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## LAMB SHIPMENT TO BE ON JULY 1

County Agent Announces Dates for Weighing Pooled Lambs; Any Farmer May Join

B. W. B. COLLINS  
(County Farm Agent)

We will make our July shipment of pooled lambs on Friday, July 1. Two sets of graders will be used for this shipment so that we may take up all the lambs in one day.

Following is a list of the times and places at which the lambs will be weighed on July 1:

W. S. Moretz's at 8 a. m.  
C. D. McNeil's at 9 a. m.  
L. H. Hollars' at 10 a. m.  
A. W. Greene's at 11 a. m.  
W. A. Proffit's at 12 m.  
A. N. Thomas' at 1:30 p. m.  
C. B. Reece's at 2:30 p. m.  
Mrs. W. Y. Farthing's at 4 p. m.  
John Ward's at 5:30 p. m.  
Lee Carender's at 8 a. m.  
Claude Shores' at 9 a. m.  
W. W. Mast's at 11 a. m.  
Ed Shipley's at 12:30 p. m.  
W. H. Mast's at 1:30 p. m.  
Odes Wilson's at 3 p. m.  
R. A. Thomas' at 4:30 p. m.

Any farmers of the county who wish to sell their lambs through the pool may do so.

We request that all lambs be at the above mentioned scales on time in order that we may keep up with our weighing schedule.

## W. L. Bryan Property Offered At Auction

The W. L. Bryan home place, located on King street, near the Pastime theatre, will be offered at auction Wednesday, June 29, at 10:30 o'clock, according to an advertisement carried in The Democrat today, and Penney Brothers, the original twin auctioneers will be in charge of the sale. Free cash prizes will be in evidence, and purchasers will be given the privileges of financing their purchases on easy terms.

The property is so divided that there will be five large lots fronting on the principal street and nine on Howard street. This is some of the best business property now available in the town, and is so situated on King street that full depth basements may be had without the necessity for excavation. Considerable interest is being shown in the sales event and it is predicted that the property will bring a good price.

## Lions Club Opens Stand for Blind Lady

Floy Hodges, a blind lady of Boone Route 1, is in charge of a "stand," which was opened Monday near the Dixie Store, almost opposite Smithy's, and candy, cigars, cigarettes, chewing gum and the like are being sold.

The stand is furnished by the state commission for the blind, while the confections, etc., are furnished by the Boone Lions Club, in line with the state-wide co-operative effort of the two organizations to place one blind person in each county upon his or her own resources.

Miss Virginia Thompson of Boone made the first purchase from Miss Hodges Monday and business was reported as quite satisfactory throughout the day. Miss Hodges is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hodges of Route 1, a graduate of the State School for the Blind at Raleigh, and is a most talented and popular young lady.

## June, Jean Bush Receive Licenses

Misses Jean and June Bush were among the 18 successful candidates in the semi-annual examinations held at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill during Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week, according to an announcement by F. W. Hancock, Sr., of Oxford, secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy.

The twins were among the graduates of the class of 1938 of the University School of Pharmacy and are well-known here, where they attended Boone high school.

**TONSIL CLINICS**  
The tonsil clinics will start at the Watauga Hospital on Friday of this week, it was announced Tuesday.

## Gillette In Victory



Des Moines, Ia.—First of the opponents of the President's court reorganization bill to face a primary test, Senator Guy M. Gillette, receives the returns of his renomination in high spirits. He defeated New Deal's candidate, Representative O. D. Wearin.

## TEXTILE GROUP NAMES OFFICERS

13th Annual Convention of Textile Association Closes at Blowing Rock Saturday

Blowing Rock, June 18.—L. J. Bushworth, of Danville, Va., today was elected president of the Southern Textile Association at the closing session of its 13th annual convention. Industrial relations furnished the topic for the principal addresses of the day.

Other officers named are Joe C. Cobb, Eastley, S. C., vice-president; Marshall Dilling, Gastonia, executive secretary; P. B. Parks, Jr., Erwin, chairman of the board of governors, and O. A. Sullivan, of Gaffney, S. C., J. O. Thomas, Spray, J. C. Edwards, Laurel Hill, and M. T. Poovey, Rockingham, members of the directors' board, and B. E. Roay, Charlotte, secretary-treasurer.

Today's session of the convention, which had the largest attendance of any in the history of the association, was called to order by the retiring president, Edwin M. Holt; the first speaker on the program was Dr. H. E. Rondthaler, president of Salem College, Winston-Salem, who used as the subject of his address, "Employment." (Continued on Page Eight)

## BROUGHTON A VISITOR

Hon. J. M. Eroughton of Raleigh, a prominent attorney whose name is frequently used in connection with the governorship, was a visitor to Boone Tuesday and spoke at chapel exercises at Appalachian College.

## Death Claims D. M. Sherwood at Age 54

D. M. Sherwood, aged 54, Watauga county native, but for the past 27 years a resident of Appalachia, Va., succumbed at the home last Sunday and funeral services were conducted in that city Tuesday at 2 o'clock, interment being there.

Survivors include the widow, two sons and two daughters: Olin and Lonnie Sherwood of Appalachia; Mrs. Max Wilson, Salisbury, and Mrs. E. F. Wilson, West Jefferson. One son, D. M. Sherwood, Jr., died several years ago.

Among those attending the funeral from Watauga county were Mr. Ed Sherwood, Mr. W. F. Sherwood and wife, Ruth and James Sherwood.

The deceased was a son of the late Rev. J. J. L. Sherwood and was reared in this county, where he was held in high regard. During his residence in Appalachia he was foreman of the car shops for the Southern railway.

## Revival Structure Has Been Enlarged

Interest continues to grow in the Rev. Dan Graham revival, and despite the huge tabernacle which had been erected, it became necessary to make a big addition to the structure in an effort to take care of the overflow crowds.

Services are being held each morning from 9 to 10 o'clock, and are broadcast over the Bristol radio station. Evening services daily at 7:30 o'clock.

## DOWDY WILL HEAD MERCHANTS; SALES TAX IS DENOUNCED

New Bern Man Made President of Merchants Association as Session Closes at Blowing Rock; Governor Called Upon for Repeal of Sales Tax Levy

At the concluding session of the State Merchants Association at Blowing Rock Tuesday evening, W. F. Dowdy of New Bern, was elected president of the organization, succeeding Major L. Lyons Lee of Asheville. Other officers elected are: First vice-president, O. A. Swearingen, Concord; second vice-president, W. R. Sellers, Burlington; executive secretary, W. L. Dowell, Raleigh; treasurer, T. C. Henkle, Lexington; field secretary, R. B. Tomlinson of Cary.

A resolution adopted by the convention, asked Governor Hoey and the next general assembly for outright repeal of the three per cent sales tax, describing the levy as a "crushing and unjustified burden on the poorer classes," and pointing out that the tax was placed on retail sales purely as a temporary measure, and that the "terrific emergency" has passed.

Cups awarded were as follows: Host city cup, presented by Lenoir and Boone to New Bern for the largest mileage attendance; president's cup, to Thomasville for the greatest percentage of increase in membership; bell cup, to Burlington, for submitting the best report on the past year's activities.

The association accepted the invitation of Durham to hold its 1939 convention in that city.

Following the election of officers, 48 directors were named. Clyde R. Greene of Boone, was re-named as a member of the directorate.

At the opening of the two-day convention on Monday at Mayview Manor, merchants from 63 of the 100 counties were welcomed by Mayor W. H. Gragg of Boone, W. C. Mitcham, secretary of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce, and Mayor Earl Tate of Lenoir. The response was by J. C. Williams of Wilmington.

A number of Boone merchants were present during the convention and on Monday afternoon took part in the motorcade over the Yonahossee highway to Linville.

## Mrs. E. C. Hodges Is Dead; Rites Today

Mrs. Mary E. Hodges, wife of Rev. E. C. Hodges, Baptist minister of the Oak Grove neighborhood, succumbed Tuesday evening at 9:30. Mrs. Hodges had suffered a paralytic stroke about two years ago, and had never regained her normal health. She was feeling well, however, at supper Tuesday, but became ill soon afterward, the direct cause of her demise being given as a heart ailment. She was 63 years old.

Funeral services are to be conducted from the Oak Grove Baptist church Thursday at 2 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. Minley C. Watts to be in charge of the obsequies. A number of other ministers are expected to be present and interment will be in the Hines cemetery.

Mrs. Hodges was a daughter of Frank Brown and Mrs. Nancy Norris Brown, and had for many years resided in the Oak Grove neighborhood, where her sterling Christian character had endeared her to her neighbors and acquaintances.

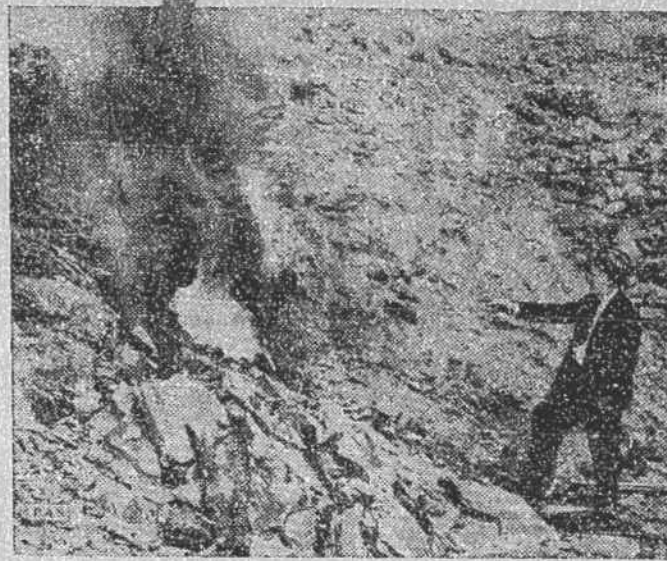
The husband survives, with two daughters: Mrs. Exie Earp, Vilas, and Mrs. Bonnie Hodges, Boone. There are three brothers and four sisters surviving, all of whom reside in Watauga county: Conley, Wiloy and Stewart Brown, Mrs. Cora Greene, Mrs. Addie Hodges, Mrs. Julia Hodges and Mrs. Maude Wyke.

## CHICKEN DINNER

The ladies of the Advent Christian church will have a chicken dinner July 2nd, for the benefit of the church. It will be in Mr. Hahn's vacant store building, the building formerly occupied by the Dixie Store. They will begin serving dinner at 11 o'clock, and continue as long as the chicken is in evidence.

Everyone is cordially invited to have dinner with the ladies of the church after he has secured a ticket for the same.

## Stamping Out 54-Year Mine Fire



New Lexington, Ohio.—The federal authorities' theory that the 54-year-old mine fire which has been raging with the force of a score of blast furnaces could be stopped by fighting it with wide tunnels of mud, has met its first test and proved successful.

## "PROSPERITY" LEAVES; "DEPRESSION" FATTENS

Valle Crucis, June 23 (Special)

The Rev. E. D. Butt, rector of Holy Cross P. E. church and chaplain of Valle Crucis School for Girls, had until recently a cat to which he gave the name, Prosperity, "because she was always just around the corner," so difficult to find. Before her complete disappearance, Prosperity gave birth to two kittens, the one white and the other black. The Rev. Mr. Butt named the white kitten New Deal, and the black one Depression. Today he announced, "I'm as traditionally a Democrat as I am an Episcopalian, but I'm willing to let the Republicans take what hope they can. New Deal has died and Depression is waxing big and fat and seemingly blacker."

## BULLET IS FATAL TO RODNEY BROWN

Shulls Mills Man Wounded While Hunting Groundhogs; Dies in Watauga Hospital

A bullet from one of the old-time muzzle-loading rifles brought death to Rodney Brown, 24, a resident of the Shulls Mills section, Monday evening, a few hours after the weapon was accidentally discharged, while young Brown was in quest of groundhogs.

Rodney, in company with a brother, Dean, 14, were on the hunt together, the former carrying the ancient fowling-piece. He stopped to gather some wild strawberries, growing on the hillside, it is related, stumbled and the rifle was discharged. The bullet struck young Brown in the left eye and presumably ranged into the region of the brain. He was brought at once to the Watauga Hospital, where he succumbed a few hours later without having regained consciousness.

Funeral services are to be conducted this (Wednesday) afternoon at 2 o'clock, but the details are unavailable.

Mr. Brown was unmarried and is survived by the parents, Charles and Lucy Walker Brown, two brothers and one sister: Ira, Dean and Dollie Mae Brown.

## REV. ATKINS RETURNS

Rev. J. N. Atkins and family, who for the past nineteen years have resided at Swanee, Tenn., have returned to Watauga county, and are making their home on their farm near Shulls Mills. Rev. Mr. Atkins, an Episcopal minister, resided at Shulls Mills from 1907 to 1919, and his many friends in the county are glad that he has decided to re-establish his home here.

## DECORATION DAY TO BE OBSERVED MEAT CAMP

Decoration Day will be observed at the Meat Camp Baptist church on the first Sunday in July, with Rev. J. C. Canipe, of the Boone Baptist church, preaching the annual sermon, at 2 p. m. Following the discourse, people of that section will join in decorating the graves of deceased kinsmen and neighbors.

## AGED MAN MAY BE CRIMINAL SOUGHT FOR MANY YEARS

Federal Fingerprint Expert Will Determine Whether or Not Itinerant is Mail Robber Who Escaped Leavenworth 18 Years Ago.

An aged man, giving his name as Chas. F. Cook, and claiming South Carolina as the state of his nativity, was being held in the county jail as The Democrat went to press today, pending the arrival of a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who will check his fingerprints against those of one John Gideon, who escaped the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kansas, 18 years ago, being sentenced there for life on a mail robbery charge.

The suspect, who gives his age at 63, flatly denies having had a criminal record and states that for the most part he has been engaged in the woodworking industry. At the time he was apprehended, he says he was following his usual custom of walking about from town to town, looking for odd jobs of most any kind, from the returns of which he might gain a livelihood. He expressed a complete willingness for Chief of Police Ollis to continue the investigation to his entire satisfaction.

John Gideon, states the bulletin from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was a Nebraskan and robbed the mails at Moscow, Idaho, in 1906. He fled Leavenworth March 10, 1920. The eighteen-year-old picture of the criminal which is a part of the federal placard was carefully checked by police officers against the man being detained, and the resemblance in some details is marked. The mouth, ears and general facial features of the two correspond to a great extent, while certain marks and scars which Gideon bore are not found on Cook. The nasal accent, which was a characteristic of the mail robber, likewise distinguishes the speech of Cook, and a look into his sharp (Continued on page eight)

## John C. Greene Dies Suddenly on Tuesday

Mr. John C. Greene, 70-year-old resident of Zionville R. F. D., died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Smith Woodring, early Tuesday morning, from a sudden illness. Mr. Greene had walked to the Woodring home Monday evening, and is reported to have been in the best of health. His death occurred as the family gathered for breakfast, he having been ill for only a few minutes. A heart attack is supposed to have been the cause of his demise.

Funeral services will be conducted today (Wednesday) from the Zionville Baptist church and interment will be there.

Surviving are three sons and three daughters: Tom Greene, who resides in Virginia; Willard and Paul Greene of Meat Camp; Mesdames Joshua Greene, Smith Greene and Claude Miller, of the Meat Camp section.

## Funeral Thursday For William Harbin

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday afternoon from the late residence at Amantha postoffice for William Henry Harbin, who died suddenly Tuesday morning at the age of 70, from what was believed to have been a heart attack. Rev. J. W. Parker of the Methodist church, will be in charge of the rites and interment will be at the Isaacs cemetery.

Surviving is the widow, who was formerly Miss Ellen Isaacs, together with three sons and one daughter: W. C. and H. D. Harbin, Tacoma, Wash.; J. A. Harbin, Shulls Mills, and Mrs. T. L. Mast of Lovell.

Mr. Harbin was a son of the late William and Mrs. Harbin and was a life-long resident of this section, where he engaged in farming. He was one of the older citizens of his neighborhood and his death brings sorrow to a large number of friends throughout the county.

## POSTOFFICE MAY BE STARTED SOON

Contract for Boone's New Federal Building May Be Let Before End of Month

Postmaster W. G. Hartzog is in receipt of a letter from Congressman Doughton's office, in which it is stated that the procurement division of the treasury is very anxious to let the proposed local postoffice building to contract before June 30, inasmuch as an increase in the cost of building materials is expected after that time. It is also explained that the impression gained locally to the effect that the appropriation for the local federal structure would expire the 30th of this month, is untrue. It is further pointed out that some difficulty has been experienced in regard to the title to the property, but that a "declaration of taking" has been filed, which will expedite the final transfer of the property. This procedure will require less time, it is stated, than to try to have the abstract perfected.

## SPAINHOUR PICNIC

The reunion and picnic of the Spainhour family is to be held at the fish hatchery on Saturday, according to word coming from Mr. J. F. Spainhour of Morganton. Mr. Spainhour states that his daughter, a missionary in China, and her husband have arrived and will be present for the annual event.

## DRY GATHERINGS ARE SUCCESSFUL

Throngs Gather at Various County Churches to Observe Temperance Field Day

The county-wide field day for the United Dry Forces was observed in a number of the churches of the town and county last Sunday and reports reaching The Democrat indicate that it was the largest and most enthusiastic event of the kind in the history of the local temperance organization. The program for the churches was arranged by Rev. M. A. Adams, general field worker for the state dry organization and many local and outside speakers presented the arguments against alcoholic beverages to their audiences.

The day's exercises came to a close at 3 o'clock when people from all over the county, two thousand or more, came to Boone to hear Rev. Dan Graham deliver a dry discourse at his large tabernacle here.

## ASHE DEMOCRATS WILL MEET JUNE 25

Democratic nominees for county and state senatorial offices in Ashe will be selected at a county convention to be held in Jefferson on Saturday afternoon, June 25, according to announcement made by Ira T. Johnston, chairman of the Ashe county Democratic executive committee.

It is expected that W. B. Austin, prominent Ashe attorney, will be the choice of his party for the state senate in this district, which embraces the counties of Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga.