

# A. S. T. C. TAKES FOUR PRIZES IN GOLDEN GLOVES

Len Wilson and Joe Yermala Declared Champions in Open Class Division at Charlotte This Week

Kidd Brewer's Appalachian pugilists came through the Golden Gloves tournament in Charlotte this week, acclaimed by the sports writers for their brilliant leather-pushing in bringing to the local college four championship awards, and eight entrants into the semi-finals. Only ten of the Appalachian fighters were entered in the tournament which was staged in the Charlotte Armory under the sponsorship of the Charlotte Observer.

In the novice class of the welter-weight division, Ted Bartz, 146-pounder, of Appalachian, won a decision over James Henderson, also of Appalachian, to win the tournament championship in this division.

Joe Yermala, 160-pound crack Appalachian boxer, won a decision over Jack Dunn, 158-pound Charlotte Y fighter, who was favored to win the championship in the middleweight division. In addition to winning the championship in this division, Joe was awarded the Jake Wade trophy for being the best all-round fighter. Incidentally, Jack Dunn, his opponent in the final bout, was voted the most popular.

The heavyweight division was Marion Query, 185, Appalachian State, winning over Everett Gann, 150, Belmont fighter. Query won the novice championship award in the division.

Len Wilson, 192-pound local matman, knocked out Frank Faggart, 193, of the Blue Ridge school, in the third round to win the open championship awards.

Joe Yermala and Len Wilson, Appalachian winners in the open class of the middleweight division and the open class of the heavyweight division, respectively, won an opportunity to participate in the National A. A. U. meet scheduled to take place in Boston, Mass., early in April.

Coach Brewer gained wide publicity along with the local men for the commendable manner in which they conducted themselves during the tournament in Charlotte. The various comments in Jake Wade's column of the Charlotte Observer gives evidence that Appalachian practitioners gained respect as well as awards during the event.

## BOONE NEGRO MAKES ESCAPE FROM BASTILE

Charles Jackson, Boone negro, ran afoul of the law Friday by assaulting his wife, a rock having been used in the affray with telling effect, and the law in turn placed the irate husband in the county jail. Charles, however, didn't seem to appreciate the abridgement of his liberties, and managed to make a getaway from the house of confinement. A ball-tie sheet, fashioned into a crude rope, hung from a window of the jail cell, and just how the dusky prisoner managed to squeeze himself between the iron bars remains a mystery.

The sheriff's officers had not, at last reports, been able to apprehend Jackson.

## MISS WATKINS SPONSOR OF BOY SCOUT DINNER

Miss Alice Watkins sponsored a dinner at which members of the Boy Scout troop were honor guests, and which was held at the Caro-Jean Inn last Friday evening. Miss Watkins solicited donations from various of the business interests of the town to finance the banquet, at which Rev. J. C. Canipe of the Boone Baptist church, was the principal speaker. Mr. Canipe's scholarly address was made under the subject, "Rededicating Our Lives to the Scout Movement."

Twelve members of the local troop were present and the dinner meeting was thoroughly enjoyed.

## NYA HANDICRAFT SHOP

The NYA handicraft shop at Salem church, which is one of three such shops in Watauga county, is designing and making many beautiful pieces of furniture, both rustic and domestic. The public waiting room of the welfare office in the courthouse is being furnished with this furniture.

The NYA girls are doing textile handicrafts—designing and making hooked, braided and punched rugs. Also decorations, industrial, and fine arts. Mrs. Clara Simpson, NYA co-supervisor, reports that over 40 youths in vocational training, are receiving NYA wages for many kinds of work useful both to them and to the communities in which they live.

## MISSION STUDY CLASS

There will be a mission study class of the book, "Follow Me," at the Baptist church Monday evening, March 1, at 7 o'clock. All the ladies of the church are invited to come and enjoy the book.

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## Women in Government



Washington.—Miss Betty Goody-koonz (above), assistant commissioner of education, is one of the women in government who rates high in the ranks of those now doing important work in government departments.

## BANK MERGER IS BEING DELAYED

### Legal Technicality Prevents Approval of the Proposal by Bakersville Bank

The proposed consolidation of four leading banks of this section into the Northwestern Bank, suffered a temporary setback Friday when the stockholders of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Bakersville failed to endorse the plan, or rather deferred final action on the same, due to a legal technicality which developed on account of the recent transfer of ownership of a large block of stock in the institution. It is believed that the bank will approve the proposal at a meeting which will likely be held within the space of a few days.

The consolidation has already been approved by the three other banks concerned, the Deposit & Savings Bank in North Wilkesboro, the Watauga County Bank in Boone and the Bank of Sparta at Sparta. Under the terms of the proposal a three-million dollar financial institution would be formed with central offices at North Wilkesboro.

## TO ENFORCE HOTEL, CAFE REGULATIONS

### Ratings of Public Lodging and Eating Places To Be Published By Health Department

By H. G. WEBSTER, (District Health Department)

Due to the demands placed upon the local health department by the traveling public, this department will publish periodically the grades of each hotel, tourist home, tourist camp and cafe under our supervision. This is according to the authority vested in us under Section 17, chapter 186, Public Laws of 1921, as amended.

It is the desire of the state board of health to have the public know just what the inspection service means in the way of protection of public health through prevention of the spread of disease. Of course, in order to offer any protection it is necessary to place particular emphasis on the point of cleanliness. This applies to dishes used, cooking utensils, stoves, work tables in kitchens, serving tables and counters, floors, and particularly the person of the persons preparing and handling foods.

In order for an establishment to handle and sell food it must maintain a numerical grade of at least 70 per cent. This numerical grade, however, does not always give a cafe or hotel the right to operate because there are certain items that must be approved regardless of grade. These items are: Approved and properly protected water supply, approved toilet facilities available at least to those working in the place, approved hand washing facilities, approved dish-washing facilities with both hot and cold running water, certificates of good health.

## TO AID TAXPAYERS

Mr. R. L. Clay, deputy collector of internal revenue, will be at the Boone Drug store all day Monday, March 1, for the purpose of assisting federal income taxpayers in the filing of their returns.

## GREER BACKS LAW WHICH WOULD AID JUDGE COUNCIL

### Former Boone Resident and Jurist Was Permanently Injured in Discharge of His Duties; Bill Would Compensate Those So Disabled

A bill which would make provision for the compensation of supreme and superior court judges who are permanently injured in the discharge of their duties, has been introduced in the general assembly and is being fathered by Senators Greer of Watauga, Blackwelder of Catawba, Joyner of Iredell, and Abernethy of Caldwell.

Under the terms of the measure, the many Boone friends of Judge W. E. Council, who now resides in Hickory, believe that he would be eligible for compensation, due to the fact that he sustained permanent injuries while in the discharge of his duties as a member of the North Carolina superior court judiciary.

Judge Council, it is recalled, was seriously injured more than thirty years ago, July 22, 1906, in a head-on collision on the Seaboard Airline Railway, near Rockingham, while he was en route to Lumberton to hold a session of the Robeson county superior court. Many persons were killed in the accident and a number of others, including Judge Council, were seriously injured.

Judge Council attempted to proceed with holding his court the next day, but collapsed and fell from his chair. Following that, it was discovered that he was in a feeble condition due to the shock and pain caused by the wreck. He had been injured about the hips, spine and shoulders and his hearing was so impaired that the injury proved permanent. Later he retired from the bench and devoted himself to private practice, but the loss of his hearing has greatly restricted him in the practice of his profession.

The bill, which has been introduced, and under the terms of which Judge Council would be expected to benefit, provides:

Every former justice of the supreme court or former judge of the (Continued on Page Eight)

## BETHEL SCHOOL IS AGAIN CLOSED BY FLU EPIDEMIC

Prof. C. M. Dickson, principal of the Bethel high school, passed through town Tuesday en route to his home in Ashe county, his school having been closed for another week because of an epidemic of influenza in that community. Seventy-five of the students were absent at the beginning of the week, said Mr. Dickson, and it was believed the part of wisdom to close the doors of the school for an additional week. While there are many cases of flu, and some pneumonia, Mr. Dickson says as yet there is no critical illness in the district.

## ATTEMPTS TO STAY COFFEY EXECUTION

Attorney W. R. Lovill left Monday for Raleigh, where he was to intercede with the governor in behalf of Reid Coffey, Avery county youth, sentenced to die in the gas chamber on March 5th for the alleged murder of an uncle. Because of the youth of the condemned and certain extenuating circumstances, Mr. Lovill believed there was an excellent chance for commutation of the sentence.

## BROWN BROTHERS WAIVE HEARING

### Alleged Slayer of Birchie Potter and Accomplice Are Remanded to Jail

Glenn Brown, North Fork citizen, who is charged with having fired the shot which killed Birchie Potter, and a brother, Aobert Brown, waived the privileges of a preliminary hearing before Esquire Hahn Saturday and were remanded to jail, without privilege of bail, to await trial at the April term of superior court.

The tragedy occurred Sunday a week ago in the North Fork neighborhood and is said to have been the climax to a fight in which Potter and Robert Brown participated. Information is that following the difficulty, Glenn Brown advanced, drew a pistol, and fired the bullet which produced almost instant death. The young men being held are first cousins and grandsons of John O. J. Potter, at whose home the slaying took place.

## At Grain Problem Conference



Washington.—Farm leaders from all parts of the country conferred here with the secretary of agriculture, Henry Wallace, to study plans for an "ever-normal" granary. The plan calls for storage of excess production in good years. In the conference, left to right, seated: Senator Elison D. Smith, Secretary Wallace and Representative Marvin Jones. Standing: E. H. Everson, Farm Union president; Louis J. Taber, National Grange master; H. R. Tolley, AAA; and Edward A. O'Neal, president American Farm Bureau Federation.

## NEED FOR SKILLED LABOR IS URGENT

### Anderson is Anxious for Unemployed to Register; Saleswomen Especially Needed

Mr. James M. Anderson, of the state employment service, North Wilkesboro office, here Friday, is anxious that there be a complete registration of those persons in this territory who desire to be placed in lucrative employment, and states that the demand remains urgent for able-bodied men on highway work, skilled road workers, truck drivers and operators of other machines, together with carpenters and common laborers. All skilled rock masons are particularly urged to register with the service, in order that they may secure prompt placement.

Mr. Anderson states that he will again be in Boone on Friday, February 26th, for the purpose of registering those desiring jobs and is especially anxious to secure for a new five and ten-cent store in Boone, 20 girls to act as saleswomen. Any girl between the ages of 19 and 22 is eligible for this work. Each applicant, however, should be a graduate of a high school. Mr. Anderson requests all young ladies interested in this employment to meet him on the 26th. He will be at the courthouse from 9 o'clock throughout the day, and on every other Friday henceforth.

Too many people, Mr. Anderson said, have the erroneous idea that the employment service is some kind of relief or welfare organization and (Continued on Page Eight)

## ELK RIVER VALLEY IS SITE FOR ATHLETIC FIELD

Banner Elk, Feb. 23.—The valley of the Elk River, across the stream just back of the college campus, has been chosen as the site for the new athletic field for Lees-McRae College and construction has begun. \$25,000 for a field and gymnasium was recently given to the college.

Through preliminary surveys, the opposite slope of the river gorge, on the side next to the college, was chosen as a tentative site for the gymnasium. The lower slope of Hemlock Hill now forms a natural amphitheatre for the athletic field.

## I. G. GREER IMPROVED

I. G. Greer, former Appalachian college professor and at present superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, who underwent an appendix operation in High Point a week ago, was showing a decided improvement Wednesday and his early recovery is now more confidently expected. Mr. Greer's condition was critical on Monday and three brothers, Dr. F. M. Greer, of Mabel, Messrs. Cicero and Milton Greer, of Boone, went to his bedside. The news of his improvement brings comfort to the many friends of the popular gentleman in this county, who had grown alarmed because of his illness.

## ROBY WILSON HAS ATTACK

Mr. Roby Wilson, prominent resident of North Fork township, suffered a heart attack in Boone Tuesday, and after receiving medical attention, was taken to his home. Mr. Wilson's condition was said to have been rather serious when he left Boone, but no later advices have been received.

## SPURLING WILL ATTEND DINNER

### Sixteenth District Solicitor Will Be Principal Speaker at Victory Banquet

Hon. L. S. Spurling, of Lenoir, solicitor for the sixteenth judicial district, will be the principal speaker at the Victory Dinner which is to be held at the Daniel Boone hotel on Thursday evening, March 4. Mr. Spurling on Tuesday accepted the invitation tendered by James H. Council, who is chairman of the local committee on arrangements for the Democratic gathering.

The dinner is one of the several hundreds which will be held throughout the United States the night of March 4 to raise the money to meet the Democratic national committee deficit that arose in connection with the campaign of President Roosevelt last fall. Details of the local banquet haven't as yet been definitely arranged but Mr. Council states that tickets for the dinner are to go on sale at once, and that the evening will be one of many entertainment features.

## SOIL PAYMENTS NOW BEING MADE

### 234 Watauga Farmers Entitled to Checks for Participation in Land Program

Notices have been mailed out from the county agent's office to 234 Watauga farmers, whose checks in varying amounts under the federal soil conservation program have arrived, and are ready for delivery.

It is asked that those who are entitled to receive these checks, bring their notices with them and payment will be made. The checks received here total \$9,198.61, and are for payment under the 1936 agreements. The average local payment is around \$39.

## RED CROSS CONTRIBUTIONS

Mrs. James H. Council reports two more contributions to the Red Cross flood relief fund, as follows: Miss Jennie Todd, \$1; Winebarger School, \$2.18.

## SEED LOAN BLANKS NOW AVAILABLE

### Farmers May Negotiate Loans at Four Per Cent This Year, in Varying Amounts

Blanks for applying for government seed loans are now available at the office of Messrs. D. M. Hale and S. C. Eggers in the Watauga County Bank building, and farmers are assured of prompt service in the matter of negotiating loans for the purchase of seed, fertilizer, feed, etc.

Loans will be allowed in amounts ranging from \$10 to \$400, and it is explained that the money will be made immediately available. The interest rates this year will be four per cent, rather than the 5½ per cent which was in force last year.

Farmers of the county are invited to call at the office and make application for such funds as they may need for the purpose of planting their crops. The loans will mature as of October 31.

## BLOWING ROCK IS STILL CONCERNED OVER ANNEXATION

### Mayor Coffey States that Bill to Annex Resort to Caldwell May Not Be Introduced During Present Session; No Compromise Warranted

Mr. D. P. Coffey, mayor of Blowing Rock, in an interview with The Democrat Tuesday, states that so far as he knows the bill to include the resort town in the boundaries of Caldwell will not be introduced in the present session of the legislature, but that so long as there "is such a deplorable situation there can be no compromise."

Mr. Coffey states that he and other citizens of Blowing Rock have spent considerable energy and money in their efforts to annex themselves to a more friendly governmental unit, and that with the overwhelming percentage of his people favoring the movement, he feels that sooner or later their request will be heeded.

The Democrat is glad to publish herewith the mayor's prepared statement dealing with the situation:

### Mayor Coffey's Statement

"In regard to proposed county line change I hope you may find space for the following:

"First, I wish to state that in asking for steps to be taken toward annexation of Blowing Rock and adjacent territory by Caldwell county, I did not believe it was either a malicious or political move, because I know that the 95 per cent of our local citizenship and the 100 summer residents who asked for the change, love Watauga county, our home county (if we may be permitted to call it that), but as a last effort, so it seemed, to get something in return for about one-fifth of the total county taxes, we were driven to it after having been neglected, refused and ignored with little or no improvements, and so far as we can see, no interest in the development (Continued on Page Eight)

## G. W. YOUNCE DIES TUESDAY AT MABEL

G. W. Younce, well known and highly respected citizen of the Mabel neighborhood, died at his home Tuesday at the age of 52. A heart attack was given as the immediate cause of his death.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Union Baptist church and burial was in the church cemetery.

Survivors in the immediate family consist of the widow and two sons: Ronda Younce, Lenoir, and Olin Younce, of Concord. Four brothers and two sisters also survive: H. J. and Chas. Younce of Mabel; James and Robert Younce, Foley, Ala.; Mrs. Mary Reece, Beech Creek, and Mrs. Anne York, Johnson City, Tenn.

## CHURCH DINNER WAS SUCCESSFUL

The chicken dinner given by the ladies of the Advent Christian church Saturday was a most enjoyable affair, the people of the town joining wholeheartedly into the affair, and something more than \$50 was realized from the sale of tickets. The proceeds from the event are to be used for the benefit of the church building fund.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO HOLD MEETING TODAY

The Boone Chamber of Commerce will hold a luncheon meeting at the Princess Cafe Thursday at 12:30, at which time a complete reorganization of the chamber is to be effected, with the election of a slate of new officers. Wade E. Brown is the president of the organization and Archie S. Qualls the secretary. A full attendance of members is asked.

## LIQUOR COMES BACK

After 28 years of state-wide prohibition, North Carolina's long "dry reign" was brought to a close officially Monday night when Lieutenant Governor W. P. Horton, presiding officer of the senate, and Speaker of the House R. Gregg Cherry, formally signed the county option bill, which was passed Friday by both houses. Under the measure, enrolled Monday afternoon, 81 dry counties may hold liquor elections on or after Tuesday, April 13.

## BAPTIST CLASS MEETING

The T. E. L. class of the Baptist church will hold its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Frank Estes on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.