

# REPORT IS GIVEN COURT BY JURY

Grand Jurors Call Attention to  
Repairs to County Property,  
etc., in Report

In the report to Judge Pless made by the grand jury upon its dismissal Tuesday, the body called attention to numerous repairs needed on county property, but complimented county officers on the discharge of their duties. Before the body adjourned, Judge Pless took occasion to compliment the jurors for the splendid service rendered and the dispatch with which the business was executed.

The jury was composed of: J. C. Hodges, foreman; Cecil Miller, Fred Kluder, B. W. McGuire, R. D. Edmisten, Merion Coffey, Troy Norris, Asa Reese, Ham Thomas, C. P. Moore, W. H. Gragg, Niles J. Cook, Henry T. Miller, A. N. Thomas, J. M. Brown, John R. Horton, H. F. Greer and Lee Mast.

The report of the jury as submitted to the court, follows:  
To His Honor, J. Will Pless, Judge Presiding, Fall Term, Watauga County Superior Court:

We, the undersigned grand jurors, chosen for the term convening September 20th, 1937, wish to submit to His Honor the following report:

First, we have tried to discharge our duty to our county as faithfully as we know how. We went into session early Monday morning and have completed our work in two days. After completing our work by acting on all bills furnished us by the solicitor, we made a complete survey of all county property and county institutions and hand you herewith our findings and recommendations:

**County Home**

1. We visited the county home and found 19 inmates, all well cared for, and we take great pleasure in complimenting Dock Hodges and his wife on the fine condition in which we found the county home. We found the building clean, we found the kitchen and dining room, all in first-class condition. We also found that the inmates were furnished with abundance of good, wholesome and well-prepared food; and we, your humble grand jury, in view of the above conditions, recommend and urge that the county commissioners in co-operation with Mr. and Mrs. Hodges and the unfortunate people who must live at the county home make the following repairs and improvements to the building: First, we strongly urge and recommend that electric lights be installed at once in place of the oil lamps, as we consider it rather hazardous to continue with all lamps in a home of this kind where many are aged and infirm; second, we recommend that steps be built at once leading into the building, as the present ones are not safe; third, we recommend that the plaster on several of the rooms that is cracked and falling off be replaced; fourth, that a number of window lights that are out of the building be put in before the weather gets any colder; fifth, that the brick work over some of the doors which have become loose be replaced; sixth, that the cornice in at least one room be repaired; seventh, that the porch around the building be jacked up and strengthened, as it has pulled away from the house and is not steady; also that the ceiling over the porch be nailed back in places where it is loose and that the building be painted in order to preserve the wood.

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# HOWELL NAMED TO PROBATION POST

Former Watauga Sheriff Gets  
Position in Set-up of New  
Parole System

A. Y. Howell, former sheriff of Watauga county, was named Friday as district probation officer, as the state commission forwarded plans for the inauguration October 1 of a state probation system as authorized by the 1937 General Assembly.

J. Harry Sample, director of the program, said the commission had abandoned a tentative districting of the state, drawn up at a previous meeting, and would meet again soon to map new districts and assign the officers to various subdivisions.

Officers appointed are H. Vincent Leary of Camden, J. Wayland Sledge of Rocky Mount, Kirkwood L. Hanrahan of Kingston, J. D. Beatty of Wintonburg, Robert Erace White of Wake Forest, Thomas D. Stokes of Lexington, E. S. Whitaker of Gastonia, P. T. McNeil of West Jefferson, A. Y. Howell of Boone, and I. C. Crawford of Bryson City.

Women supervisors named are Mrs. Thomas P. Jimison of Charlotte, Mrs. Charles Hutchins of Burnsville, and Mrs. Pamie Griffin of Morganton. At a previous session, Miss Mae Oliver of Sanford was appointed a supervisor.

Sample said the commission had not decided whether the state would be divided into 10 districts as originally planned, or more. In the event there are more than 10 subdivisions, additional officers will be named, he added.

# WATAUGA DEMOCRAT

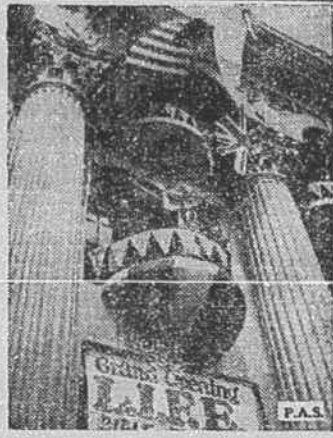
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## Noted Evangelist



Los Angeles, Cal.—Aimee Semple McPherson, the renowned evangelist, emulates Pope Pius, or Mussolini as, from a banner-decked balcony, she addresses her would-be preachers massed in the street below.

## ANNUAL MEETING RED CROSS HELD

Mrs. J. H. Council Re-elected  
Chairman Watauga Chapter;  
Roll Call Starts Nov. 11

The executive committee of the Watauga County Chapter of the American Red Cross held its annual meeting on Monday afternoon, September 20, elected officers for the ensuing year, and named chairmen of the various committees.

Mrs. J. H. Council was re-elected chairman; Dr. J. D. Rankin, vice-chairman, and Miss Bernice Gragg, secretary-treasurer. The following chairmen of committees were appointed:

Mrs. W. M. Matheson, life saving; Eugene Garbee, first aid; Miss Maude Cathcart, Junior Red Cross; R. D. Hodges, disaster relief; A. J. Greene, home service; R. C. Rivers, publicity; Mrs. Burkett, nursing; Bernard Dougherty, roll call.

The following report of chapter activities during the past year was made:

The chapter has furnished yeast to all pellagra patients in the county who are unable to buy it. This yeast is now available at the county welfare office. The chapter has donated cod liver oil and clothing to needy infants, and first aid kits to the five high schools in the county and the Boone Demonstration school; assisted families of two men needed at home in getting their discharges from the U. S. Army and several others in securing furloughs, etc.

During January and February the entire county responded splendidly to the call for relief from the flooded areas, and \$706.98 in cash and a large amount of good clothing was sent through this chapter.

Under the direction of Dr. Otis Marshall, sent out by the national headquarters in Washington, and Mr. Garbee, 241 people have been given the Red Cross first aid course and another class is now being trained.

Mr. Charles Mix, national representative, assisted by Mrs. Matheson, trained 30 in American Red Cross life saving methods, and one delegate was sent to the national aquatic school at Brevard, N. C.

It was decided by the committee to continue the above services during the coming year, send the Red Cross Courier, which is the official magazine of the organization, to the libraries of the five county high schools and the Appalachian State Teachers College, and to assist with the county dental clinic. The chapter will also furnish an instructor for any group in the county desiring to take a course in first aid.

Plans are being made for the annual roll call which is held from Armistice Day to Thanksgiving Day. Under the leadership of Mr. Bernard Dougherty, it is expected that the roll call will be unusually successful.

## AMATEUR HOUR AT THE WATAUGA COUNTY FAIR

On Friday night, September 24, at 8 o'clock, Richard Olsen will conduct an imitation of Major Bowes' Amateur Hour at the first night's entertainment of the Watauga County Fair at Cove Creek. The program will consist of a saxophone duet, cello solo, piano solos, violin solo, readings, vocal numbers, rhythm band, an accordion number, guitar numbers, tap dances and mountain music.

Four cash prizes will be given. Admission charges 15 and 25 cents; reserved seats 30 cents. Reserved seat tickets will be on sale at T. J. Moody's store or with the teachers in charge of the program.

No last minute applications can be accepted.

## DEDICATION NEW SCHOOL HOUSES NEXT THURSDAY

State Superintendent, WPA Director, Local Officials, Dr. Dougherty and Others to Participate as New Structures Are Officially Given to the County

Bethel high school, Mabel and Valle Crucis schools, three elegant structures completed through the combined resources of the county and the Works Progress Administration, will be officially dedicated next Thursday, and a program featuring a number of leaders in educational work has been prepared.

The dedicatory program will be rendered at Bethel at 11 a. m., Mabel 3 p. m. and Valle Crucis at 8 p. m. E. W. Cole, WPA district director, Dr. B. B. Dougherty, Appalachian College president, Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of instruction; Superintendent W. H. Walker and others are to participate in the exercises. The detailed program is as follows:

**Program**  
Invocation—Local minister.  
Song—Audience.  
Welcome—W. H. Walker, county superintendent.  
Presentation of building to state board of education—E. W. Cole, district director, WPA.  
Acceptance by state board of education and presentation to school commission—W. F. Credle, state director, division of schoolhouse planning.  
Acceptance by state school commission and presentation to board of county commissioners—Dr. B. B. Dougherty, member state school commission.  
Acceptance by county commissioners and presentation to the board of education—Member board of county commissioners.  
Acceptance by board of education and presentation to community—Member county board of education.  
Acceptance for the community and presentation to the faculty and student body—Member local school committee.  
Acceptance for the faculty and students—Principal local school.  
Song or special music—School.  
Address—Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction.  
Special music or song—School.  
Dedicatory services—Dr. J. D. Rankin, dean of Appalachian State Teachers College.  
Benediction—Local minister.  
The public is cordially invited to attend all of these programs.

## BAPTIST REVIVAL TO BEGIN SUNDAY

Rev. W. W. Williams of Oteen  
Hospital, Will Assist Pastor;  
Chalk Talks to Be Feature

Revival services will begin Sunday morning at the First Baptist church and will continue for two weeks. Rev. Wayne W. Williams, chaplain of the U. S. Veterans Hospital at Oteen, will be the guest preacher. Rev. Mr. Williams is a graduate of Wake Forest College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been chaplain at Oteen for about nine years, and is greatly beloved by all the disabled veterans in the hospital, and their wives and children who live nearby. He has been a close friend of Rev. J. C. Canipe, pastor of the church, since college days.

Rev. Mr. Canipe, in making announcement of the revival, said: "We will also have Miss Gracia Halstead of Oklahoma City, who will give Chalk Talks at each service. Miss Halstead has a south-wide reputation in many of our leading churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. All our young people and children will be delighted with her."

Services will be held each day except Sunday at 3:30 in the afternoon and 7:30 at night.

The public is invited to all services. You have a personal invitation to come.

## LAMBS BRING GOOD PRICE

Farmers of the county sold a load of 226 lambs on the Jersey City market on Monday of this week. The lambs sold the highest of any cooperative shipment made this year.

The Blue O lambs brought \$13.25 per hundred; Red O, \$12.50; Yellow O \$11.00, and culis \$7.50 per hundred.

The net price to the farmers of the county will be about \$2.25 per hundred less than the above price.

## Death, Destruction, Horror In Shanghai



Shanghai, China.—Rescue workers remove the injured to hospitals after the bombing of two of Shanghai's largest department stores on Nanking Road. Nearly two hundred were killed and five hundred injured.

## MARKETING DAY PROVES SUCCESS

Farmers Bring in Quantity of  
Produce Which is Disposed of  
at a Good Price

The farmers' truck crop marketing day held in Boone Tuesday of this week proved very successful, according to County Agent W. B. Collins.

Farmers brought in 135 bushels of potatoes which were sold at a good price.

Four farmers brought in 8,000 pounds of cabbage which they were able to sell, and through these sales, these farmers were able to get truckers to go to their farms and load 24,000 pounds more of cabbage.

Another market day will be held Tuesday, September 28, and the prospects now are that all the cabbage and potatoes brought to the market will be sold.

It will be necessary for the farmers to notify the county agent by Saturday night, of how much truck crops they will have on the market Tuesday, September 23.

## VARYING SUCCESS ON BARGAIN DAYS

Merchants Give Reports on Co-  
operative Trade Event by  
Retail Association

Thursday Friday and Saturday of last week were bargain days in Boone, and while large numbers of shoppers were present in the city, some of the participating merchants did not believe the response to the wide publicity given the event in this and surrounding counties, was as large as should have been. Fair weather prevailing, it was believed that many who otherwise would have visited Boone, remained at home to take care of urgent farm work.

Several of the leading merchants of the town, however, report a record-breaking business during bargain days. One store states that only one day this year did their sales approximate those of Saturday. Another says there was a 20 per cent increase in sales over the usual week-end, while still others, while not so well pleased, indicate that the event went over with them to such an extent that it was a paying proposition.

The Merchants Association believes, however, the event was worth while, and that it will take some time at the best, to get the trade-day event firmly established in this city.

## ART INSTITUTE HERE SATURDAY

An art institute for the teachers and principals in Watauga and adjoining counties will be held here Saturday, September 25. County Superintendent W. H. Walker announced the institute will be designed for both white and colored teachers, each race meeting in their respective buildings. The slogan for the institute is "Art for Every Child."

The institute is being held by the division of instruction of the state department of public instruction. Instructors in the field are specialists who will discuss practical and vital problems. The meeting will give every teacher and superintendent an opportunity to make the teaching of art effective in the public schools. Interesting exhibits will be shown.

## WATAUGA ALUMNI HOLDS BANQUET

150 Appalachian Grads Held  
Enthusiastic Meeting Fri-  
day Night

In the gay spirit that characterizes any gathering of Appalachian State College graduates, approximately 150 alumni of Watauga county attended a banquet held in the college cafeteria Friday night. Mr. S. E. Horton, of Cove Creek high school, acted as toastmaster.

The highlight of the program was an address by Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of the college, in which he recounted the progressive steps of Appalachian and stated plans for a greater college here. "a college, he said, "that will be an influencing factor in foreign lands as well as home lands." Other speakers were Watauga citizens who are engaged in various businesses—Russell D. Hodges, D. J. Cottrell, Wade Brown, Paul Winkler, A. J. Greene, Starr Stacy and Eugene Wilke. These participants made short talks on their respective business fields in relationship to the institution.

An additional feature was a motion picture of campus activities presented by George Passage, college cameraman, after which the following were elected as officials to the Appalachian Alumni Club of Watauga county: S. F. Horton, Cove Creek, president; Grady Farthing, Boone, vice-president; Miss Nellie Trivette, Boone, secretary-treasurer.

## COURT ELECTION BE HELD FRIDAY

Electorate of City Will Determine  
Fate of Municipal Re-  
corder's Court

Citizens of Boone will get an opportunity to go to the polls and register their approval or disapproval of the proposal which would establish in the town a recorder's court having jurisdiction over a radius of five miles from the city limits, the election to be held in pursuance to an order of the board of aldermen.

The polls will open at the city hall at the usual hour and remain open throughout the day, and ballots for or against the recorder's court will be cast.

Little interest has been manifested in the court proposition, there being but slight comment on the streets in regard thereto. Those favoring the court plan point out that under the state law making the tribunal possible, the court is operated without any additional cost to the taxpayers, and that speedy justice will be guaranteed the people. The costs accruing from the operation of the court, it is explained, are placed in a recorder's court fund, and at the end of each month, the recorder, solicitor and clerk are paid their salaries from this fund, be it much or little. In no case, however, shall the amount paid the officers of the court be in excess of the fees for the actual cases tried, as stipulated in the consolidated statutes. Whatever of surplus might accrue above the statutory fees would revert to the municipal treasury, it is said.

It is not believed that the vote cast will be appreciably large.

## A CORRECTION

The Merchants Association asks The Democrat to state that it erroneously placed Smichey's store in the membership of the organization. The firm does not belong, it is said.

Mr. George Moretz, of Winston-Salem, is visiting for a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Moretz.

## MANY JUDGMENTS HANDLED DOWN BY SUPERIOR COURT

Judge Pless Disposes of Number  
of Cases; Two Homicide  
Cases Yet to Be Called for  
Trial; Docket May Not Be  
Completed During Week

The regular fall term of Watauga Superior court had disposed of many cases at Wednesday noon; however, much remained to be done on the state docket, and grave doubt was expressed by court officials lest some of the criminal counts would not be reached during the six days' term.

The court expected to reach the homicide case which involves Dillard Coffey, Blaine Coffey and Mrs. Raymond Dillinger, Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning. Dillard Coffey has confessed to the slaying of Raymond Dillinger, and Mrs. Dillinger, together with Blaine Coffey, former Watauga county legislator, are jointly charged with murder in the indictment. Mrs. Dillinger was only recently apprehended and is being held for trial.

The case against A. E. Ellison, charged with the slaying of G. L. Beach, was continued because the state was unable to present some material witnesses. It is understood that Ellison will claim self-defense, having shot Smith as the latter allegedly advanced upon the defendant with a deadly weapon.

The judgments of Judge Pless' court up until Wednesday morning:

Maude May, failure to pay cost in cases before spring term, 12 months.  
Burt Bradshaw, Lee Tammire, affray, 8 months on roads. Two-year suspended sentence passed at last term of court on Burt Bradshaw, is placed in effect.

Cecil Bungarner, violating prohibition law, 12 months on roads. For reckless driving and violation prohibition laws, 12 months suspended sentence.

Chas. Cole, damage to public property, fined \$50, including the cost.

Rea Hicks, keeping disorderly house, \$50 and the cost.  
Robert Gilley, forcible trespass, 18 months sentence suspended on payment of the cost.

Robert Gilley, speeding, assessed with cost.

Jud Hodges, driving while intoxicated, \$75 and the cost.  
Monroe Griffin, reckless driving, \$25 and one-half the cost.

Robert Swift, driving while intoxicated, \$75 and the cost.

F. T. Friday, carrying concealed weapon, \$50 including the cost.

Raleigh Moretz, Newt Blackburn and Arthur Winebarger, violating prohibition law, cost.

R. H. Cole, assault with deadly weapon, one-half the cost.

Graham Teague, driving while intoxicated, \$75 and the cost.

## ASSOCIATION AT MOUNTAIN VIEW

Stony Fork Baptist Association  
Held in Stony Fork Town-  
ship Last Week

The Stony Fork Baptist Association was held with the Mountain View church near Stony Fork post-office on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, and the session was regarded as one of the most helpful in the history of the association.

There was an unusual degree of harmony, it is reported, and the feeling of good fellowship was most noticeable.

Rev. B. F. Wilcox, of Shulls Mills, was elected moderator, and Rev. G. M. Watson, of Boone, was elected clerk.

The next session will be held with Watauga Baptist church, Rev. W. D. Ashley to preach the annual sermon. It is believed by the officials that this is to be a decidedly more prosperous year for the churches of the association.

## SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNIOR ORDER FRIDAY

There will be a call meeting of the Daniel Boone Council, Jr. O. U. A. M. at the lodge rooms Friday evening at 7 o'clock at which time it is urged that there be a full attendance of the members.

At this meeting the results of the state gathering at Durham Thursday will be announced. The chief business to be transacted at Durham is the decision as to whether or not the order will remain in the national funeral benefit or establish a fund of their own.