Watson, 23-year-old resident of the Meat Camp section, died in a Lenoir hospital Tuesday from concussion of the brain, brought about when he was struck by a rock, allegedly hurled by a neighbor, Walter Greer, as the two men engaged in an altercation in the home community last Sunday.

At first the seriousness of the young man's condition was undoubtedly unknown, for it is said he was in Boone Monday, and taken from here to the hospital.

Such belated information as The Democrat was able to gather did not indicate the source of the trouble existing between the two young men, which is said to have precipitated the fatal injury. Greer is being held in the county jail and will be given a hearing before Judge John H. Bingham in recorder's court next Tuesday.

Funeral services for young Watson are to be conducted this (Wednesday) afternoon, but the details are unavailable.

CONTRACT LET ON IMPORTANT ROAD

Actual Construction of Laurel Creek Highway Expected to Start at Once

Work is to start immediately on the actual grading of the important interstate highway, commonly referred to as the "Laurel Creek Road," according to advices reaching the local offices of the state highway and public works commission. The contracts have been let by the state, it is said, and the successful bidders must begin actual work within 20 days from the date of the letting, which it is understood was ten days ago. An engineering party which will be in charge of the construction, and which is headed by Mr. J. R. Taylor, is now in Boone, and dirt will be moved just as soon as the necessary equipment can be moved to Watauga.

The contract on the first lap of the road extending from Sugar Grove includes 1.79 miles and will be constructed by Blythe Brothers at a cost of \$40,635.50. The bridges on the section were contracted to Cobb and Homewood, Chapel Hill, for \$14,862.

The road when completed, is expected to be one of the finest highways in this section, and will provide an outlet for a fine farming region, as well as providing a shortened and superior avenue of travel between points in Tennessee and North Carolina. The unusual importance of the road has caused it to be in the forefront of highway construction conversation in this section for many years.

Bank Dividends To Be Disbursed Monday

The Democrat is asked to announce that 10 per cent dividend checks due the old preferred stockholders of the Watauga County Bank will be ready for distribution Monday, October 26th. It will be necessary for each preferred stockholder to bring his certificate of stock, properly signed, for transfer, and receive in lieu thereof a new certificate issued by the trustees for the balance due, and at the same time receive the check representing the 10 per cent of the stock now outstanding.

W. D. Farthing, manager of the Rich Mountain Mortgages, having these in charge, has an office in the Sebastian building. Mr. Farthing emphasizes the fact that no checks can be delivered until the stock certificate has been surrendered.

LOCAL NEGRO IS DRAWN FOR JURY

Wataugans Named for Service at Federal Court Term in Wilkesboro Nov. 16

Coy Williams, Boone, is the first negro from this section within memory to have been drawn for jury service, and with a number of white citizens of this county has been summoned to sit on the federal jury at Wilkesboro during the week beginning November 16, when a large number of defendants are to be tried before Judge Hayes on charges of violation of the liquor tax laws, auto theft, narcotic infringements and postoffice robbery.

One negro from each county in the Wilkesboro district appears on the jury list, this now being required in federal courts where there are negro defendants. The custom started in the south some time ago when the U. S. Supreme court sustained a contention of three Scottsboro, Ala., negroes on the grounds that no member of their race was in the jury box when they were convicted.

Following is the complete list of those from Watauga who will serve as jurors: Richard A. Greene, Boone Route 2; Ed Jones, Boone Route 2; S. Colfax Carroll, Boone Route 1; James A. Hodges, Shulls Mills; Jason Moretz, Deep Gap; Geo. Main; Shulls Mills; Spencer Warren, Vilas; Paul Coffey, Blowing Rock; Virgil Cox, Triplett; Carl Byers, Zionville; Otus Mast, Sugar Grove; Coy Williams, colored, Boone.

SATURDAY LAST DAY TO REGISTER

Leaders in Both Parties Anxious for Complete Registration of Voters

Next Saturday, the 24th, is the last remaining date on which voters may register to vote in the November 3 election, it is revealed by A. D. Wilson, chairman of the county election board, who states that the registrars will be at the polling places in the various precincts on the date named for the purpose of registering new voters.

Registrations have not been particularly heavy since the books opened, it is said, and leaders of both parties are urging voters to register, in order that there may be no disappointment, and that all eligibles may be permitted to vote in the election.

Saturday, October 31, will be observed as challenge day.

MANY STATE FAIR AWARDS ARE WON BY SHIPLEY FARM

Livestock Exhibits of Watauga County Farm Bring Back Many Prizes From Raleigh Exposition; Cattle and Sheep Shown

That Watauga county is primarily a livestock region, and that her grassy slopes produce the very best cattle and sheep to be found in the country, was strikingly demonstrated at the state fair last week, when the Shipley farm at Vilas, carried away seven prizes for superior showings of sheep and cattle, one championship and several first awards in the sheep contests, and was able to show winners in five cattle classifications. The total awards amounted to something like two hundred and fifty dollars, according to Mr. W. E. Shipley, who is perhaps the foremost authority in this section on cattle breeding, and who has made of his plantation a veritable show place for fine stock.

The local exhibitor prided himself on his showing of sheep and that he was right in his faith in the superior quality of his exhibits was indicated when he not only won first prize, but the championship ribbon for a year-old ram; first prize on ram less than one year old; first on pen and three ram lambs; first on ewe under one year; first on pen three ewe lambs; second on yearling ram and second on ewe over one year old.

The Shipley farm also had quality exhibits of Hereford cattle, and won first award on heifer calf; second on aged bull; second on aged cow; second on yearling heifer and fourth on bull calf.

Mr. Shipley explains that the showing made by his cattle was exceptionally good since they were grass fed, and entered in competition with grain fed stock.

Red Cross First Aid Course Given To 250

Appalachian State Teachers College, working with the Watauga chapter, American Red Cross, has trained 253 first aiders since 1933, according to Prof. E. E. Garbee, who is instructor in this line of work. This is considered an enviable record, in view of the fact that this large number of persons have been trained in such a way that they can take care of any accident, on the highway, in the home, or any other place and send their patient to the doctor in the best possible condition.

On four different occasions the Red Cross has sent either Dr. Marshall or Dr. Willison to instruct the first aid teachers, and the service which has been rendered through the courses will more than repay local citizens for their Red Cross contributions. Following is a list of the first aiders who are residents of Watauga county:

A. Antonakas, Evelyn Bingham, Pauline Bingham, Maude Calheart, Lutz Dale, E. E. Garbee, Mrs. E. E. Garbee, Annie Ruth German, Katherine Harwell, Mary Mercer Jackson, Ida Belle Ledbetter, Cora LeMay, Louise Robels, Laurie M. Stewart, Jennie Todd, R. W. Watkins, J. T. C. Wright, Julian Clifton Yoder, Raleigh Cottrell, R. J. Brown, W. H. Cooke, C. M. Miller, Jule Tate, C. G. Henson, Ralph Colvard, W. R. Cox, Eric Greer, Ella Auster, J. B. O'Neil, Ruby Parsons, Irene Shumaker, Mrs. O. T. Thompson, Mrs. J. T. C. Wright, Sam G. Atkins, Gladys Swift, Elizabeth Hahn, May Bryant, Gertrude Perry, Vallie Maliba, Ralph Beam, Matthew Hanna, Gilbert Hubbard, Howard Hunter, Lester Miller, Milton McLaughlin, Robert Swan, John Staley, J. J. Bingham, Charles L. Farthing, Ona Farthing, Loran Fay Miller, Ray Walker, Marshall Ward, Annie L. Dougherty, Joseph Townsend, Lilla Mae Greene, Gerald Lackey, Carolyn Moore, Meril Shumate, Nellie Staley, Norman Chadwick, Martha Franches, Ellie Lane, Thelma May Massey, Carl Rudisill, June Steele, Webster Ward.

ATTEND REXALL MEET

Messrs. Kenneth Linney and Bob Agle of the Boone Drug company, attended the Rexall druggists' convention in Charlotte Tuesday. The convocation of the druggists was novel, in that convention headquarters were maintained in a luxurious million-dollar streamlined train which is touring the country at the instance of the United Drug company.

VISIT PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. McCoy Moretz and Mr. J. Frank Norris, of Charlotte, visited last week with Mrs. Moretz's and Mr. Norris' parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Norris. Mrs. Norris celebrated her eighty-sixth birthday last Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Link, of Lenoir, were also present.