

# 'G-MEN' TO HELP TRAIN STATE AND LOCAL OFFICERS

Town and County Officers Invited to Attend 10-day School; Will Cover All Important Phases of Police Work

The police, sheriff and deputies of Boone and Watauga county have been invited to send representatives to the ten-day training school which the Institute of Government will hold for officers in Chapel Hill beginning January 5th.

This is the first 10-day police school held in the state and will have one of the strongest instructional staffs of any school in the country. The federal bureau of investigation is supplying six instructors from the staff of the National Police Academy headed by Director H. H. Clegg. And the "G-men" will be supplemented as to local phases by officials of the state highway patrol, experienced North Carolina officers, and the Institute of Government staff.

The 10-day state-wide school is part of the institute's expanded system of state, district and local police schools. The training program is designed not only to aid those attending the performance of their duties but to train them to act as instructors within their own departments.

In order that as many departments as possible may benefit by the training, the attendance has been limited to from one to three representatives from a department, depending upon its size. And there will be no registration fee or other charge except for board and room while in Chapel Hill.

The training program, which was not framed until after extensive consultation with local departments as to specific problems and needs, will cover virtually all important phases of law enforcement work in North Carolina.

The main divisions will be criminal law, criminal investigation and apprehension, scientific aids in crime detection, patrol work, traffic, crime prevention, co-operative measures, firearms instruction, first aid and police administration and records. All lectures and demonstrations will be held in Chapel Hill except for the firearms instructions and practice, which will be at Fort Bragg.

The school will be in charge of Albert Coates, director of the Institute of Government, and Special Agent Ed Scheidt, of the "FBI", who has been granted a leave of absence to assist North Carolina officers work out their training program.

Officers of the law enforcing officers' division of the institute are F. N. Littlejohn, Charlotte, president, and R. L. Rankin, Salisbury, and G. A. Clark, Greenville, vice presidents.

The federal bureau is sending six of its best instructors, including Mr. Clegg, the director of the National Police Academy; E. P. Coffey, head of the technical laboratory; Myron Gurnea, firearms expert; R. T. Harbo, head of the crime statistics division; Lawrence A. Hince and L. C. Schilder, head of the fingerprint division.

## Mrs. E. H. Billings Succumbs in Tennessee

Mrs. Polly Ann Rector Billings, well known Watauga citizen, died Sunday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. J. R. Johnson, at Elizabethton, Tenn., Sunday, at the age of 94 years.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at the home of R. F. Billings by the Rev. G. W. Trivette and interment was in that neighborhood. The active pallbearers were six grandsons: Frank Billings, Lester Billings, Coy Billings, Howard Gragg, E. J. Billings, and Ralph Church, while a beautiful floral offering was borne by: Marjorie Johnson, Louise Johnson, Bina Billings, Aggie Billings, Bernice Billings, Alice Billings.

Mrs. Billings was born February 22, 1842, and was united to Elder E. H. Billings April 1, 1860. She professed faith in Christ at the age of 14, and united with the Primitive Baptist church, remaining a faithful member until death. She was well known in this county and held in the highest esteem.

Mrs. Billings is survived by five daughters and four sons: Mrs. W. S. Trivett, Sugar Grove; Mrs. E. M. Herman, Roanoke, Va.; Mrs. W. W. Gragg, Boone; Mrs. V. M. Bradley, Limestone, Tenn.; Mrs. J. R. Johnson, Elizabethton, Tenn.; R. F. Billings, Valle Crucis; W. R. Billings, Vilas; E. J. Billings, Gastonia; J. A. Billings, Elizabethton. She is also survived by 44 grandchildren, 55 great grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

## MANY CHRISTMAS TREES ARE BEING DECORATED

The New River Light & Power company states that an unusual degree of interest is being shown this year in the contest they are conducting for the decoration of Christmas trees, and that entries are being made daily. Indications are that a great number of the homes in town will have colorful trees indoors or out the decorations tending to intensify the spirit of Christmas.

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## The Pope is Improved



Pope Pius XI, who has been gravely ill, following a partial paralysis stroke of the legs, is reported as being considerably improved. The picture is one made in 1929, shortly after the signing of the lateral treaties with Italy, freeing the Popes from their voluntary imprisonment in the Vatican.

## CHARTER NIGHT IS ENJOYED BY LIONS

Large Group Gathers at Daniel Boone for Banquet; Charter is Given Club

Charter Night was celebrated by the newly-formed Boone Lions' Club at a dinner meeting held at the Daniel Boone hotel Thursday evening, sixty-eight, including members and their ladies being present.

The hotel management served a special banquet menu to the gathering and the principal address of the evening, together with the presentation of the charter was by D. G. Asbaugh, the district governor of the organization. The charter was accepted on behalf of the local Lions club by its president, Charles T. Zimmerman.

Dr. Amos Abrams acted as toastmaster, and was introduced by Mr. Zimmerman. Dr. Matheson, first vice president, delivered the address of welcome, and the response was by Dr. Ashburn, of Lenoir.

A number of Lions from neighboring towns were present for the meeting and the occasion was described as one of the most enjoyable of the pre-holiday season. The local club now numbers thirty-four and indications are it will be one of the most active in this part of the county.

## BREWER ELECTED TO CONFERENCE OFFICE

Coach Kidd Brewer, director of athletics at Appalachian State Teachers College was elected vice-president of the North State Conference at a meeting of the representatives which met in the King Cotton hotel in Greensboro last Saturday afternoon. Others installed to serve as officers for the current year in the conference are: Dr. Hinshaw, chairman of athletics committee, High Point college, president; Dr. Faust, chairman of athletic committee, Catawba College, secretary; Dr. Marion, of Lenoir-Rhyne College, serving as commissioner for the second consecutive year.

Of interest about this election is the fact that Coach Brewer was the only coach chosen to officiate in this line of office duty, thus giving an added proof of his popularity in this section and throughout the colleges of the state.

Coach Brewer left Tuesday for the Charlotte Observer banquet, where he attended the dinner held there in honor of outstanding high school football players of North and South Carolina. Last night he was guest speaker at a banquet which is to be held at the Lenoir-Rhyne high school honoring the players of that section.

## BUILDS NEW HOME

Mr. Walter C. Greene, local contractor, is making rapid strides toward the completion of a 14-room house for W. F. Miller, Jr., which is located in the Cherry Park development. The house is of stone, constructed modernly throughout and the contractor believes he will have it ready for occupancy by the first of the year.

When his dog and a coyote it was fighting fell into a creek, Olaf Seglend of El Dorado, Kas., waded into the waters and killed the coyote with a club.

## JASPER L. THOMAS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Prominent and Esteemed Citizen Dies at Age of 78; Funeral is Held Thursday

Jasper L. Thomas, venerable and esteemed citizen of Mabel, succumbed Thursday after an illness which had appeared serious for only a few days. Last April he passed his seventy-eighth year.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday morning from the Union Baptist church, where he held his membership, and where he had worshipped for more than forty years. Reverends A. J. Greene and R. C. Eggers had charge of the brief service. Friends from near and far and from every walk of life came to pay their respects at the bier of a fallen friend. Interment was in the neighborhood cemetery, the Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home being in charge of the arrangements. By his request, the usual form was dispensed with, and all his neighbors and friends had a part in the burial.

Surviving are nine sons and one daughter: Alfred, Ham, Marion, of Mabel; Clyde, Bob, Marvin and Spencer, of Trade; Ed, of Klondyke, Ore.; Charles, and Mrs. Emma Campbell, of Mabel.

In early manhood, Mr. Thomas was married to Miss Polly Wilson, and settled on North Fork of Cove Creek. Twelve children blessed their home, all substantial citizens of this and other states.

A staunch friend of the deceased pays the following well-deserved tribute to the deceased gentleman:

"Brother Thomas faced death as he faced life with a courage that knew no fear. The faith that he possessed in the goodness and in the mercy of God grew brighter as the end approached.

"Of course our good friend is gone, but his fine qualities of character will ever be with us. His monument is the love and esteem of his neighbors. In life he made a good living by honest dealings and industry. No one ever hated a life more than he. His nature was so kind that he was a favorite with the children. In his home there was generous hospitality. Rich and poor received the same treatment—a hearty welcome. One rarely sees a man who had more sympathy. With those in trouble he suffered with them. The night was never too dark nor the weather too rough for him to help a worthy cause. A good neighbor, a true friend, an excellent father, a splendid citizen, and a God-fearing man has made his demise. His was the spirit that overcomes obstacles, subdues wildernesses, builds homes, and establishes order for human happiness. One often hears about rugged individualism. In the truest sense surely here is a fine example of it."

## SAYS SEED LOANS TO BE COLLECTED

Mr. Hale Calls Attention to Purpose of Government to Secure Full Payment

Mr. Hale, local representative of the Federal Seed Loan agency, tells The Democrat that it is now the purpose of the federal government to bring about the payment of the past due loans. Mr. Hale states that where crops have been sold and the payments neglected, prosecutions are in order, and wants to insist upon Watauga people taking care of these loans, in order that there may be as few court actions as possible.

A press dispatch from Darlington, S. C., under date of December 14, tells of true bills having been returned by the grand jury against seven farmers charged with disposing of crops under mortgage. Prosecutions are being brought all over the country, and Mr. Hale is left without choice in the matter, due to the insistence of his department that collections be effected.

## Employment Agent To Be Here Friday

A representative of the State Employment Service will be at the courthouse here Friday, December 18th, for the purpose of registering those seeking employment. Under the schedule of Boone dates as previously followed, a representative would have been here December 25, the next Friday being January 1—hence the change in the arrangement.

## OFFICES TO CLOSE

The offices at the courthouse will be closed Christmas day and the following day, it was announced Wednesday.

## Royal Romance Costs Edward Throne



The former King Edward VIII of England and Mrs. Wallis Simpson of Baltimore, Md., whose romance did not meet with the approval of parliament, and which resulted in the abdication of the monarch last week. The next brother to the king, formerly the Duke of York, ascended the throne as George VI, while the late ruler proceeded into Austria.

## Democrat To Issue Early Next Week

In order that those responsible for the issuance of The Democrat may have a brief respite from their labors during the holidays, The Democrat will come from the press Monday afternoon of next week, instead of on Wednesday, as ordinarily, then the shop will be closed until after Christmas.

Those who have advertising matter, news articles or printing to be done, would do well to bear this in mind, in order that there may be no inconvenience experienced.

## THREE DEER SHOT BY LOCAL HUNTERS

Happy Group of Nimrods Returns to Boone From Hunting Trip to Carteret

Messrs. A. E. Hamby, Pat McGuire and Ab Mullins composed a hunting party which returned to Boone Friday evening from a four days' trip in the vicinity of Newport, in Carteret county, and three big buck deer were brought back as trophies of the successful expedition. Each of the musketeers brought down his game, and all the shirts of the nimrods were in tact as they mingled with friends and related stories of the trip. Thirty fine wild ducks were also brought back to the city. The deer have attracted considerable interest at the store of Mullins and Clay where they have been placed in refrigeration.

The huntsmen feel that the measure of their success was due in large part to the ability of their guide, Mr. C. T. Cannon, of Newport, and they are high in their praise of his fine hospitality and superior sportsmanship.

## Stores To Remain Open In Evenings

The stores of the city, beginning Saturday evening, will remain open each evening until Christmas, it was announced Tuesday.

The merchants are taking this action in order to convenience those who do not find time to take care of their shopping during the usual hours. The shopping season is now getting off to a good start, the merchants say, and an extremely heavy business is expected this week-end.

## PENSION CHECKS ARE IN FOR WAR VETERANS

Pension checks from the state of North Carolina for Watauga's two Confederate veterans and for 19 widows of veterans, have arrived at the office of the clerk of the court and some of them have already been delivered.

The two veterans, Messrs. Lemuel Greene, of Amana, and J. E. Luther, of Deep Gap, each received \$182.50, while five widows are given \$150 each, and the remaining 14 drawing \$50 each.

Miss Grace Glenn Benfield is at home from a Statesville hospital, where she has been seriously ill, and information is that she is now showing satisfactory improvement.

## PERKINS HOME IS RAZED BY FLAMES

Loss in Sunday Morning Blaze is About Eight Thousand; Some Insurance

Fire of undetermined origin Sunday morning reduced to ashes the home of Mrs. Mary L. Perkins, located near the suburban town of Perkinsville, and inflicted a loss which has been estimated at something like eight thousand dollars. There was a partial insurance coverage.

The fire had gained such headway when the alarm was sounded that the fire department was unable to check the disastrous sweep of the flames.

The 10-room frame building, which was remodeled in the year 1911, was the ancestral home of the late Robert Shearer, father of Mrs. Perkins, and was one of the most modern and elegantly appointed country homes in the county. In the early days the home was a center for social activity in the region, and had always been one of the most hospitable resorts to be found. Besides the loss of the building, thousands of dollars worth of old and priceless furniture went up in the blaze, an adjacent building which was used as a storage for foodstuffs was burned with its contents, and the personal belongings of Mrs. Perkins, a sister, Mrs. J. G. Pulliam, Rev. Mr. Pulliam and a son, Robert W. Pulliam, were destroyed. The latter received slight burns as he escaped from a second floor of the flaring structure.

The family is for the time being making their home in a tenant house on the farm.

## MERCHANTS TO OBSERVE HOLIDAY SAT., DEC. 26

The following business places of the town will be closed for business on Saturday, December 26, it was announced today:

Spainhours, Farmers Hardware & Supply Co., Building and Loan, Watauga County Bank, Belk-White Co., Johnson-Stuart Co., Ruth-Louise Shoppe, Smithy's Store, Daniel Boone Shoe Shop, Qualls Furniture Store, High Land Furniture Store, Boone Department Store, Miller's Five and Ten, Pearson's, Mullins & Clay, Boone Steam Laundry, M. & M. Motor Co., Boone Motor Sales, Boone Feed Co., New River Light & Power Co., Highland Cleaners, Harrison Chevrolet Co., Rudemar Beauty Shoppe, Lillian Mae Beauty Shoppe, Shull & Hodges Cleaners, B. & M. Grocery, S. A. Norris, W. S. C. Garage, Mayflower Beauty Shoppe.

## GOES TO WASHINGTON

Mr. Marion Thomas of Mabel, left Tuesday morning for Washington, D. C., where he will appear as a government witness before the federal board of tax appeal of the internal revenue department. Mr. Thomas was called to offer testimony due to the fact that the cases on trial were pending when he resigned from the collectorship in 1933.

## PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT RETURNS TO CAPITAL

Washington, Dec. 15.—President Roosevelt returned to the capital tonight from the peace conference at Buenos Aires, arriving by special train after an all-day run from Charleston, S. C., where he landed from the cruiser Indianapolis.

## J. D. COUNCILL DIES FRIDAY MORNING

Pioneer Citizen of the Town Passes Suddenly; Funeral Held Saturday

James Dudley Council, 75 years old, member of the town's first family, died at the ancestral home here Friday morning from what is believed to have been a heart attack. Mr. Council was in his usual good health the evening before and enjoyed the movies with a young grandson, and died without awakening at about 7 o'clock the following morning.

Funeral services were conducted from the Methodist church Saturday afternoon by the pastor, Rev. Paul Townsend, who was assisted in the rites by Rev. G. C. Brinkman and Dr. J. D. Rankin.

The active pallbearers were James Winkler, William Winkler, Gordon Winkler, Cameron Williams, James Council and Walter Winkler. Honorary: Donald Boyden, T. Hill Farthing, J. L. Qualls, Dr. Perry, Rob Rivers, Kenneth Linney, Baxter Linney, R. R. Hodges, W. R. Lovill, Dr. Dougherty, Paul Coffey, Watt Gragg, Dr. Rankin, Jim Rivers, Richard Greene, John W. Hodges, A. E. Hamby, J. A. Mullins, A. E. South, W. G. Hartzog, D. J. Cottrell, June Russell, Charles Zimmerman, John E. Brown, Mack Luttrell, E. N. Hahn, J. E. Clay, J. M. Moretz, R. L. Bingham, J. C. McConnell, Bart Bryan, Grady Farthing.

An impressive floral offering was in charge of the following ladies: Misses Loree O'Daniels, Jewel Hagaman, Louise Critcher, Elizabeth Council, Anita Winkler, Mesdames Margaret Winkler, Honor Dee Winkler, Effie Winkler, Lucy Farthing, Clarke Brown Lucy Greene, Rob Rivers, Baxter Linney, Margaret Council, Frank Williams.

Interment was in the family plot in the city cemetery, the arrangements being by Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home.

The survivors include the widow, the former Miss Emma Winkler, three sons and three daughters: Dudley and Frank Council, Washington, D. C.; Thomas Council, Boone; Mrs. R. H. DeVault, Bristol, Tenn.; Mrs. D. H. Hollifield, Afton, N. C.; Mrs. Alice Robbins, Boone. One sister, Mrs. John S. Williams, of Blowing Rock, survives, and four grandchildren.

Mr. Council was born and spent his entire life in Boone. He was the son of the late J. S. Council, and was, with one exception, the oldest native citizen of the town. He was a blacksmith by occupation, and a mechanic of great skill. With the coming of good roads, and the advent of the automobile, Mr. Council closed his shop and engaged himself in the building trades. His last work was in the capacity of construction inspector for the Works Progress Administration.

Mr. Council was a member of the Methodist church, to which he adhered with a great fidelity. He was a faithful attendant as services and for many years was a teacher in the Sunday school. He lived a life of devotion to his family, his friends and neighbors, and had the complete respect and admiration of the citizens of this entire section. "Mr. Crack" as he was called was familiarly known, was one of the landmarks of Boone, lived here through the years when the place changed from a neighborhood to a village, and from a village to a thriving town, and was known by all. He will be sadly missed by the many friends with whom he walked.

## GET YOUR CALENDAR

Patrons of The Democrat may secure a neat calendar for the year 1937 by calling at the office. Those wanting these calendars should get them as the supply won't last long.

## The Gift That Keeps On Giving

Remember some friend or absent member of the family with The Watauga Democrat as a Christmas gift. Fifty-two weeks of concise home news coverage would be one of the most welcomed gifts imaginable. Many local people annually fill in a space on their gift lists with the home town newspaper and tell us that the recipients find lasting joy in their thoughtfulness.

The price is only \$1.50 per year; 75c for six months. Send a weekly letter to a far away friend, without having to write it.