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PARALYSIS FATAL TO JOHN E. BROWN; DIES ON TUESDAY

Former Legislator and Postmaster in Boone Dies in Washington City; Prominent in Life of County Since 1907; Funeral Plans Are Not Completed

John E. Brown, aged 56, former Boone lawyer and legislator, died in Washington City early Tuesday morning, from a stroke of paralysis suffered about midnight. Mr. Brown had just returned to Washington, where he was attorney for the federal alcohol administration, about ten days ago, from an extended visit to Boone. His health was poor at the time, but his almost sudden death was a distinct shock to his many friends here.

The body is expected to arrive in Boone this (Wednesday) afternoon, and funeral details will not be arranged until after that time. It is likely, however, that the body will be interred in Boone on Thursday.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Sproles Brown, one son and one daughter by a former marriage; Edgar Brown, of the New River Light & Power Co., Boone, and Miss Norma Brown, also of Boone, who is now teaching at Seaboard, N. C. The following brothers and sisters also survive: W. Hardin Brown, Boone; Rev. R. L. Brown, Moravia, Iowa; D. A. Brown, Southampton, Pa.; Homer F. Brown, New York City; C. D. Brown, Parkburg, W. Va.; A. L. Brown, Worden, Mont.; Mrs. A. L. Cooke, Boone.

Native of Alleghany
Mr. Brown was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Brown of Alleghany county, who moved to Boone in 1867. Mr. Brown attended school here, taught for a period of time, and became a leader in the community life. He received his legal education at Wake Forest college and began the practice of law in Boone in 1923, where he succeeded well.

Mr. Brown was a leading figure in the councils of the Democratic party and was elected to the state senate in 1924 by the largest majority accorded a candidate up to that time. In 1928 he was enrolling clerk in the house of representatives.

He was postmaster in Boone from 1918 to 1924, and served as secretary to Congressman Robert L. Doughton from 1912 to 1915.

In 1936 Mr. Brown accepted a position as attorney for the federal alcohol administration and had resided in Washington City since that time.

FARM COMMITTEE NAMED IN COUNTY

Group Responsible for Administration Agricultural Program Selected by Ballot

Harry Hamilton, county agent, releases the following list of township committeemen together with the county committee, which will be in charge of the administration of the agricultural conservation program in the county. The township groups were named by ballot, they in turn electing the county committee.

The first named in each instance is the chairman, who is followed by the vice chairman, they having received the highest and second highest vote cast in the election:

Bald Mountain
W. F. Norris, W. S. Miller, W. N. Howell, R. F. Vannoy, J. R. Holman.

Beaver Dam
Lee Swift, M. H. Edmisten, Wade Greene, W. W. Wilson, Dudley Greene.

Blowing Rock
A. C. Moody, R. H. Shore, L. M. Fry, S. C. Greene, Frank Edmisten.

Blue Ridge
S. C. Ford, N. L. Harrison, J. G. Storie, M. C. Cook, J. T. Hampton.

Boone
Grady Bradley, L. M. Hodges, W. M. Winkler, F. M. Blair, H. Neal Blair.

Cove Creek
Ivey E. Wilson, W. M. Thomas, John Perry, R. A. Adams, S. C. Dishman.

Laurel Creek
W. J. Farthing, W. H. Mast, Ned Glenn, C. C. Edmisten, J. Y. Walker.

Meat Camp
R. H. Clawson, A. W. Greene, N. M. Greene, D. C. Coffey, Thos. Jackson.

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LOCAL NIMROD AND FINE BUCK



Richard E. Kelly, county coroner and Boone mortician, is shown with a 150-pound buck, which fell before his rifle in the recent hunt in Pisgah National forest. (Photo courtesy of Paul Weston, Boone Photo Shop.)

New Residents Impressed With Fine Stores And Local People

With the construction of the REA lines in Watauga county, and the building of the new postoffice, many new families have taken up their residence in Boone for the next several months and are cordially welcomed by the local citizenship.

These people who come from the larger centers of population are strongly impressed with the fine array of stores and shops here and the quality of merchandise being handled, and speak in glowing terms of the courteous treatment of the Boone people.

Mrs. Melvin F. Burgess, wife of the REA contractor, a resident of Baltimore, gives out the following statement to Mayor Gragg:

"For nineteen years we have been over several states, also, in many cities and towns, my husband being a general contractor, it takes us all over the different states, hence my being able to shop in so many different places.

"I was very much pleased and agreeably surprised to find the stores of Boone favorably comparable with stores in much larger towns and I see that I will be able to do my Christmas shopping in Boone.

NEW OFFICERS ARE SWORN IN MONDAY

Sheriff Edmisten to Be First in History of County to Serve Four-Year Term

Watauga county's newly-elected officers took their respective oaths Monday, three of the number being inducted into office for four year periods. Clerk of the Court Austin E. South entered upon his fourth four-year term, while Sheriff A. J. Edmisten and Coroner Richard E. Kelley will also serve for four years by the benefit of a constitutional amendment ratified on the day of their election.

Miss Helen Underdown, register of deeds, did not come up for election this year, having served but half of a four-year term. The commissioners, Eller McNeil, Ira Edmisten and Coy Billings, organized with Mr. McNeil remaining as chairman, but none other than routine business matters came up for consideration.

Work On Postoffice Is Going Forward

Mr. W. H. Gragg has finished the excavation for the new postoffice building and Superintendent R. E. Skidmore has a large crew of men working on the footings for the structure. Concrete mixers and other equipment, together with a vast quantity of materials are being delivered, and the work is moving forward with rapidity.

RECENT BIRTHS AT THE HAGAMAN CLINIC

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lowrance of Vilas, on Saturday, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Teaster of Watauga township, Saturday, twin sons.

Mr. and Mrs. George Miller of Todd, announce the birth of a daughter on Sunday.

"The stores and streets are very attractively decorated and I find in the stores a very fine collection of Christmas merchandise."

Mrs. Cornelius Vanzile, whose husband is also connected with Mr. Burgess' company, addresses the following letter to Mr. Gragg:

"As a visitor to Boone, the foremost impression to be gained as the holiday season approaches is the sincerity and friendliness of its people. While preparations are made for another Christmas, the stranger is made welcome in a most cordial and generous manner.

"So different from the ways of any large city, with its lack of hospitality and its continual breathless hurry.

"Here, with their high civic standards, their will and desire to beautify and decorate, their willingness to spare the time for friendliness and consideration, do Christian people come closest to the ideal of 'Peace on earth, good will toward men.'"

Mrs. Ray E. Skidmore, wife of the general contractor of the new postoffice building, makes the following remarks complimentary to the city:

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USED TOYS SOUGHT FOR NEEDY KIDDIES

Fire Department Will Repair and Repaint Toys for Distribution to Destitute Children

Pat McGuire, chief of the Boone fire department, is making his annual appeal to the people of this city and section for used toys, which will be handled by his department to bring joy to the less fortunate children of the region at Christmas time.

Mr. McGuire says that even though the toys you have are broken, bring them to the city hall anyway, where the boys will repair and repaint them, so that they will be altogether serviceable. The people are asked to respond to this request promptly so that there may be time to put the toys in condition in time for Christmas.

Blind Stand Is Being Operated at Spainhours

Miss Floy Hodges, who during the summer operated the blind confection stand on the streets of the town, has moved her booth into the basement at Spainhours' store, and will keep open until Christmas.

The stand, which is conducted by Miss Hodges under the sponsorship of the Boone Lions club, is designed to make at least one blind person self-supporting, and the popular young lady has enjoyed a good patronage. She sells cold drinks, candies, sandwiches, cigars, cigarettes, etc., and invites her friends to visit her in her new location.

MUSIC RECITAL

The music department of Appalachian College will present a recital in the auditorium Monday evening, December 12, at 7:30. The program will consist of numbers in piano, voice and string ensemble and the public is extended a cordial invitation to attend.

931 ENROLLED AT APPALACHIAN

Local College Has Larger Number of Students For Winter Quarter Than Formerly

Mr. J. M. Downum, registrar at Appalachian College, gives out the information that 931 students are now enrolled in the local institution, or almost one hundred more than were on the campus during the peak enrollment of last winter. Six hundred and eight of the 931 are women students, there being only 322 men enrolled.

Sixty-nine out-of-state students are listed, representing 13 states. These include: South Carolina, 24; Pennsylvania, 12; Tennessee, 10; Virginia, 9; Florida, 4; Delaware, 2; New Hampshire, 2; Illinois, 1; Massachusetts, 1; Mississippi, 1; New York, 1; Texas, 1, and West Virginia, 1.

In an effort to meet requirements of the American Association of Teachers Colleges, the administration has endeavored to set up an official classification among the students which will enable them to continue a regular schedule without conflict. The purpose of this program is to classify all collegians into either the freshman, sophomore, junior or senior group. Because of various difficulties a number are now listed as special students and several more as unclassified. At the earliest possible moment, however, the administration hopes to reclassify these students and put them back on a regular schedule. This will prevent the confusion caused by the intermingling of members of the various classes.

BURLEY VOTE TO BE CAST DEC. 17

Watauga to Go to Polls to Register Opinions on Control Quotas; Polling Places

By H. M. HAMILTON, JR., County Agent.

The burley tobacco referendum will be held on Saturday, December 17, rather than on December 10, as was previously announced, through error. The places at which the farmers may vote on the tobacco quotas will be as follows:

Courthouse at Boone.

Victor Ward's store in Laurel Creek.

Bethel school building in Beaver Dam.

James Mast's store in Cove Creek.

W. W. Mast's store in Watauga.

The polls will be open from 9 a. m. until sundown.

Any farmer in the county who has grown burley tobacco in 1933 may vote.

Three meetings will be held on Thursday, December 15 for the purpose of explaining the purpose of the tobacco control program. These meetings will be held at the following places:

Cove Creek school building Thursday, December 15, at 9:30 a. m.

Bethel school building Thursday, December 15, at 2 p. m.

Courthouse in Boone Thursday, December 15, at 7:30 p. m.

A representative from the state office in Raleigh will be the main speaker at these meetings.

All tobacco farmers are urged to attend one of the above meetings.

FARMER SERIOUSLY INJURED BY HAYFORK

Mr. Clint Mast, Vilas citizen, was critically injured Tuesday evening when struck by a pitchfork as he was preparing to feed his stock. Mr. Mast had gone into the loft of the barn and Dottie Glenn threw him a pitchfork which he was unable to catch in the semi-darkness. The fork pierced his side, injured one lung and struck the liver.

He was immediately brought to the Watauga Hospital, where an emergency operation was performed, and attending physicians are very apprehensive over his condition.

HOME ELECTRIC CO. TO WIRE POSTOFFICE

The Home Electric Co., of Boone and Lenoir, has been awarded the contract for the wiring of the new postoffice building here, according to advices from Mr. Tilley, manager of the local branch of the firm. The contract price, it is said, is \$1,800 in round numbers.

Christmas Lights Will Be Turned On Saturday, As Holiday Season Is Opened

WE DON'T LIKE THIS PICTURE



It isn't a pleasant picture that we herewith reproduce—but it is a picture of reality—and it serves our purpose admirably in calling attention to the need this year of providing an adequate empty stocking fund to take care of these destitute children during the holidays. Few local children are without food and some sort of raiment, but a child, whether rich or poor, is entitled to some real Christmas joy. Help us to help these kiddies by contributing to the empty stocking fund. Consider your contribution as an investment in local happiness, an eradicator of human misery, a stimulator of ambition and spirit. Leave your contribution at The Democrat office, with Mayor Gragg or with Pat McGuire. The Democrat starts the list with ten dollars. Let's make it grow.

CHANGE IN DATE OF CHEST CLINIC
Tuberculin Tests Will Be Made Here December 12 Through 14th, It Is Announced

By DR. ROBERT R. KING, (District Health Officer)

At the request of Dr. R. T. Jenkins, the physician who will come from the North Carolina Sanatorium, we are starting our work on December 12 through 14th in Boone; 15th through 19th, Dr. Jenkins will be in Jefferson, and on the 20th and 21st in Sparta. This change was made necessary because of a change in the date of closing of Appalachian College.

Tuberculin tests are being made and patients scheduled through the district health territory. All those who have previously been tested for tuberculosis, those who have had active contact with cases of the disease, and any others who have reason to suspect this trouble are urged to come to one of the offices on clinic days and have the skin test made. There is no cost at all for this test or for the examination to be made at the chest clinic.

The office days are as follows: Boone, Saturday mornings; Jefferson, Monday mornings; and Sparta, Tuesday mornings.

PAT MCGUIRE INJURED

Pat McGuire, fire department chief, was slightly injured Monday when Coach Flucie Stewart's shotgun was accidentally discharged at the end of a hunting trip. The weapons were being unloaded when the gun fired, the load striking the hard surface roadway on which the hunters were standing, a number of the shot ricocheting and taking effect in Mr. McGuire's right thigh. The injury proved to be a minor nature.

Merchants of City Make Elaborate Plans For Amusement and Entertainment of Holiday Crowds; Band Concerts and Singing of Christmas Carols to Feature Visit of Santa Claus.

The holiday shopping season will be officially opened in Boone Saturday evening, when Clyde R. Greene, president of the Retail Merchants association, will flick a switch which will turn the principal street of the city into a riotous blaze of color. Huge evergreen trees have been stretched on both sides of the street through the business district, multi-colored lamps are being installed today, and the holiday decorations will be by far the most elaborate thus far attempted in this city.

The lights are to be turned on at six o'clock, according to tentative plans of the merchants association, and Santa Claus will be here at that time, with packages of goodies to be distributed to all the kiddies who are in town at the time.

A large Christmas tree is to be erected opposite the bank building, and arrangements are being made for the singing of Christmas carols throughout the evening. The Boone high school band will parade through the streets of the city during the afternoon and appear in a downtown concert in the evening.

Stores of the city will remain open until 10 o'clock Saturday evening, so that visitors to the city may have their first opportunity of viewing the largest assortment of holiday merchandise ever to be assembled in any small city in this entire area. There will be plenty of salespeople to take care of the crowds, which are expected to even exceed those of a year ago.

The merchants association, which decorated the city, extends a cordial invitation to the people of this and surrounding counties to come to Boone Saturday and enjoy the evening's entertainment.

COUNTY TEACHERS MEET SATURDAY

Dr. Wiley Smith to Address Gathering at Boone Elementary School

A meeting of all the school teachers of the county will be held at the elementary demonstration school in Boone Saturday afternoon at 2:30, according to an announcement coming from Prof. E. S. Christenbury, president of the local unit of the State Education association, under the sponsorship of which organization the meeting is being held. Prof. Christenbury points out that all teachers are expected to attend, regardless of membership in the state association.

Dr. Wiley Smith, professor of psychology at Appalachian College, will deliver the principal address, his subject being "Guidance of Youth." Entertainment will be provided during the course of the evening by a chorus from the fourth, fifth and sixth grades, under the direction of Mr. Heflin, of the demonstration school.

Plans are to be made at this meeting for the teachers' meeting to be held next January.

Robert Proffit Dies From Injuries

Robert Proffit of Sherwood, died in a Newton hospital Thursday from injuries received five days previous when he was helping to move some logs at a CCC camp near that city.

Funeral services were conducted from the Henson's Chapel Methodist church Saturday by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Parker, and interment was in the nearby cemetery.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Proffit, survive, together with a number of brothers and sisters. Mr. Proffit had been in the CCC camps for about two years, having recently been transferred back to Carolina from the state of Oregon. He was reared on Cove Creek and was one of the best youths of that section.

Shop Early—and at Home