

Raleigh, N. C.—News-reel of the Windsor-Warfield wedding at state...



... a Wally bearing the wrinkles and blemishes of former "matrimonial wars"...

The ex-king of Britain's far-flung empire, who dramatically cast aside crown and scepter...

Romance, somehow, has always associated itself with the effervescence and physical attractiveness of youth...

Edward's speech of abdication was a masterpiece; it furnished excellent background for his widely-heralded affair d'amour with Baltimore's former belle...

REDUCING RELIEF

It is generally believed hereabouts that relief expenditures will be drastically reduced during the coming year...

Having had considerable experience from time to time with Hopkins-trained social workers, the Sketch Man has written a little one-act drama, entitled "Oh Yeah!"...

The scene is laid at the front-door of a comfortable three-room cottage occupied by Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Aers...

Miss T.: We must reduce quotas, as I've just explained, and, as you are possessed of a comfortable domicile, it seems the validity of your certification is somewhat in doubt.

Mr. A.: I don't know what you're a-talkin' about; can't understand them high-falutin' words.

Miss T.: This house and farm belongs to you, don't they? Mr. A.: Reckon they do; hain't paid any tax lately.

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Young Sit-Downer



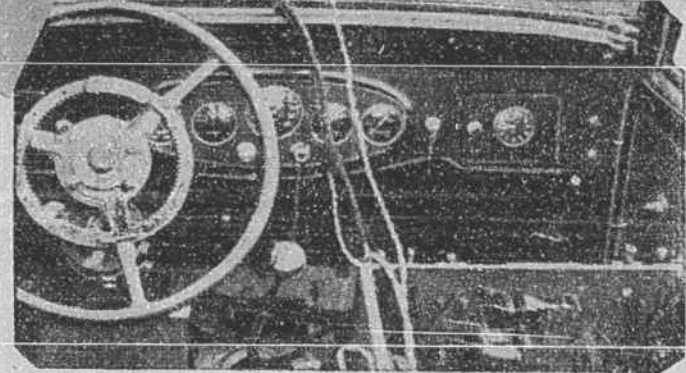
Philadelphia, Pa.—Billy McCrae, age 2, shows how he stopped a train by sitting down on the track...

BASIC FOODS WILL BE EXEMPT FROM TAX AFTER JULY 1

Ten Foods Will Not Be Subject To State Sales Tax Under Law For Next Two Years; Merchants Must Keep Accurate Records

Bread and rolls will not be subject to the sales tax after July 1, after which date nine other basic food articles will also become exempt...

CONTROLS ON "MAGIC" CAR



A view of the control panel on the driverless car which will feature the safety parade in Boone Friday.

MANY EXPECTED FOR SAFETY DAY PARADE FRIDAY

Driverless Auto to Be Attraction in Safety Parade; Mayor and Civic Organizations Cooperate in Making Event Successful; Parade Will Cover Business Section

All is in readiness for the big safety day parade at Boone Friday, June 18th, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon...

The parade will form promptly on West Main street at 8:30, and will be headed by state and city police, city officials, fire department, civic and fraternal bodies...

Merchants are expected to have floats and trucks in the parade, supporting this big safety movement. All cars and trucks will be furnished banners free...

Scoutmaster B. W. Stallings will be on hand with the Boy Scouts to participate in the parade. The Lions club has appointed the following safety committee...

B. & L. DIRECTORS NAMED LAST WEEK

Association Gets Report of Most Successful Year; Officers Named Monday

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Watauga Building and Loan Association held last week the complete slate of directors was re-elected...

The directors are: W. D. Farthing, W. H. Gragg, L. A. Greene, R. H. Hardin, A. W. Smith, G. P. Hagaman, W. W. Mast, C. M. Critcher, H. G. Farthing, R. L. Bingham, W. L. Holshouser and R. C. Rivers.

On Monday evening the directors met and the officers were elected as follows: R. H. Hardin, president; L. A. Greene, vice-president; W. H. Gragg, secretary-treasurer. An executive committee was named which is composed of H. G. Farthing, R. L. Bingham and C. M. Critcher.

The report issued to the stockholders by the secretary indicated that during the last series 970 1/2 shares of stock were sold, which is the highest mark attained during the history of the institution.

Dry Official Says Repeal Has Failed

Rev. M. A. Adams, director of temperance education of the United Dry Forces of the state, sends The Democrat the following statements relative to the increased wave of drunkenness following the repeal of the eighteenth amendment...

Arrests for drunkenness have increased under repeal. South Carolina has had repeal for three years. In Spartanburg in 1932, the year before repeal, there were 479 arrests for drunkenness. In 1936 there were 2,009, more than four times as many.

Arrests for drunk driving in South Carolina in 1931 were 586—in 1936 there were 2,322 arrests. In Wilson county, N. C., there were 485 arrests for public drunkenness the year before repeal while the first year after repeal, there were 689.

In Washington, D. C., drunkenness increased 48 per cent under repeal from 1932-35. Women drunks increased 53 per cent.

The National Life Insurance company's report shows that under repeal drinkers under 30 years of age increased 178 per cent from 1932-36, while drunkenness from 30 to 45 (Continued on Page Eight)

CHILDREN SEE FATHER DROWN

Gurney Green, Former Watauga Resident, Loses Life in Mill Pond at Patterson

Two small children Monday afternoon saw their father, Gurney Green, 27, native Wataugan, drown in the Hagaman mill pond near Patterson. Two hours later, George Robbins of Lenoir, succeeded in recovering the body. It is believed that Green slipped from a rock and fell into the deep water, and being unable to swim, perished almost immediately.

GEORGE BINGHAM DIES AT AGE 72

Well-known Sherwood Citizen Succumbs in Statesville Hospital; Rites Thursday

George F. Bingham, 72-year-old resident of Sherwood, and a member of one of the county's most prominent families, died in a Statesville hospital Wednesday of last week.

Funeral services were conducted from the Henson's Chapel Methodist church in the home neighborhood Thursday afternoon by Rev. Mr. Parker, the pastor, and interment was in the nearby cemetery.

Survivors are the widow and four children: Junior, Jack, Betty Jane and Annie Lee. Also surviving is the mother, Mrs. Ellen Green, of Deep Gap; five brothers and one sister: W. G. and G. G. Green, Deep Gap; M. C. Green, Johnson City; Conley Green, Fleetwood; R. F. Green, Boone; Mrs. Martha Ray, Miles City, Mont.

New Jewelry Store Is Being Occupied

Mr. W. B. Stallins, local jeweler, was busy Monday moving his establishment into his recently-completed brick building, which is one of the city's most attractive business houses.

Mr. Bingham was well known throughout this section where he had lived the greater part of his lifetime, and where he engaged in farming enterprises. His death has brought sorrow to a host of friends throughout this section of the state.

PROGRAM FOR B. & LOCAL RAILWAY IS LMEET ANNOUNCED NOW IN JEOPARDY

34th Annual Session of State League to Be At Blowing Rock June 23-25

Wilmington, June 11.—Representatives of the building and loan interests in North Carolina will gather at Blowing Rock June 23, 24 and 25, for the thirty-fourth annual meeting of the North Carolina Building and Loan League, as announced here today by Frederick Willetts, president of the organization.

Among the out-of-state speakers to appear on the program are Hon. Frank Hancock, Washington, representative from the fifth North Carolina congressional district; Hon. Preston Delano, Washington, governor of the Federal Home Loan Bank system; Thos. W. Elliott, Washington, representative of the Federal Housing Administration; T. W. Atkins, Chicago, field service director of the United States Building and Loan League.

Other speakers within the state who will appear on the program are W. H. Gragg, Boone; N. Mitchell, Winston-Salem; J. G. Dunn, Jr., New Bern; I. J. Dowdy, Jr., Rocky Mount; Clayton G. Bellamy, Wilmington; V. M. Stonebanks, Raleigh; D. E. Angel, Winston-Salem; W. F. Haywood, Mount Gilead; A. F. Goodman, Concord; J. B. Williams, North Wilkesboro; J. L. Suttle, Shelby; G. E. Howard, Spindale; D. R. Fonville, Burlington; W. A. Biggs, Durham; Geo. W. Crone, deputy insurance commissioner, Raleigh; R. H. Gregory, Jr., Rocky Mount; O. K. LaRoque, president of the Federal Home Loan Bank, Winston-Salem; T. E. Follin, Winston-Salem; Senator R. P. Taylor, Wadesboro; E. F. Allen, Lenoir; David J. White, Greensboro.

The Keeler Memorial essay contest will be held on Wednesday evening. The winners in this contest will be awarded \$100 first prize; \$50 second; \$25 third and 10 to each additional contestant.

The banquet will be held on Thursday evening at which Cy Hogue, Wilmington, will preside as toastmaster, and R. L. Pope, of Thomasville, vice president of the North Carolina Bankers association, will be the principal speaker.

Citizens Protest Proposal to Cripple Narrow Gauge by Removing Rails

A small group of citizens gathered at the courthouse Monday evening to file protests with the authorities at Washington against the proposal to remove the rail from the narrow gauge railway, and it was the opinion of the gathering that the postoffice department would grant the people of the community a hearing before any changes were made.

Dr. Dougherty, Appalachian College president, voiced the opinion that should the railway lose the mail contract, it would likely be a matter of only a few months until the company would be allowed to take up the rails into this city, thus thwarting the growth of the town and the college to a large extent.

Dr. Dougherty, who took a leading part in the negotiations which resulted in the building of the narrow-gauge, and whose college plant is worth a million and a half dollars, referred to the favorable freight rates on building materials, which are now in effect, and stated that his institution and the town should scarcely hope to continue their march of progress without railway service. The railway, he avers, cannot make a profit without the mail, and he called upon the citizenry to file a vigorous protest against the movement which would be the "beginning of the end" for the narrow-gauge.

Tourists Are Visiting Rutherford Hatchery

The Rutherford fish hatchery is rapidly becoming a sort of rendezvous for tourists, particularly those who come to Boone by way of the North Wilkesboro highway, and visitors never tire of watching the giant rainbow and brook trout, which Charles Smathers has tended from the day they were hatched until they have reached the average weight of about three pounds.

Mr. Smathers says he now has ready for releasing in the streams of this region something like 800,000 trout, about evenly divided between the brook and rainbow varieties. His hatchery has become a sort of showplace for the people of this section, and literally millions of fish from his rearing pools have made their way into the streams of this section to delight the anglers and to draw countless visitors to this section of the state.

AMATEUR CONTEST TO BE GIVEN AT BLOWING ROCK

The Junior Community club of Blowing Rock, is planning to sponsor an amateur contest early in July, which will include talent from any part of the county. Anyone who wishes to compete in this contest may do so. Mail your application to Grace Hartley, Blowing Rock, N. C., telling what you would like to do. These applications must be in by June 30th. And those who enter will be notified of the exact date of the program. No entrance fee is being charged.

SEEKS WHEREABOUTS OF GIRL WHO LEFT SATURDAY

Edith Hicks, resident of the Lovell neighborhood, was in town the first of the week in quest of a sister, Addie Hicks, 18, who left last Saturday and whose whereabouts have since been unknown. She says the girl wore a white suit when she left home for Boone, and that the family has been unable to get any information as to her whereabouts.

Mr. Mack Cowles left last week for Durham where he will attend the summer school at Duke University.

CCC WILL ENLIST WORLD WAR VETS

Applications To Be Made Through Veterans Administration; Others in July

World war veterans will be enrolled in the civilian conservation corps in July, and applications can be made through the Veterans Administration office in Charlotte, says Miss Marguerite Miller, county welfare superintendent.

Any ex-service man wanting to apply for enrollment in the CCC may secure application blanks from the Veterans Bureau in Charlotte. A junior enrollment period will open in the early part of July and youths interested in applying may file applications after June 15 in the welfare office in the courthouse.

New Officers Named By Local Lions Club

At a meeting held at the Daniel Boone hotel Tuesday evening, the Boone Lions club elected the following new officers: President, Wade E. Brown; vice-president, R. W. Watkins; second vice-president, James Council; third vice president, E. S. Christenbury; secretary - treasurer, W. Amos Abrams; Lion tamer, Murray B. Craven; tall twister, Richard E. Kelley. Frank M. Payne and W. G. Hartzog were named to the board of directors.

The new officers will be installed at a ladies' night banquet to be held July 1.

Three new members were initiated at the meeting: Roy Keplar, Cliff McConnell and R. E. Hayworth.

Jones Building Is Now Being Remodeled

Mr. Roger McGuire, who recently purchased the Dr. Jones building, is having the structure completely remodeled, and will establish his Rudeman Beauty Salon on the street floor as soon as the repairs are completed. It is expected that the work will be completed during the next few days.