

SUCCESSFUL YEAR AT COVE CREEK HI

Review of Some of the Accomplishments of Term Given in Connection With Finals

Saturday night brought to a close one of the most successful years in the history of the Cove Creek high school, when the senior class presented its annual play, "Apple Blossom Time," to a capacity house. The play was well received and the proceeds amounted to \$116.97. Other commencement features were the sermon preached by Rev. James M. Sherwood, of Butler, Tenn., on Sunday night, April 11, the Rhythm Band program presented by the children of the first four grades Thursday night, the Fashion Show by the home economics classes and seventh grade graduation exercises on Friday morning and the class night exercises by the senior class, when diplomas were awarded to the forty-five graduates on Friday night. All of these programs were well attended.

The enrollment for the year was the highest in the school's history. There was a total of 956, 296 in the high school and 360 in the grades. An average attendance of 94% of the daily membership was made. This average will enable the school to retain the present number of teachers, nine in the elementary school and ten in the high school for next year.

Transportation of school children to the Cove Creek school was highly satisfactory. All six drivers were adults. These drivers worked during most of the year in the school work shop constructing furniture for the new school buildings over the county. They built class room tables, teachers' desks, bulletin boards, bookcases, laboratory cabinets and other schoolroom equipment. In addition to this they painted the Mabel and Valle Crucis buildings on the outside and did all the inside finishing work also. They did repair work on the Cove Creek equipment and built laboratory desks for the new science laboratory in the basement of the high school building. The drivers were supplemented a small amount by the county for this extra work and it is felt that the county saved a great deal of money by using these men and at the same time the school had the best drivers obtainable for its buses. The average number of children transported to the three schools served by the six buses to Cove Creek was 586. The average cost per mile for the year was 665 cents. The buses ran every day and the school was not dismissed a single day for any cause. This in spite of the fact that the lower Cove Creek road was in the worst condition within the memory of the people living on this road due to the fact that the road was under construction during most of the winter. It was necessary, however, to relay the children for several weeks, one bus ran to J. W. Walker's home and the children walked one mile to the home of John H. Bingham, where they were picked up by another bus. The spirit of co-operation shown by the parents of these children who had to suffer this inconvenience and of the children themselves was fine and was appreciated by the school officials.

The lunch room has made a splendid record for the year. Under the supervision of Miss Annie Dougherty, home economics teacher, and Mrs. Myrtle Buchanan, WPA supervisor, together with Mrs. Milton Greer, county supervisor, a total of 14,023 meals have been served. Canned goods, vegetables, milk, butter, etc., have been brought in by the children in exchange for meal tickets. Market prices have been paid. The cash receipts for the year were \$178.89. With this money kitchen utensils, silverware, dishes and other permanent equipment have been purchased besides buying staple groceries. Not one cent profit has been made as everything has been used to keep the cost to the child at the lowest possible point and at the same time in serving nourishing meals. A total of 2,000 meals have been served children who were undernourished and whose parents were unable to pay. A WPA lunch room garden was made last summer and we had on hand at the opening of school over 400 cans of vegetables. This garden project is to continue this year.

There was an average of sixteen pupils on the NYA work throughout the year. These pupils did all types of work. Over 150 library books were rebound by them under the supervision of Mr. Roy Ellison. Some assisted in the lunch room, others cared for the gymnasium, one boy swept the auditorium each day, one girl did office work and typing for the principal, two girls taught classes each day for the directors of the Rhythm Band so that these teachers could practice the children belonging to the band. All of these pupils rendered a distinct service in the effectiveness of the school.

The home-room plan instituted last year was continued. This plan permitted chapel two days each week between 8:30 and 9 and home-room programs two days and club work one day. Eight clubs were organized, four meeting one week and the other four meeting the following week. This allowed each pupil to belong to two different clubs if they so desired.

Under the supervision of Miss Annabel Bingham the class in commerce has made great progress. Miss Bingham has given the full day to the work and this has made it possible for the pupils to be divided into small groups, thus making it possible to do more effective work.

The athletic teams under the coaching of Mr. C. D. Pyatt made a good record. The boys' basketball team won the championship of the

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Poses In Uniform Worn In War of 1812



Mr. G. W. Brown, of Boone, posed for the photographer in a uniform brought from the war of 1812 by his paternal grandfather, Thomas Brown, who was born in this section November 2, 1794. Thomas Brown lived at the Roy Brown place, the oldest house in Watauga county, and while surveying, was killed by a falling tree March 11, 1835. He served throughout the war of 1812. Four grandsons survive him, all residents of Watauga county: G. W. B. R., R. A. and Henry Brown.

POISON POTION PROVES FATAL

Hal Teague Succumbs to Liquid Taken in Mistake for Medicine

Hal Teague, 30-year-old Blowing Rock resident, died in Boone early Sunday morning as the result of drinking poison a few minutes earlier. He was brought here for medical treatment.

Members of the family said they believed he took the poison, mistaking it for medicine, and no inquest was considered necessary.

Surviving are the widow, his mother, Mrs. Fannie Teague, a sister, Mrs. Richard Holier, and two brothers, Ralph and Claude, all of Blowing Rock.

Funeral services were held at the Reform church in Blowing Rock Monday morning at 11 o'clock and interment was in the church cemetery, Reims-Sturdivant being in charge of the arrangements.

SATURDAY IS LAST DAY TO REGISTER

Registration Books Again to Be Open at City Hall; Few Have Registered

Saturday is the last day in which new voters may register for participation in the municipal election to be held May 4, and the following Saturday is to be observed as challenge day. Mrs. Carrie Williams is the registrar, and thus far but few voters have applied for registration. Those who have previously voted in the city election are not required to re-register.

Thus far, no candidates have offered themselves for consideration, although it is generally believed that Mayor Gragg and the present board of aldermen will again run. The Democratic convention is called for next Monday evening, at which time a ticket will be nominated.

CANNING DEMONSTRATION WAS HELD ON TUESDAY

The canning demonstration held by Mrs. Helen Zoller at the demonstration school Tuesday afternoon was attended by more than fifty members of the home demonstration clubs in the county and other interested persons, including a number of women of the town.

Mrs. Zoller's demonstration in the canning of vegetables was particularly well received and reflected excellent new methods in preservation.

DIRECTORS NAMED

Dr. H. B. Perry, Jim Gross, Rufus Ward, S. C. Eggers and A. G. Miller were re-named as a board of directors for the Sugar Grove National Farm Loan association, at a meeting of the stockholders held Wednesday.

Mrs. John W. Hodges, whose serious illness has been mentioned heretofore remains gravely ill at the Dr. Hagaman clinic. No appreciable improvement in her condition is reported.

HEART ATTACK IS FATAL TO BELOVED METHODIST DIVINE

Funeral Services for Dr. O. J. Chandler Conducted in Asheville Monday; Was Former Pastor of Boone Church; Preached Last Sermon Here

Dr. O. J. Chandler, venerable Methodist minister and former pastor of the Boone church, died at his Asheville home last Friday from a heart attack at the age of 68 years.

Dr. Chandler left Boone Monday preceding his death, having been called here to preach a baccalaureate sermon for the Boone high school. This, so far as is known, was his last gospel deliverance, and was said to have been one of his best. He was extremely popular in this locality, where he had often been called to conduct funeral services for departed friends.

Dr. Chandler was a native of Kentucky, but had lived in Asheville for the most part of the past twenty years. Following his ministry in Boone, he served several churches in the vicinity of his home.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon from the Central Methodist church in Asheville by Dr. W. A. Lambeth, presiding elder of the Winston-Salem district.

"Dr. Chandler," he said, "was a Methodist, but more than that he belonged to us all. He earned the right to be loved more than any other man who has preached east of the Blue Ridge mountains, and his breadth of sympathy, wideness of view and bigness of heart were possessed by few men we have ever known."

"He visited more homes, married more couples and buried more of our dead than any other minister. He gave much, loved much, was given much, and was loved much."

"He radiated religion, optimism and faith in life and in the future, and his life in its fullness cannot better be described than by that verse of the Scripture: 'What does the Lord require of thee other than to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.'"

The body was taken to Shelbyville, Ky., for interment.

Honorary pallbearers from Boone were: Paul Coffey, J. D. Rankin, James Council, R. L. Clay and A. E. South.

Surviving Dr. Chandler are his widow, Mrs. Sarah Dickey Chandler; one daughter, Mrs. R. H. Poulter, of Middletown, Ky.; one brother, F. S. Chandler, of Madison, Ind.; one sister, Mrs. Ella Grapevine, of Peoria, Ill.; one half-sister, Mrs. Dora Charlton, of Austin, Ind.; and several half-brothers, who live in Illinois.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Rev. Paul Townsend, pastor of the Boone Methodist church, states that next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, a memorial service will be held for the late Dr. O. J. Chandler in his church.

Boone High School Exercises Are Held Friday, Saturday

Class day exercises for the Boone high school commencement were held Friday afternoon, and the baccalaureate sermon was delivered the Sunday before at the Methodist church by Dr. O. J. Chandler, former pastor of the church, who died in Asheville Friday.

The final commencement program was rendered Saturday evening in the college auditorium, the essence of which was the valedictory by Mrs. Edith Wilson Greene and salutatory by Miss Frances Canipe.

County Superintendent W. H. Walker awarded diplomas to the following students who have completed the state requirements for high school graduation:

Rodney Adams, Ruth Anderson, Charles Barnes, Ruth Beshears, Miriam Bingham, Virginia Bingham, Faye Brown, Lucy Brown, Frances Canipe, Vivian Carter, Edward Clay, Jr., Louise Cooke, Rebecca Donnelly, Katherine Farthing, Mildred Farthing, Geraldine Fox, Nell Goodnight, Fred Gragg, Jenna Greene, Mary Kindal Greene, Mack Greer, Paul Hagaman, Leona Hampton, Douglas Harrison, Basil Houck, Melba Lovill, Helen Malba, Jack Moretz, Beulah Scott, Burt Storie, Arendall Warman, Howard Welch, George Wellborn, Will Wellborn, Edith Wilson Greene, Ora Lee Williams, Jeanetta Wheeler, Ola Mae Moretz.

BROWN INFANT

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Brown died at the home on Route 2 Thursday and interment was in the John Brown cemetery.

CONFEDERATE VETERAN, ACTIVE AT 94 ONE OF COUNTY'S LEADING CITIZENS

J. E. Luther, Deep Gap resident, who is nearing his ninety-fourth birthday, and who is one of the last two Confederate veterans remaining in Watauga county, was in town the other day, mixing with friends and attending to matters of business with the same alacrity which characterized his movements as a young man.

Mr. Luther enlisted under the banner of the Confederacy in Wilkesboro May 10, 1862, in Company F, 37th North Carolina regiment and was attached to Lane's brigade, A. T. Hill's division. He saw service at the second battle of Manassas, went through the Wilderness campaign, met Yankee steel at Spottsylvania courthouse and was among the embattled hosts at Chancellorsville. He was taken prisoner at Cheatham's farm on the James River, July 13, 1864, and was paroled from Point Lookout eight months later. He returned home March 26, the surrender following April 9.

Mr. Luther was off the firing line three times from wounds. A bullet in the leg at Spottsylvania, one in the arm in another engagement and a fragment of shell in the thigh caused him to be at home about 30 days in all.

On his return home Mr. Luther evidenced the same courage and fortitude in helping restore the broken south, which stood him in such good stead on the gory fields of battle. Born in Randolph county, the family moved to Wilkesboro in 1855, and he has been in Watauga county since 1873, where he has engaged in farming and building. He was named postmaster at what is now Deep Gap



J. E. LUTHER

in 1873, served two years, resigned, and was reappointed in 1880, holding the position for five or six years. In 1916, he was again called by the postal service and retired two years ago on account of failing eyes.

Mr. Luther served during his lifetime as a justice of the peace and deputy sheriff. He is a devout member of the Methodist church, has served as Sunday school superintendent, and has done a full share toward the betterment of his neighborhood and county.

CHERRYVILLE'S FINANCES GOOD

Improvements Brought About Through Completion of Bond Negotiations

Cherryville, April 19.—Information released today at the office of T. J. Mosteller, town clerk, indicated that quite an improvement in the condition of the town's finances had been brought about through completion of negotiations with bondholders of local bonds. It is understood that refunding Cherryville bonds, in accordance with a plan adopted by the board of town commissioners, and effective as of July 1, 1936, will relieve the threatened necessity of drastic tax increases.

According to figures furnished to Mr. Mosteller by George E. Dombart and company, certified public accountants of Charlotte, refunding of the town's indebtedness eliminates an operating deficit of \$39,101.25 in the debt service fund and a sinking fund deficit of \$17,421.53.

In referring to the adoption of the refunding plan, Mr. Mosteller explained that with approximately \$500,000 outstanding bonds on the effective date of the plan, all of which were issued during the years from 1916 to 1930, the interest thereon approximately \$30,000 annually, which just about consumed the entire tax revenue, based on a \$1.50 rate applied to the total taxable valuation of the town which approximates two million dollars.

Town Attorney M. A. Stroup, who was instrumental in formulating and pushing the plan to completion, has announced that agreements have been secured from holders of the outstanding bonds, whereby such holders have agreed to accept the immediate 2 per cent interest rate and have further agreed to accept the immediate 2 per cent rate on all past due bond coupons.

Members of the town board together with Mayor Harry Allen and Mr. Mosteller, who have been conscientiously working to complete the plan for some time, were highly elated upon announcement of its completion.

Dotson Resigns as High School Head

Prof. Roy Dotson, principal of the Boone high school, has tendered his resignation, following the close of a successful term of school. Mr. Dotson did not state his reasons for resignation and is not sure where he will be located during the next school year. He did state, however, that he was considering at this time four different positions, but had not committed himself to either.

Announcement of the appointment of Mr. Dotson's successor has not been made.

Dr. McG. Anders and Dr. L. N. Glenn, of Gastonia, were visitors in town Tuesday.

PAINTINGS OF BOONE ARTISTS GET PRAISE

Honor is heaped upon Lalla Clay, Francine Holt and Julia Johnson, students in the art class at Appalachian State Teachers College, and upon Miss Katherine Harwell, art teacher.

Not only were finger paintings by these students accepted for the exhibition, Young America Paints, recently shown in the art gallery of Rockefeller Center, New York, but also they were chosen to be in a traveling exhibition of 100 of these pictures to go on tour. This exhibition is now being shown at the annual convention of the Western Arts Association in Toledo, Ohio.

COLLEGE PAPER IS HIGHLY RATED

Watauga Democrat is Complimented on Printing; Perfect Score on Sports, Make-up

The Appalachian, student publication of Appalachian College, was one of the twelve teachers colleges in the United States to receive second class honor rating, in the seventh annual critical survey of the Associated College Press. The paper received the highest possible score on make-up, sports and printing.

The publication was graded by a staff of noted newspaper editors and the heads of the journalistic school at the University of Minnesota. Their report indicates the local college paper is one of the best of its type in North Carolina, and in no case did any department of the staff receive rating below "B average." A certificate of award denotes the achievement.

Special recognition was given the publishers of the Watauga Democrat for the quality of the actual printing. Uniformity and impression of linking, well printed cuts, spacing, uniform margins and neatly folded pages, were particularly praised.

REPRESENTATIVE MILLER REMAINS CRITICALLY ILL

Representative W. F. Miller is critically ill at a Statesville hospital, but was described Tuesday as being slightly improved.

LIONS SPONSOR FISH FRY

A fish fry will be held at the Ruth-erwood fish hatchery Tuesday, April 27, under the sponsorship of the Boone Lions Club. The event will be held in Junior Order hall in case of bad weather. Proceeds are to go to the advertising fund of the club.

The Worth While club will hold its regular meeting Friday evening, April 23, at 8 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. B. W. Collins, with Mrs. Herman Wilcox as assistant hostess. All members are asked to bring the General Foundation fund at this time.

WARREN IS GIVEN SENTENCE OF FIVE YEARS IN SLAYING

State Agrees to Manslaughter Submission in Killing of Don Jones; Sam Strickland Sentenced to Five Years for Robbery With Arms

Roby Warren, Mabel citizen, was sentenced Tuesday afternoon by Judge A. Hall Johnston to five years in the state penitentiary, after the state had agreed to a manslaughter plea growing out of the shotgun slaying of Don Jones, Bristol man, as he and his family occupied a portion of the Warren domicile. Warren was also sentenced to one year in the pen on an adultery count, growing out of the relationship which had allegedly existed between he and a step-daughter of the slain man. The sentences are to run concurrently.

The killing appeared to have been the outgrowth of a drinking party participated in by the two men, and the fatal shot was said to have been fired as Jones sought to enter the apartment occupied by Warren.

Strickland Gets Term

Sam Strickland, gray-haired Tennesseean, was convicted of the robbery with firearms of Grant Trivett, Beech Creek resident, and was sentenced to five years in state prison. Mr. Trivett, in spectacular fashion told of how he had provided food for Strickland, and the following day, as he went about his chores in the barn, was held up at the point of pistols held by Strickland and companions and robbed of \$51. Strickland, who gave his age at 83, entered vigorous denial of the charges, but admitted a criminal career. He stated he had shot three men in his time, one of them fatally.

Other Cases

Other cases disposed of up until Wednesday morning are as follows: Marvin Ragan, assault with deadly weapon and driving drunk Prayer for judgment continued for two years on payment of cost. Defendant to prove abstinence from use of intoxicating beverages.

Quincy Brown, driving while intoxicated. Prayer for judgment continued until September term, on payment of cost.

Com Greene, violation prohibition law. Prayer for judgment continued until September term, on payment of cost.

Walter Shull, dealing in furs without license. Judgment suspended on payment of cost.

D. C. Stanbury, violating prohibition law. Prayer for judgment continued for two years on payment of cost.

Tom Bumgarner, possession of whiskey. Six months on roads.

Adam Hodges, violating prohibition law. \$50 and the cost.

Will D. Ford, larceny. Six months on roads.

Burt Bradshaw, assault with deadly weapon. Assessed with cost. To show good behavior for two years.

Chas. Green, assault on female. Judgment suspended on payment of cost for two years.

Frank Ward, receiving and disposing of stolen chickens. Six months on roads.

Odell Harrison, driving drunk \$50 and cost. License to drive revoked for 12 months.

Cooge Hartzog, carrying concealed weapon. \$50 and the cost.

Court Makes Headway

Judge Johnston's court, Wednesday morning was making splendid headway in the disposition of the heaviest criminal docket in years, and Robert and Glenn Brown were expected to be arraigned today for the murder of Bichie Potter. Court attaches believed that it was altogether possible for the state docket to be cleared during the remainder of the week. Civil cases will take the remainder of the two weeks term.

Many First Aiders Trained By Red Cross

Since Roll Call last November, the local Red Cross chapter has, through its first aid committee, taught 163 students the principles of first aid. Of this number 106 were Boone high school boys and girls, 8 were Boone Boy Scouts and 49 are college students. The high school students and Scouts received Junior First Aid certificates and the privilege of teaching a junior class for the American Red Cross.

The high school students were taught by Miss Gertrude Perry, Miss Mae Bryant and Johnny Peden. The Scouts were taught by Mr. Roscoe Buckland and the college classes by Professor Eugene E. Garbee, chairman of the first aid committee of the Watauga county chapter.

Dr. Otis Marshall will be on the campus of A. S. T. C. the last week in June and the first week in July to teach an advanced course in first aid. This class is open to the public and is free of charge. Start planning now to meet this class.