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LOCAL AUTHOR FINISHES BOOK

David P. Allison Has Written Four Volumes Within Past Eighteen Months

David P. Allison, Boone author, states that he has just finished the manuscript for "Into the Harbor," the fourth book which has come from his pen within the past 18 months. The new volume, it is said, has a mid-western locale, with a newspaper office with which the author is familiar, as a background. Another novel by Mr. Allison, "Life's Crucible," was completed during the early spring and should be off the press about September. "Into the Harbor" should be on sale about Christmas.

Mr. Allison is now outlining a story the title of which will be the "Fifth Generation." The plot will have a mountain setting and although in the writing of fiction, the correct names of towns and people are not usually given, the author states that persons familiar with this section will easily recognize the communities and characters featured.

Mr. Allison, who is regarded as a very fine descriptive author, believes that the new book, which will deal entirely with this immediate section, will be of considerable advertising value to the area, and since the name of the city about which the story centers must be other than "Boone," a one-year subscription to The Democrat is offered for an appropriate fictional name for the community.

Suggestions should be mailed to The Democrat and the following have been chosen as judges for the contest: Wilson Norris, W. H. Cragg, W. R. Lovell, Mrs. R. F. Greene and Mrs. ...

... and only one suggestion for a name is to be made.

Visitor Here in 1880 Writes to Local Firm

The Farmers Hardware & Supply Co., in receipt of the following letter from Mr. Wm. H. G. Belt, seedman, of Baltimore, Md., in regard to the anniversary edition of The Democrat, which constitutes a most interesting kind of historical reading:

I want to thank you for the special edition of the Watauga paper with its 50 years of history and pictures of the county I love and have known so long. You may not know, but it probably means more to me than any one outside of the state. Long before I knew the seed business I was traveling down there in 1880. My first interest attracted to it by Miss Fisher of Salisbury, who wrote "The Land of the Sky." In 1885 I married a lady here who had never been south, and brought her to Blowing Rock on our wedding trip. We spent two weeks in Lenoir with Dr. Beall's family, so we were prepared to fall in love with the mountains before hand. Our method of getting up there was an old open carriage with two horses and a colored driver, and it took us a half day to make it. There were no hotels there then, but two boarding houses, one Mr. Morris who had the postoffice and a farm, the other Mr. Estes at the mill, and we were with him for six weeks. I caught my first rainbow trout in the mill lake from a flat-bottom boat. There were four rooms built outside, one of which we occupied, and a botanist from up north another one. As we were likewise fond of flowers the three of us wandered all over that whole country. I have still a tin-type taken of my wife and self in the old courthouse yard at Boone, and the whole square surrounded with cherry trees loaded with fruit. We also rode Mr. Estes' two white horses to the top of Grandfather Mountain, at least as far as Calhoun's where we spent the night and climbed to the rock in the morning. As we were accustomed to going to church or Sunday school, Mr. Estes on Sunday morning took his family Bible, about 12 by 12 inches, and when we reached the church it had a snake fence all around it and my wife was helped to climb over it. Another thing I recall, Dr. McIver, who was a friend of mine, came up that summer and held the first summer school for teachers at Boone; he it was who was instrumental in getting the college for women at Greensboro, now a part of the state university. With him from Chapel Hill was another teacher who afterwards became the president of the University of Virginia.

So in love have I always been with that mountain country, that I have sent dozens of friends down on trips, and now at 81 when they don't want me to work any more, I have bought

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"Lighting Up Dark Company"



South Boston, Va.—These three South Boston, Virginia, girls, left to right, Misses Helen Johnston, Jean Hill and Hallie Hubbard, practicing for their roles in the fourth annual National Tobacco Festival to be held on September 8 and 9, stop by a negro cabin and secure lights for their cigarettes from the negro manny's pipe, much to the interest of the pickaninneys.

Father of Charles Zimmerman Dies at 76

Mr. J. S. Zimmerman, father of Charles Zimmerman, former local attorney, died at his Asheville home Thursday morning from a paralytic stroke.

Funeral services were conducted from the chapel of the Dunn-Gross Funeral Home in Asheville Friday morning. Rev. Mr. Gries, pastor of ...

... and Chas. T. Zimmerman of Washington, D. C.

Mr. Zimmerman, who was reared in Caldwell county, came from one of the foremost families of this section and was an architect. He retired, however, from active work about ten years ago.

Old Bryan Home Is Being Moved

Work is now going forward rapidly on the removal of the W. L. Bryan residence to a lot on Howard street, following the sale of the property some time ago. Mr. A. S. Johnson of Sherwood, who has charge of moving the structure, states that he expects to have the job completed by the end of the week. Interesting is the fact that the family is occupying the house during the process of its removal and none of the functions of the household are disturbed as the building changes its location.

Tonsil Clinic To Be Held Tuesday

Drs. Hagaman and Boughman will hold another tonsil clinic at the Watauga Hospital on Tuesday, August 2, according to an announcement from the local health department.

All those who have not registered for this clinic must do so in the offices of the health department in order that the necessary space may be reserved.

JR. SOAP BOX RACERS TO BE INSPECTED FRIDAY

All boys under 12 years of age are asked to have their racers on Water street Friday afternoon at 6 o'clock for a general inspection and trial run. There will be no competitive races on this date, states, E. W. Stallings, the promoter. There is not much time left before the races begin and all boys are urged to get busy.

The senior boys, ages 12 to 16, are working on their racers daily and will be ready for inspection and trial about August 5th. This race will probably be run off of Daniel Park hill which will require good brakes and some skillful driving.

TO DEMONSTRATE SKEET SHOOTING AT BANNER ELK

Banner Elk, July 27.—An expert marksman from the Remington Firearms Company will be in Banner Elk Saturday afternoon to give an exhibition of skeet shooting on the new range at 2 o'clock, it has been announced by Coach Johnny Mackorell of Lees-McRae College.

The public is invited to attend and watch a display of real marksmanship. All who wish may receive instruction in skeet shooting or take part in a trial skeet shoot after the exhibition.

New Health Nurse Has Assumed Duties

Miss Emma Belle McClure has been added to the staff of the Watauga county health department. Miss McClure comes here highly recommended, according to Dr. Robert R. King, who is highly pleased in having her added to the corps of local health workers.

Miss McClure, who took her initial training at Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn., is a graduate of the ...

... qualified for her present work. Miss McClure has established her home at the Caro-Jean Inn.

Trade Event Scheduled For Month of August

A special committee of the Boone Merchants Association has decided that a city-wide sales event will be conducted during next month. The event will be one of the most unusual thus far instituted in the city. At a general meeting of the merchants' group next Friday evening the details of the event will be worked out, and immediately thereafter a complete announcement will be issued.

It is requested that there be a full attendance of the membership of the association for the important meeting which will be held in the Junior Order hall at 7:30.

Singing Class To Appear at Cove Creek

The singing class of the Oxford Orphanage will appear in concert at the Cove Creek high school auditorium Tuesday evening, August 2, at 7:30, under the sponsorship of Snow Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

It is stated that the programs being rendered this year by the children from the home which is maintained by the Masonic order, are the most entertaining arranged for a number of years, and it is expected that a large crowd will be present for the concert.

Local Lawyer Now In New Quarters

Wade E. Brown, local attorney, occupied his new office quarters almost opposite The Democrat building, the first of the week, and the structure is one of the most elegant to be found in the city.

The building is constructed of brick, with native stone being used about the entrance, and a second floor is fitted out as a modern apartment.

Rev. Mr. Smith To Preach at Stony Fork

Rev. J. Harold Smith, one of the south's most outstanding Baptist ministers, will preach at the Stony Fork church Monday, August 1, at 2 p. m. Mr. Smith, whose home is in Greenville, S. C., is said to be an evangelist of unusual ability, and a large crowd is expected to hear him.

BIRTH
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Don Campbell of Sugar Grove, on July 25, a son who has been named Donald Daren. Mrs. Campbell is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Greer, at Zionville.

REA PROJECT MAY EXTEND INTO ASHE AND ALLEGHANY

Two Other Counties Start Movement to Secure the Benefits of Rural Electrification; Watauga Gets More Than a Quarter Million

The possibility that the Caldwell county rural electrification project, already one of the largest and most outstanding in the nation, may become the Federal Rural Electrification Administration's number one project was held out Saturday as a result of action taken on the part of rural leaders in Ashe and Alleghany counties in the end that service may be furnished those counties.

County Agent Black of Alleghany, Wednesday contacted Caldwell rural leaders in an effort to secure information in regard to the ways and means used to secure the local electrification project. At the same time a movement has been inaugurated in Ashe county to secure rural electrification in that county.

Already Watauga county has been included in the Caldwell county rural electrification program and a total of \$253,000 made available for the construction of rural power lines in this county. Of this amount available, \$128,000 was allotted recently, while an additional \$125,000 is available from funds left over from the construction of the Caldwell project and which can only be used for construction purposes.

Within the next few days leaders of the Alleghany movement, headed by Black, are expected to confer with Caldwell project leaders, with the ultimate result expected to be an effective project in that county.

power projects in the world.

At the present time both Ashe and Alleghany counties are served by private companies, which have not extended rural service to any great extent, serving chiefly in the city areas.

Under the plans for the Watauga project, 185 miles of line will be constructed to serve 1,139 rural customers. Of this allotment \$10,000 will be used to defray certain expenses connected with the initial operations of the project which cannot be observed by the construction loan. Power will be supplied by the Duke Power Company at wholesale rates.

Construction of these lines will provide nearly 30,000 man-hours of employment in direct labor alone.

Actual construction on rural electric lines in Watauga county will begin within the next two months, according to G. F. Messick, superintendent of the Caldwell Mutual Corporation.

Commerce Secretary Thanks the Citizens

Wade E. Brown, secretary of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, expresses his thanks to the people of the community for their co-operation in aiding in the housing of the county superintendents and their families who are in convention here. Mr. Brown states that the co-operation of the townspeople was so splendid that a number of homes which had proffered accommodations could not be filled. The open-hearted disposition of the citizens, it is felt by the chamber, is indicative of its appreciation of having these splendid people as the guests of the city.

The Boy Scouts are especially to be commended for their help in conducting the visitors to the homes in which they are accommodated and for other informative services rendered. The Scouts who assisted are: Blaine Miller, Van Hagaman, Gene Bingham, Charles Rogers, J. B. Hagaman, Jr., and Arnold Brown.

CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS IS A VISITOR IN BOONE

Hon. Monroe Adams of Statesville, Republican candidate for congress in the ninth district, was in town Monday and mingled with friends for a short while. Incidentally, Mr. Adams placed an advertisement in The Democrat today calling attention to his candidacy.

JOHN C. CARROLL

John Colbert Carroll, aged 83, a well-known farmer who resided near Boone, died Thursday at the age of 83 years. Funeral services were conducted Friday and interment was in the cemetery near Rutherford. Surviving is a brother, Lige Carroll, who resides in Wilkes county. Mr. Carroll had spent most of his life in this section where he was held in high esteem.

State School Heads In 3-Day Conference Here

Honors War Dead



New York.—Visiting here on the first anniversary of Japan's undeclared war on China, Miss Loh Tsel, known as China's "Joan of Arc" because of her work on the battlefields, joins Chinatown youngsters at shrine to pay tribute to 800,000 Chinese soldiers killed in the first year of fighting.

13 BABY BEEVES IN COUNTY BEING FED

Will Be Exhibited at Various Fairs This Fall, 12 Arc 4-H

Watauga Agricultural fair, the Asheville Fat Stock show, and the N. C. State fair, H. M. Hamilton, assistant county fair agent, said yesterday.

Twelve of these calves are being fed by 4-H club members, while the other calf is being fed by a young farmer. The boys who are feeding calves are as follows: Asa L. Reese, Jr., Reese, John Edmisten, Sugar Grove; Earl and Gilbert Edmisten; Frank Mast and Maston Hodges, Valle Crucis; Council Henson, Villas; Burl Greene, Boone, and Joe Brown, Deep Gap.

Council Henson, Joe Brown and Burl Greene are feeding two calves each, while the other boys have only one calf on feed.

David Farthing of Sugar Grove, is the farmer who is feeding a calf.

In addition to the baby beef project there are two boys carrying feeder calves for their project. These calves are given milk and very little grain and will be judged on type and quality, Mr. Hamilton said. The boys feeding these calves are Banks Edmisten and Van Farthing of Sugar Grove. These two feeder calves will be exhibited at the same places that the fat calves will be shown.

All calves in these two projects were raised in Watauga county. The farmers in the different sections where these calves are being fed should make a special effort to visit the boys and see the type of calf he is feeding.

These baby beef calves are demonstrating the value of good purebred sires and Mr. Hamilton believes a good many farmers will become more interested in better beef cattle after seeing these good calves.

MONROE ADAMS BACKS TOWNSEND PLAN IN CONGRESSIONAL RACE

Monroe Adams of Statesville, Republican nominee for congress from the ninth district, addressed the Rowan county Townsend club at Salisbury recently. The speaker told the group that he will advocate the general welfare act—better known as the Townsend recovery plan—in his campaign.

LADY BOWLERS MAKE SPLENDID SHOWING

A number of ladies of the city are taking an interest in bowling, according to Mr. Walton of the Boone Recreation Parlor. Last week Miss Mildred Elkins won first prize with a 104 game, and Miss Lillian Reichert is leading all lady bowlers this week with a high game of 115.

Mr. Walton states that four weekly prizes will be given to lady bowlers and the same number to men who patronize his alleys. He further says that summer bowling has gotten off to a big start and much interest is being shown by both men and women in this sport.

RETIREMENT PLAN FOR TEACHERS IS URGED BY DR. COOK

Lieut. Governor Horton Will Speak at Banquet Session Tonight; Dr. Erwin Opposes Free Textbooks for High School Pupils; 175 in Attendance

Dr. John A. Cook of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina told the opening session of the State School Superintendents' conference here Tuesday night that too many of the better trained young men and women were leaving the teaching profession in North Carolina because the state does not have a sound retirement plan.

Dr. Cook told the more than 100 superintendents gathered here for the second annual session, that he favored a system whereby the teacher would pay 3 per cent of her salary and the state pay 3 per cent to create a fund to be used for the retirement of the teachers and predicted that such a system would eventually come to North Carolina.

The other speaker at the opening session Tuesday night was Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, state health officer, who asserted that "health impairment, whether among the preventable curative or curative groups, is a handicap of education.

The superintendents were welcomed to the three-day conference at Appalachian College by Dr. E. B. ...

... president of the college

Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, superintendent of public instruction, struck the keynote in Wednesday's session by appealing to the school heads to refrain from agitating free text books for high schools in the next legislature.

He said, "I hope there will be no agitation for free text books in the next general assembly. We are not ready for this. If we should have free textbooks in high schools it would be taking money from the general school fund and using it for this purpose. I hope you superintendents will help prevent any movement of this sort."

E. N. Peeler, secretary of the state textbook commission, in his address at the morning session, said the advisory textbook committee had also requested that no movement to adopt free textbooks be started.

N. C. Newbold, director of the negro division of education, discussed the work during the 25 years he has been head of the division. He referred to the fact that during the past several years, negroes have contributed about \$750,000 to the construction of school buildings for their race.

W. F. Credle, director of the division of schoolhouse planning, discussed this phase of the state department of education's work.

Highway safety was discussed by Major Arthur Fulk, director of highway safety, and Neil Hester of Raleigh, spoke on safety education.

Sherwood Brockwell, state fire marshal, outlined safety in school buildings and fire drills in his safety talk.

Wednesday afternoon the school superintendents dispensed with all work and meetings and took a scenic trip to Blowing Rock, over the Yonahlossee Trail to Linville, Newland, Elk Park, Banner Elk and back to Boone.

At the banquet session this (Wednesday) evening, the principal speaker will be W. P. Horton of Pittsboro, lieutenant governor of North Carolina and Dr. W. H. Frazier, president of Queens-Chicora College, Charlotte. W. D. Halfacre, superintendent of the North Wilkesboro city schools, will be toastmaster.

The registration Wednesday morning included more than 175 school superintendents, principals and school men from throughout the state.

County and City Superintendents
Following is a complete list of county and city school superintendents in the state, a majority of whom are attending the conference here:

Alamance, M. E. Yount, Graham; Burlington, L. E. Spikes, Burlington; Alexander, Stovne W. Payne, Taylorsville; Alleghany, W. C. Thompson, Sparta; Anson, J. O. Bowman, Wadesboro; Morven, Marcus L. Ham, Morven; Wadesboro, W. W. Lewis, Wadesboro; Ashe, J. B. Hash, Jefferson.
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