

Women in Government



Washington. — Miss Annabla Matthews (above), is a member of the assistant general councils committee of the internal revenue department, and one of the women in government holding a high office of responsibility.

OVER \$600 GIVEN TO FLOOD RELIEF

Watauga County Makes Outstanding Record in Aiding People in Flood Zone

Information Wednesday is that the Red Cross flood relief fund continues to grow, and that funds received directly by the Red Cross chapter in Boone have already passed the six hundred mark, or something more than twice as much as was asked from this region by the national organization.

Appalachian Cagers To Play Home Games

Western Carolina and King Colleges on Basketeer's Schedule for Saturday Night

Coach Stewart's high-flying basketball team will play two games on the home floor this week-end, meeting Western Carolina Teachers College on Friday and King College on Saturday night.

Local Mat Team to Wrestle Vanderbilt

Local mat fans will have another chance to see Coach Watkins' undefeated wrestling team in action here Saturday night when they meet the strong Vanderbilt University aggregation.

Legislative Outlook

The supreme court issue has virtually overshadowed other matters pending in congress. It is expected that if the President's proposal is approved and he is given authority to name new justices, new bills for the revival of NRA and AAA will be introduced.

WETS GAIN UPPER HAND AS LIQUOR BILL IS PASSED

State Senate Follows Lead of House and Passes Option Liquor Bill; Measure is Expected to Become Law by End of Week

Raleigh, Feb. 17.—Dryns took an even worse beating than they expected yesterday from the local optioners when the state senate by a vote of 30 to 20, counting pairs, defeated the Martin amendment providing for a state-wide referendum on the liquor question and then by an overwhelming viva voce vote passed the Hanford county option and control bill on its second and third readings.

The bill, which in effect legalizes liquor under certain regulatory supervision all over North Carolina and permits any county to operate a liquor store by an affirmative vote of the people, only awaits concurrence of house in non-controversial senate amendments and formal ratification, probably by the end of this week, to become effective.

Senator Martin, who led the fight against the bill in six hours of senate sitting yesterday changed his vote from aye to no on the roll call on the referendum feature in order that he may move a reconsideration today. But anybody who watched the sure-footed controllers knows they are not frightened by this effort to upset their plans and it seemed assured yesterday afternoon that the senate will vote down this reconsideration as promptly as it dispatched the Martin and other weakening amendments to the bill.

Greer for Referendum Senator Roby T. Greer, of Watauga, was among the twenty who voted for the state-wide referendum. Tuesday for the first time as far as is known in the history of North Carolina a liquor question was debated by its legislature without any serious cat-calling from either side and under a general understanding that there were honest and conscientious gentlemen on both sides.

MERGER OF BANKS TO BE APPROVED

Bakersville Bank Expected to Approve Merger in Meeting Friday

Stockholders of the Merchants and Farmers bank at Burnsville will meet Friday to consider the consolidation plan whereby four of the leading banks in northwestern North Carolina will consolidate and form the organization of the Northwestern Bank.

Members of the consolidation are to be the Deposit & Savings Bank of North Wilkesboro, which will be headquarters, the Watauga County Bank, the Bank of Sparta and the Merchants and Farmers Bank at Bakersville. The bank at Bakersville has a branch at Burnsville and the Watauga County Bank has a branch at Blowing Rock.

Approval of the consolidation plan was given by stockholders of the Watauga County Bank on January 30, the Deposit & Savings Bank on February 8, the Bank of Sparta on February 9 and the Merchants and Farmers Bank was to have considered the plan last Wednesday, but the matter was deferred for final action until tomorrow.

Combined resources of the Northwestern Bank will be well over three million dollars. Deposits will approximate two and a half-million. The capital of the bank as proposed will be: Common capital stock, \$150,000, surplus, \$75,000; undivided profits, \$25,000; reserve approximately \$25,000.

The organization will have a general board of directors with three members from each member bank. W. W. Mast, W. D. Farthing and P. A. Coffey are members of the general board from the Watauga County Bank.

Study Sweeping Reform of Federal Judiciary



Washington.—President Roosevelt's message proposing sweeping reform of the federal judiciary, including giving the President the right to appoint as many as six new justices of the supreme court, gets the attention of congressional leaders. Above, Vice President Garner (center), with Senator Ashurst (Ariz.), chairman senate judiciary committee, and Senator Dieterich (Ill.), committee member, right. Below: Speaker Bankhead of the house, going over the message with Rep. Sumners (D.), Texas, and Rep. Guyer (R.), of Kansas.

FATALLY INJURED AS TREE IS FELLED

Joe Ward, Matney Farmer, is Killed by Bough of Tree; Funeral Sunday

Joe A. Ward 38, years old, well known farmer of the Matney neighborhood, received fatal injuries last Thursday while he was felling timber in the forest near his home. Information is that Mr. Ward cut down a tree, which in turn lodged against another, a limb from the second tree striking him. He died at the Banner Elk hospital Friday, a fractured skull being given as the immediate cause of his demise.

Mr. Ward was known as a substantial citizen, and his tragic death brings sorrow to a wide circle of friends. Funeral services were conducted Sunday and interment was in the neighborhood cemetery. The funeral details are not available.

Record Sales Ford Cars Are Reported

Boone Motor Sales, Inc., local Ford dealers, believe that they have set something of a local record in the sale of new cars in a six-day period. Last week the local concern delivered nine new Fords, and in addition sold six used cars. At the beginning of this week only two new cars were left on the floor, and the supply of used cars had been reduced to three.

Mr. Earl Cook, in reporting the unusually brisk business, states that his concern is now receiving two loads of Foris per week, and that his firm is able to make prompt delivery.

WILEY GREENE DIES IN TENNESSEE AT AGE 56

Wiley Otis Greene, 56 years old, native citizen of Watauga county, but for the past several years a resident of Crossville, Tenn., succumbed at the Upland Sanatorium, Pleasant Hill, Tenn., last Saturday.

Funeral services were conducted from the Bethel Baptist church in the Beaver Dam section of Watauga county today, Rev. J. C. Canipe of the Boone Baptist church, being in charge of the obsequies. Interment was in that neighborhood.

Mr. Greene was reared in Watauga county, where he was known as a good citizen, and where he had a large number of friends and relatives. The survivors include the widow, Mrs. Floy Greene, of Crossville, Tenn.; the mother, Mrs. S. C. Greene, of Boone; two brothers, Geo. and Ralph Greene, of Ashland, Ky.; three sisters, Mesdames T. E. Isaacs, Peoria, N. C.; George Bingham, Sherwood, and Jake Duffield, Mountain City, Tenn. Two sons and three daughters also survive: John and Dana Greene, Spencer, Iowa; Mrs. Jack Shriver, Des Moines, Ia.; Mrs. Council C. Cooke and Mrs. Richard E. Kelley, Boone.

New York.—The unfinished cathedral of St. John the Divine has standing room for 40,000 people.

BIRCHIE POTTER VICTIM OF BULLET FIRED BY COUSIN

North Fork Citizen is Killed Sunday; Two Held in Jail in Connection With Slaying; Hearing is Scheduled to Be Held Saturday

Glenn Brown, 20-year-old citizen of the North Fork community, was lodged in the county jail Sunday evening by Sheriff Edmisten, and will answer a charge of murder at the April term of court, growing out of the fatal shooting of a first-cousin, Birchie Potter, 25, the tragedy having occurred shortly before noon Sunday at the home of John O. J. Potter, Robert Brown, 16 years old, a brother to Glenn, came to Boone Monday and surrendered to the sheriff, having been charged as being an accessory in the melee which precipitated the shooting.

According to the information gathered by the sheriff, Potter had parked a truck at the J. O. J. Potter residence, and Glenn Brown had insisted that he accompany him in quest of liquor. Potter is said to have refused to make the trip for the illicit fluid, and subsequently proceeded into the house. Glenn, it is said, cranked the truck and was backing the vehicle, when Potter emerged from the house. He and Robert Brown engaged in a fight, following which Potter started back in the house. At this point Glenn Brown is alleged to have thrust the .41 calibre Derringer into his right side, just above the hip and fired. Potter fell through the door, into the room occupied by his grandfather, and expired within five minutes.

Sheriff Edmisten proceeded immediately to the scene of the tragedy and arrested Glenn Brown. He states that he was yet under the influence of alcoholics as was his brother. There was no information that would lead to the belief that any grudge had hitherto existed between the cousins.

A preliminary hearing for the Brown brothers will be held before E. N. Hahn, justice of the peace, in Boone next Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Funeral services for the deceased were held Tuesday from the late residence, Rev. Roscoe Trivett being in charge and interment was in the neighborhood cemetery. Surviving are the mother, Mrs. Cooge Potter, two brothers and two sisters: Roy and Marvin Potter, Lucille and Ulla Potter.

GROUND IS BROKEN FOR NEW BUILDING

Messrs. Hamby and Winkler to Erect Business and Apartment Structure

Ground has been broken for another new and modern business house in the town. It was learned Monday, the structure to occupy the space between the new Belk building and the Boone Drug store. Messrs. A. E. Hamby and W. R. Winkler, the owners of the property indicate that there will be a store building 75x25 feet on street level, a full basement, and one or perhaps two additional stories, which will be divided into apartments.

The building, it is said, will be thoroughly modern, and plans are to have it ready for occupancy within a few weeks. There is no information as to who will occupy the first floor of the new building.

Bethel Hi School Closes Because of Flu Epidemic

Will Resume Work Monday; Lewis Dishman Suffers Broken Leg; Other Community News

On account of a flu epidemic which was keeping so many children out of school, and the danger of the disease being spread more widely, Bethel high school closed Tuesday until Monday. Several cases of pneumonia are reported in the community.

Lewis Dishman, while logging for Messrs. Ward & Perry of Sugar Grove, had his leg broken in two places Monday. It is reported that he was driving a yoke of oxen and that the log became "fouled" and that when he attempted to loose it that he stepped on a slick root and the oxen jerked the log on his leg.

Messrs. J. E. O'Neal and Clyde Perry are confined to their beds with flu at the present time. Mrs. Louise Perry, who has been indisposed for some two weeks, is reported to be some better now.

Asa L. Reese, one of the Bethel high school boys, has been right sick with pneumonia for a few days, but is said to be improving. Mr. Marshall Ward, one of the Bethel teachers, was called home last Friday on account of the death of his brother, Joe Ward, who was fatally injured by a falling limb. Mr. Ward had just bought a boundary of timber and he and his hands were cutting the first tree when the accident occurred.

Local Power Plant Installs New Unit

Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian, has just purchased from a utility company in Deland, Florida, a 400-horse power electric unit which will be installed in the local plant as soon as weather conditions permit.

The unit has been used for a short time by the Public Service company of Florida, but it has been reconditioned and is practically as good as new. Dr. Dougherty reports that the new addition will be used to relieve the dynamo in operation at the steam plant here and that it should double the capacity of the unit.

Fourth Arrest in Sparta Assault - Murder Case

Sparta, Feb. 16.—Sheriff Walter M. Irvin announced tonight the arrest of Paul Edwards, of the Saddle Mountain section of Alleghany county, for questioning in connection with the slaying of Elva Brannock, 16-year-old school girl, whose body was found 15 miles northeast of Sparta last Friday.

The sheriff said Edwards had offered an alibi and that deputies were checking his story. Edwards was the fourth person arrested in connection with the investigation into the death of the girl, who doctors said was strangled after she had been criminally assaulted.

Others arrested were Everett and Delter Fortner, brothers, and Sam Fipps. The three deny any connection with the crime and officers themselves said they did not believe they had any knowledge of the murder of the girl. Their stories were being checked, however, to determine where they were on the day of the crime, Sheriff Irvin said.

Elva Brannock's body was found 300 yards from the school which she had attended. She disappeared February 8 while on her way to school. The body was found four days later.

Tree Planting Near Finished in the City

Something more than two hundred silver maple, birch and evergreen shrubs have been set in connection with the beautification program sponsored by the town officials, and all suitable spaces along Main street have been planted. When the weather permits the work will continue on some of the side streets.

Mayor Gragg again desires to call the attention of the people to the ordinance forbidding damaging any of the plants, and states that violators will be severely dealt with. Property owners are very anxious to protect the trees and a number of them have indicated their willingness to build temporary "pens" about the trees, to protect them during the early growing period.