



Colonel Pinkney Erastus Baldwin, heralded patriarch who holds sway in the upper reaches of Boone's Fork, called on County Welfare Margaret Miller yesterday. The Colonel, whose memory embraces American history in its entirety, craved security. "And what is your age, Mr. Baldwin?" Miss Miller plied the question, omitting the title earned a hundred different ways. Bracing himself on a crooked sycamore staff, the veteran of thirty-odd wars spat an amber stream of tobacco in the general direction of a cuspidor, adjusted his tattered trousers to full mast, and grinned his famous grin. "Three hundred and one, come Old Christmas," the Colonel barked, with a pre-Revolutionary accent.



"How old is your wife?" queried the welfare officer. "Ninety-eight last fall," replied Colonel Baldwin. "Any children?" Miss Miller continued. "Six here, six in England," droned the aged Baldwin. "And the oldest that is a hundred and thirteen."

Miss Miller arched her brows as if she didn't exactly believe the Colonel's story. "Your wife's ninety-eight, your son a hundred and thirteen?" the welfare officer was downright worried. "Don't seem to make sense," Colonel Baldwin shuffled his eyebrows impatiently, spoke a speech on the inexcusable dumbness of later generations, and shambled out of the courthouse.

Colonel Baldwin took a silver offering along Main street, lent some primitive philosophies to current questions, and boarded a lumber truck for his cabin in the hills. There he impatiently awaits a federal pension which, if the Colonel's reckoning is correct, will amount to ninety dollars per month for the first hundred years, with seventy-five dollars for each additional century. And that ought to fix the Colonel up in right elegant fashion.

The spud crop being grown by colored "guests" at Captain Hardin Brown's penitentiary is something to look at. Tubers of the Green Mountain variety, big as your two fists, are being dug, and the skins are still slipping. A measured bushel was harvested from a ten-foot row the other day, just to show the Sketch Man that "there's spuds in them thar hills."

Mr. and Mrs. Al Aldridge, recently returned from an aerial honeymoon to the Orient, are visitors this week with the latter's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Don Isaacs, in the Valle Crucis section. Prior to marriage in March, Miss Isaacs for a pair of years was hostess with the American Airlines on the Cleveland-Fort Worth run. A graduate nurse from Baptist Hospital, Memphis, the Watauga girl during "high-flying days" looked down on more than a quarter-million miles of swiftly-moving landscapes between Lake Erie and her home port in the Lone Star State. . . she dilaiered crying younguns, dished up bromides for nervous first-trippers, introduced cringing passengers, strapped safety belts about thousands of abdomens, dimpled and otherwise, served chocolate, coffee and what-not. . . saw to the general welfare of those in a great big hurry to go places.

Life, full of pictures from cover to cover, displayed the air-minded Watauga lass in its March 29th issue, alongside her brand-new husband who, quite incidentally, is manager of American's airports at Fort Worth. Nice people, these, and the Sketch Man wishes for the both of them many, many happy landings.

Chief of Police Ollis has heard of a bootlegger who believes in the proverbial ounce of prevention. To forestall inevitable headaches from the taking of "mule," the enterprising local vendor of spirits fortifies his potent offerings with veronal, aspirin tablets, et cetera, leastwise, that's what the Chief has been told.

Glimpsed while passing: A fellow who tries to tell most everybody that there's nothing wrong with Watauga's school system. . . A lady teacher who's just aching and paining to retrieve a twenty-five-dollar offering made to the Democratic campaign chest. . . Bill Hodges and Ab Bingham arguing about which is the best barber. . . Wild flowers of at least a hundred different varieties blooming "around the road" beyond Demps Wilcox's laundry. . . Horse-

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## NEW POWER LINE READY TO SERVE

### False Rumor Spreads About Plant Breakdown; No Cause For Trouble Now

(The Blowing Rocket)

Many false rumors have spread through the village about the breakdown in the lighting plant last week-end.

The trouble was caused by the breakdown of the auxiliary Diesel plant, which is used when the water is low at the hydro plant. At the time of the accident the water at the hydro plant was exhausted.

For three months linemen of the Northwest Carolina Utilities company have been at work on a new line to Boone, which might be used to make interconnection with the New River Light and Power company there. An agreement was made sometime ago whereby there would be exchange of power between Blowing Rock and Boone in case of breakdown. This line would have been completed Tuesday after the trouble Saturday.

The new line is now complete, linemen from Blowing Rock and surrounding towns having worked until 2 o'clock Sunday morning to finish the job. The Diesel plant has also been repaired. There is no cause now for an interruption in power service.

The Boone plant has installed at Appalachian college a new steam generator to be used in supplying Blowing Rock in case of breakdown.

According to the power company's interruption records, last week's breakdown was the first to occur in the summer season in seven years.

## BLAZE THREATENS NOVELTY PLANT

### Fire Department Subdues Flame in Shaving Room of Local Manufacturing Concern

Quick action on the part of the fire department prevented what might have been a serious conflagration Monday evening, when fire, presumably originating in the boiler room set fire to a huge pile of shavings at the Woodcraft Novelty Company.

Mr. W. H. Gragg, one of the owners of the manufactory, states that when the blaze was quenched it had not yet reached the main portion of the factory, and that the loss was held down to something like seven or eight hundred dollars.

## "WEEK OF RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS" AT BLOWING ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH

"A Week of Religious Emphasis" a series of inspiring exercises, will be held at the Blowing Rock Baptist church, beginning August 8 and continuing throughout the week.

Dr. C. L. Bowden of the First Baptist church of Elizabethton, Tenn., will be the guest speaker. The sessions will be held each evening at 8 o'clock.

The Rev. Phillip Fletcher, pastor of the church, has devoted much time to working out the program and hopes that it will prove to be most profitable and enjoyable.

Music will be the main feature of the program. It will be directed by Mrs. Bowden and Mrs. Fletcher, both of whom are graduates of the Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati. Mrs. Fletcher received her master of arts degree at Carson-Newman.

Mr. Genter Stephens, director of music at the First Baptist church in Greensboro, will be here to direct the choir. Special numbers, both vocal and instrumental, will be rendered throughout the week.

Miss Mable Starnes, associate director of the Baptist Training Union, will be in charge of the young peoples' work.

The public is urged to attend these services as they will be most inspiring and uplifting.

## A. & P. STORE MOVES

The A. & P. store is now occupying new and modern quarters in the Hamby and Winkler building next door to the Belk-White store. The business had formerly been conducted two doors down the street in the Boone Drug Company building.

## 23 LICENSES REVOKED

Raleigh, July 26—Twenty-three convictions for drunken driving today brought to 11,651 the number of driving licenses lost by automobile operators in North Carolina. Most of the revocations have been for drunken driving.

## Mail Via Aquaplane



HERMOSA BEACH, Cal. . . John Campbell, postman entered in the coming cross-channel aquaplane race here soon, shown delivering the first mail ever made on an aquaplane; an invitation to the mayor of Avalon.

## HARTLEY HURT IN AUTO CRASH

### Son of Mr. and Mrs. Estes Hartley Severely Injured as Car Strikes Tree

Robert Hartley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Estes Hartley, formerly of Boone, is reported as being in a serious condition in the Wilkes hospital as a result of injuries received in an automobile crash near North Wilkesboro Saturday evening.

Hartley, it is said, was a passenger in a Ford car which was driven by Ed Miller at a speed estimated at more than 80 miles per hour. The car left the highway, it is indicated, ran over the bank of the road, cut down a white pine tree, ran across a ditch, left the ground, knocked branches from an apple tree and finally stopped when it hit the third tree.

Press dispatches indicate that both Miller and Hartley are in a serious condition.

## Escapes Injury



ROCHESTER, Minn. . . Dr. Jean Piccard, giving final instructions before his take-off in newly devised Stratosphere balloon. Six hours later, 110 miles away, his flight terminated in a hazardous tree-top landing.

## LUTHERAN BIBLE SCHOOL SATURDAY

### Near One Thousand Children to Take Part in Program; Not- ables Are to Appear

Students of the ten Vacation Bible schools conducted by the Lutheran denomination during the month of July throughout Watauga county, will assemble at Grace church, Boone, Saturday afternoon, 2 o'clock, for closing exercises. Near one thousand children who have participated in the summer training course are expected to take part in the program.

Rev. J. A. Yount, Rev. H. A. Kistler and Miss Cora Pearl Jaffcoat have directed the schools for the past five years. Assisting them this summer in supervising the classes are Mrs. Sydney P. Kepner, Pottdown, Pa.; Miss Bertha Ziebarth, Frankfort, Ind.; Misses Violet and Sadie Lester, Prosperity, S. C.; Miss Margaret Fisher, Landis, N. C., and Miss Reba Jaffcoat, of Burlington.

Schools have been in progress at Mt. Pleasant, Old Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Zion on Meat Camp, Deep Gap, St. Mark's at Bailey's Camp, Grace church in Boone, Holy Communion on Clark's Creek, Hanging Rock Chapel at Banner Elk, and White Rock Chapel in the Pigeon Roost community.

Teachers of the ten schools included Rev. Yount, Rev. Kistler, Miss Jaffcoat, Mrs. Kistler, Miss Blanche Kistler, Job Kistler, Miss Cynthia Moretz, Miss Louisa Lookabill, Miss Lucille Moretz, Miss Nellie Lookabill, Miss Annie Bell Coffey, Mrs. Lella Coffey, Mrs. A. G. Greene, Mrs. Grady Moretz, Miss Alice Watkins, Mrs. Ernest Bolch, Miss Leona Townsend, Miss Caroline Townsend, Miss Grace Bolch, Miss Ruth Bolch, and Mrs. William Jaffcoat.

Saturday's closing exercises, to which the public is cordially invited, have been well planned and are expected by sponsors to be most helpful and constructive.

The complete program follows: Opening remarks, Miss Jaffcoat; Hymn, Faith of Our Fathers; School, "Enter into His Gates with thanksgiving and into His Courts with praise; hymn, "This is God's House"; Hymn, "Assembled in Our School Once More"; Scripture, Isaiah 55; Opening prayer; remarks by Pastor Yount and Pastor Kistler; Psalm 91; Prayer, Pastor Yount.

School theme, motto, memory hymn, Scripture; Hymn, "Beautiful Words"; Grace church, Boone, in charge of Mrs. Grady Moretz; Old Mt. Pleasant young people, hymn, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord," in charge of Miss Louisa Lookabill; White Rock Chapel, Boone, "Around the Throne of God in Heaven," in charge of Miss Ziebarth.

Beginners and primary children from all schools, "Praise Him," in charge of Miss Ziebarth; Mt. Pleasant young people in charge of Mrs. Kistler; St. Mark's children, in charge of Miss Lester; Banner Elk children, in charge of Miss Jaffcoat; Holy Communion girls, hymn, "Blessing and Honor," Mt. Zion and Mt. Pleasant Juniors, in charge of Miss Cynthia Moretz; Intermediates from all schools, Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, in charge of Rev. Mr. Kistler.

School Books of the Bible, Adults from five schools, "Abide With Me," in charge of Mrs. Kemper; Deep Gap young people, with other young people, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," in charge of Mrs. Kistler; Remarks, Miss Cora Pearl Jaffcoat; offering; Closing thoughts, Mrs. Sydney R. Kepner; Hymn, "Day is Dying in the West," Closing hymn, "For All the Good Things"; Closing prayer; Benediction hymn, Doxology; School prayer, "Lord Increase Our Faith."

## MRS. NANCY BELL LAWRENCE, 57, PASSES

Mrs. Nancy Bell Lawrence died at her home at Zionville on the 26th at the age of 57 years.

Funeral services were conducted from the Pleasant Grove church on the afternoon of the 27th, with Rev. R. C. Eggers in charge, and interment was in the family cemetery.

Mrs. Lawrence is survived by one son and seven daughters: Burl Lawrence, Zionville; Mrs. General Richards, Lynchburg, Va.; Mrs. Iva Wilson, Zionville; Mrs. B. L. Elrod, Boone; Mrs. Claude Wilson, Lynchburg; Mrs. Boyd Wilson, Zionville; Mrs. Albert Smith, Zionville; Miss Lucy Lawrence, Zionville. Also surviving are four brothers and three sisters: A. M. Hodges, John Hodges, Boone; B. C. Hodges, Blowing Rock; J. F. Hodges, Mountain City, Tenn.; Mrs. Fannie Davis, Zionville; Mrs. Claude Greene, Blowing Rock; Mrs. Carl Brown, Lenoir.

## HODGES INFANT

An infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hodges of Boone, died July 22, and interment was in the Hines cemetery. Surviving are the parents and one sister, Peggy.

## VETERANS LOAN FUND AVAILABLE

### Amounts up to \$3,000 May Be Had For Purchase of Homes or Farms

The following excerpts from a letter from Graham K. Hobbs, commissioner of the World War Veterans Loan Fund, to Clevie Gross, commander of the Watauga Legion post will be of interest to veterans:

"The World War Veterans Loan Fund is again in condition and position to assist Veterans in purchasing and acquiring homes—either town or farms—by making loans in accordance with law and prescribed regulations. Now is the time and opportunity for veterans who do not own homes to acquire them.

"We have approximately one-half million dollars in the bank to be loaned to honorably discharged veterans who were citizens of North Carolina at date of entry in the service and who otherwise meet and comply with the requirements of law and regulations. Six per cent is the rate and three thousand dollars for 12 years is the maximum amount and time of loan. However, at present no loan is made in excess of 60 per cent of our appraised value of the security offered and must be repaid in monthly or semi-annual installments. We require first mortgages. Loans may be made to construct new homes. Speculative or investment loans for the purpose of making money can not be made. The applicant must be a good moral and financial risk and the security offered be definitely planned and intended as his home and acceptable to the board for such loan as they deem wise to approve."

## SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS CITED

### State Welfare Commissioner Estimates \$5,300,000 to Be Paid First Year

Raleigh, July 27—Mrs. W. T. Bost, state welfare commissioner, estimated today that a total of \$5,300,000 would be paid for old age and dependent children aid in the state's security program during the next year.

Appearing before the first day's session of a conference of the field staff of the state board of charities and public welfare, Mrs. Bost said \$3,800,000 would go for old age assistance and \$1,500,000 for aid to dependent children.

She said administration costs would be about 9.74 per cent of benefits paid.

## PRESIDENT PLANNING ROANOKE ISLAND TRIP

Washington, July 26.—President Roosevelt announced today that he hopes to be able to participate in the exercises at Roanoke Island, N. C., August 18, commemorating the 350th anniversary of the establishment of the English colony by Sir Walter Raleigh and also the anniversary of the birth of Virginia Dare, the first white child born on this continent.

## GLADYS IRENE ISAACS

Gladys Irene Isaacs, aged two years, died last Thursday at the home at Vilas. Funeral services and interment was at Doeville, Tenn., on the 23rd, Rev. J. O. Jones being in charge.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boone Isaacs, and one brother, Fred, of Vilas.

## R. F. D. Extension Is To Serve 200 People

The extension of Rural Route No. 2, by way of Oak Grove and Hodges Gap is to be in effect on the 16th, according to Postmaster W. G. Hartzog, who states that something like 200 people will be served by the change.

Mr. Hartzog also states that the village delivery service is to be extended so as to take in Howard street and that service will be given in this area as soon as street signs are posted and the houses numbered. The delivery is now serving about 150 families in addition to the college, or an estimated total of 1,700 people.

## DELINQUENT TAX LIST BEING MADE

### Property of Those Who Haven't Paid Their County Taxes Will Be Sold in September

County Tax Collector A. D. Wilson states that he is now preparing a list of the delinquent taxpayers for the year 1935, and that the property involved will be sold on the first Monday in September, after having been advertised during August in the county newspaper.

Mr. Wilson states that the copy will be delivered to the printer on Saturday, August 7th, and urgently asks that those in arrears make arrangements to pay before that time, and save the cost of advertising and sale.

## Fish Fry Will Be Held By Lions Club

A fish fry will be held at the Rutherford fish hatchery Tuesday, August 3, at 7:30, under the sponsorship of the local Lions Club. Tickets are now on sale at the Carolina Pharmacy and the proceeds will be used for the benefit of the local advertising fund.

## N. A. PRESNELL DIES AT LAUREL CREEK HOME

Mr. A. N. Presnell, aged 73 years, died on the 19th at his home in Laurel Creek township, after an illness which extended over a period of about two years.

Funeral services were conducted on the 25th from the graveside in the family cemetery, by Reverends Calvin Guy and Monroe Presnell.

Mr. Presnell was a son of the late Eli Presnell, was a farmer and a consistent member of the Baptist church. He was a good and substantial citizen.

Surviving are three children, Cora Presnell, Matilda Presnell and Daniel Presnell, all of the home neighborhood.

## 4-H CLUB MEMBERS AT RALEIGH MEETING

H. M. Hamilton, assistant county agent and sponsor of the 4-H Clubs of Watauga county, took the following outstanding club members to the 4-H Club short course at Raleigh this week: Miss Margaret Perry and Asa Reese of the Betiel club, and Council Henson of Vilas.

Many interesting and instructive classes and entertainments are planned for these outstanding 4-H Club members representing almost every county in the state. The short course started July 26 and lasts until the 31st.

The real significance of the short course program and its real worth will be reflected by the information and inspiration brought back to the other club members in the county by these three leaders.

## FARM WOMEN'S MEET IN AUGUST

### All Those Interested in Attend- ing State College Session Should See County Agent

The North Carolina Farmers' and Farm Women's Convention will be held at N. C. State College, Raleigh, August 2 to 6. This year an effort is being made to get farmers and farm women from every county in North Carolina to attend this convention.

A plan has been worked out whereby the farmers and farm women of Watauga county can go to the convention in a group, by truck, at very little expense. The expense of this five-day trip to the farmers' convention will be less than \$8.00 for each person.

The extension division of State College has worked out a very fine program of instruction and entertainment for those who attend this convention.

The people going from Watauga county will leave from the courthouse in Boone on Monday, August 2, 9:00 a. m., and will return on Friday, August 6, at 6:00 p. m. Anyone desiring to make this trip should notify W. B. Collins, county agent, on or before Saturday, July 31, in order that accommodations may be arranged.

## Hodges Tire Company Under New Ownership

Mr. N. G. Landis of Waynesville and Mr. L. J. Dixon of Hickory, recently purchased the Hodges Tire Company business, and Mr. A. E. Hodges, the former owner, will devote his full time to the management of the H. & H. Oil Company's wholesale plant.

Messrs. Landis and Dixon have had considerable experience in the tire and accessory business and feel fortunate to have secured a connection in this city. The business, which was established in 1929, has always been one of the town's most progressive establishments and the new owners report a most satisfactory business.

## Glenn Morris Is To Appear At College

Glenn L. Morris will appear at Appalachian State Teachers College next Saturday evening at 8:15 in a program of popularized science demonstrations which are said to be as fascinating as magic, and scientifically accurate.

The model earth-inductor compass, the marvelous electric eye, the intricate radio controlled mechanisms, the transmission of electricity without wires—a stageful of odd and interesting equipment and not a trick in a truckload.

There will be no admission charges and the public is invited. Appalachian feels most fortunate in being able to present this program which has been well received in about 3,500 schools and colleges throughout the county.

## Belk's Sale Most Successful Ever

Mr. John Conway, manager of the Belk store, says that the company's mid-summer clearance sale, which started last week, is the most successful sales event in the history of the establishment, and further states that the liberal use of Democrat advertising space was a prime factor in bringing the huge crowds to his store.

Mr. Conway states that a great many values still remain at sales prices and that daily business is still most gratifying.