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Dies In Service



J. W. Jones, Jr., son of the late Dr. Jones and Mrs. Jones of this city, funeral services for whom were held at the Methodist church Tuesday afternoon. Young Mr. Jones died in San Diego, California, where he was doing service with the U. S. Marine Corps, on December 15.

FUNERAL IS HELD FOR J. W. JONES

Body of Former Boone Boy Interred in City Cemetery; Many Attend Services

Funeral services were conducted from the Methodist church here Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 for J. W. Jones, Jr., son of the late Dr. Jones and Mrs. Jones of this city, who died in San Diego, Calif., on the 15th, where he was a member of the United States Marine Corps.

Rev. Paul Townsend, the pastor, and Rev. H. A. Dobbin of Patterson, participated in the rites and interment was in the city cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: Joe Crawford, Paul Coffey, William Rush, Craig Holler, William Casey, Earl Miller. Honorary: Wade Edmisten, Frank Hagaman, Frank Wyke, Pat McGuire, Len Wilson, Tom Council, Jack Hodges, Faw Miller, John W. Hodges, Jr., A. E. Hamby, Jr., and John Perry.

A large floral offering was in charge of Mrs. J. M. Gauthier, Misses Gertrude Perry, Julie Lee Russell, Elizabeth Cook, Loree O'Daniel, Joyce Belvin, Jewel Hagaman, Pauline Bingham, Helen Gragg, Pauline McGhee, Geneva Cook, Gladys Miller, Evelyn Smith, Louise Cook, Francis Linney, Mesdames Velma Casey and Jean Wyke.

A military funeral was held at the marine corps base auditorium San Diego, December 16, with the base chaplain, Commander Thomas L. Kirkpatrick, officiating. The pallbearers and escort were close friends of the deceased and the officers and men of his battalion attended the rites. Private Michael Angelo Arzozzo was designated to accompany the remains to Boone.

A short history of young Jones' Marine Corps service follows:

He enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps on June 14, 1935 in Washington, D. C., and was sent to Parris Island, S. C., for his recruit training. On September 7, 1935, he was transferred to Marine Barracks, Norfolk, Virginia, and on December 4 of the same year embarked on the U. S. S. Henderson for China. While there he was attached to Company "D," 1st Battalion, 4th Marines at Shanghai, until February 1st, 1938, at which time he was transferred to Company "D," 1st Battalion, 6th Marines. On February 18, 1938, he embarked with the Sixth Marines on the U. S. S. Chaumont and sailed for the United States, arriving San Diego, California, April 29, 1938.

"During his stay in China he earned an enviable record through his activities in athletics. His success in the boxing ring is shown by the large number of trophies he collected. His tastes in life were not confined to boxing and his friends were many, both in the corps and in civilian life. He made friends readily and held them through his unique personality and true sense of fair play.

CCC Enrollees in January Will Be Accepted at Camp

North Carolina has received requisition for 1,077 juniors for CCC enrollment between January 1-20, 1939, T. L. Grier, CCC selection supervisor, announced this week.

Plans have been worked out with Fourth Corps Area headquarters and CCC District "A" at Fort Bragg whereby enrollees may be accepted at the camp nearest the local selection agency. Former practice of the CCC organization was to establish certain towns as enrolling points throughout the state, and the new system will be a saving in miles for applicants seeking admission to the corps, Grier pointed out.

The state board of charities and public welfare, designated as the selecting agent by the war department, has delegated actual choosing of the applicants to welfare officials in the counties.

City Mail Delivery Is To Be Extended

The postoffice department has ordered that the village delivery service be extended to include the section between the corner of King and Depot streets to the intersection of College and Locust streets. Also to include Junaluska, Summit, Carolina Avenue, North, and North Depot streets. This service will begin as soon as the street signs are erected and the houses are numbered.

The department desires that this service be extended to relieve the congestion at the stamp and general delivery windows of the local postoffice.

NEW "FIRST FAMILIES" PREPARE TO TAKE OFFICE



As 1938 draws to an end, new governors prepare to take office in 13 states immediately after the new year begins. Four of them include: Culbert Olson of California, left; William Vanderbilt of Rhode Island, shown with Mrs. Vanderbilt, upper center; Arthur James of Pennsylvania, shown in lower center with his daughter, Miss Dorothy James; and Raymond E. Baldwin of Connecticut.

MISS PEARSON IS KILLED IN CRASH

Sister of Frank Pearson, Boone Merchant Fatally Injured as Car Plunges Into Stream

Miss Marie Pearson, of North Wilkesboro, sister of Frank Pearson, prominent Boone merchant, was killed Monday evening when her car left highway 115 and plunged into a flooded stream near Statesville. Gene Davis, North Wilkesboro youth, was accompanying her and was badly injured, being taken to a Statesville hospital for treatment. The two were on route to Statesville to visit Mrs. Tai Pearson, hospital patient in that city, when the accident occurred. The cause of the crash was not known. Persons who were near the scene of the accident pulled Davis, who was unconscious, from the water first, the body of Miss Pearson being found some distance downstream.

Funeral services were held at Boone, Wilkes county, Wednesday afternoon, and a number of Boone people were expected to attend.

Miss Pearson was a member of a prominent Wilkes county family, being the daughter of the late Hamp Pearson and Mrs. Mary Jane Pearson, who survives. Also surviving are four brothers: Tal J. Pearson of North Wilkesboro; Claude Pearson of Furler; George and Frank Pearson of Boone.

Northwestern Bank Purchases Assets of Taylorsville Bank

The Northwestern Bank, with home offices in North Wilkesboro, and branches in several northwestern North Carolina towns last Monday took over the Merchants and Farmers Bank in Taylorsville.

The purchase of the Taylorsville bank was announced by bank officials simultaneously with the opening of the bank there as another branch of the Northwestern.

The move had already been approved by stockholders of the Northwestern Bank and the Merchants and Farmers Bank and had been given approval by the state commissioner of banks, bank officials said.

In the transaction the Northwestern Bank took over all assets of the Taylorsville institution and assumed all liabilities.

The deal increased the assets of the Northwestern bank to well over three and one-half million dollars and the capital stock is \$180,000, which, with surplus of \$120,000, makes a total capital structure of \$300,000.

The Northwestern Bank was formed on July 1, 1937, as a consolidation of the Deposit and Savings Bank, North Wilkesboro, Bank of Sparta, Watauga County Bank at Boone with branch at Blowing Rock, Merchants and Farmers Bank at Bakersville with branch at Burnsville. The Bank of Ashe was taken over as a part of the consolidated bank in June, 1938.

The expansion to include the bank at Taylorsville is a continuation of carrying out the original purpose of the consolidation—a more complete banking service for the territory served, bank officials explained.

The Week in Washington

A RESUME OF GOVERNMENTAL HAPPENINGS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Washington, Dec. 25—By Wednesday, January 4, the expectation is that congress and the nation will know the names of the persons who are to succeed Attorney General Cummings, Secretary of Commerce Daniel Roper and Justice Cardozo of the supreme court.

The 76th congress will meet on Tuesday, January 3, but it is not likely that it will receive any communications from the President until the next day, since the membership will be busy on the first day in getting organized.

There may be surprises in the President's appointments and in his message generally, but the probabilities have been so thoroughly discussed here that the keenest observers believe they know who will be the new members of the cabinet and of the supreme court.

The guess on attorney general is practically unanimous; it is the general belief that the man scheduled for that Cabinet post is Robert H. Jackson, the solicitor-general. He is not only the logical candidate by reason of his attainments and his present position, but he is a warm friend of Mr. Roosevelt's and sees eye to eye with him on all new deal matters.

Hopkins a Possibility

For secretary of commerce there is not quite so much certainty expressed by those who profess to know all that is going on in the President's head. The widely-held belief that he intends to appoint to this post Mr. Harry Hopkins, administrator of the WPA, is opposed by those who maintain that Mr. Hopkins, by reason of his political activities in the recent senatorial and congressional campaigns, has made so many enemies in the Democratic party that the senate would not confirm him if he were to be named by the President.

That may be doubted; but a more probable ground of opposition to him in the senate is his lack of business experience.

Mr. Roper left his cabinet post on December 23. Mr. Cummings' resignation takes effect January 1. There are rumors that more cabinet resignations may be expected shortly, perhaps before congress gets really under way.

Postmaster General Farley wants to quit his job, and has been looking for some time for a suitable opening in private business. Washington observers are looking for the announcement at any time that Mr. Swanson, secretary of the navy, and Mr. Woodring, secretary of war, are out.

As to the supreme court vacancy, opinion here is shifting a bit away from the belief that the man of the President's choice is Prof. Felix Frankfurter of the Harvard law school. There are several reasons for that. One is the belief that Prof. Frankfurter prefers to operate as a lone wolf in federal affairs.

Exerts Powerful Influence

From his position behind the scenes he exerts an extremely powerful influence in the affairs of this administration, and has done so from (Continued on page two)

HOLIDAY TRADE IS VERY BRISK

Merchants Report an Unusually Fine Sale of Christmas Merchandise

Holiday trade in Boone was far ahead of last year, according to the consensus of opinion of some of the leading retailers, and business men are optimistic over the outlook for the New Year.

By Saturday evening certain lines of Christmas merchandise, notably toys, had all but been exhausted, while late shoppers went from store to store gathering together articles which they thought of at the last minute. In the grocery line, many housewives had trouble Saturday evening getting all the extras required for the Christmas feast, even though the stocks provided had been of more than normal proportions.

The lighting of the streets and the co-operative advertising of the merchants association in Watauga and adjoining counties contributed to the volume of holiday trade.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FUND IS ADEQUATE

Many Kiddies Made Glad by Concerted Charity Effort; Little Want Existed

Those who participated in the provision of food, wearing apparel and Christmas goodies to the destitute kiddies of the community and section, believe that few empty stockings hung above local hearstones Christmas morning.

The fund which was raised by the Watauga Democrat and the local fire department, reached \$300, which was spent for toys, items of clothing, candies, nuts, etc., and most of the merchants of the city contributed liberally of their stores for the benefit of the poor. Something like 200 children were thus provided for at the city hall Friday and Saturday and none went away empty-handed. Besides, in some instances, the charities were taken to the doors of the poor.

In addition to this fund, the Evangelistic club took care of numbers of the poorer families and different church organizations entered into the dispensing of Christmas cheer with earnestness. All in all, it was the biggest Christmas the poor of the section have had for many years, and those who contributed were able to enjoy their own festivities more by the knowledge that everyone was happy in the locality.

WINTER WEATHER FOLLOWS HOLIDAY

Snowfall of Monday Followed by Stinging Cold Tuesday; 10 Degrees Wednesday

The mild temperatures of Christmas day which were likewise enjoyed by residents and visitors to the mountains, were supplanted Monday by a snowfall, of four or five inches, which brought out the snow moving equipment of the state highway commission and slightly hindered travel on the cross-country roads.

Sleet followed snow and Tuesday evening a howling northwester brought mercury plummeting to 10 degrees, perhaps the coldest period of the winter. Wednesday, however, the sun is shining and there is some thawing of the frozen snow along the streets.

Surplus Products Help Many During Month of November

There were 234 cases representing 1,182 persons certified by Watauga county welfare officials as eligible to receive surplus commodity products during the month of November, Arthur E. Langston, state director of commodity distribution with the state board of charities and public welfare, announced this week.

A state-wide total of 174,710 persons comprising 38,105 cases were certified during the month, 94.5 percent of the number being actually serviced during the period, Langston said.

Following is a list of persons and cases certified in adjoining counties: Avery 147 cases, 1,502 persons; Ashe 214 cases, 1,167 persons; Caldwell 331 cases, 1,696 persons; Wilkes 521 cases, 2,754 persons.

MRS. FLETCHER DIES ON TUESDAY

Sister of Mrs. W. H. Gragg Succumbs; Funeral Held at Hampton, Tenn.

Mrs. Minnie Horton Fletcher, aged 48, died at the home of a sister, Mrs. W. H. Gragg, in Boone Tuesday morning after a period of failing health extending over a number of years. Death came as Mrs. Fletcher slept, and the immediate cause of her death is thought to have been a heart attack. She had been cheerful and no worse Monday and had enjoyed the festivities of Christmas immensely. Mrs. Fletcher had been a visitor in the Gragg home for the past two months.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon from the Christian church at Hampton, Tenn., by Rev. Mr. Shepherd, and interment was there.

Immediate survivors include the husband and one son, Jack Fletcher; one brother, J. W. Horton of Hampton, Tenn., survives, together with four sisters: Mrs. J. J. Laughran, Burnsville; Mrs. J. D. Bradshaw, Relief, N. C.; Mrs. R. W. Pettigrew, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. W. H. Gragg, Boone.

The pallbearers included Horton Gragg, Ralph Laugran, Harlan Horton, Jim Morrell, Robert Campbell and Paul Henline, all nephews of the deceased.

Born in Yancey County

Mrs. Fletcher was born near Burnsville, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Horton, but spent the major portion of her life at Roan Mountain and Hampton, Tenn. At Roan Mountain she operated the Mountain Spring Hotel for fifteen years and became most popular with the traveling public and the residents of a wide area. She retired from the management of the hotel because of ill health, going to Daytona Beach, Fla., where she also operated a hotel. She returned to this section and spent the winter of 1937 with Mrs. Gragg, since which time she has been with other relatives at intervals, seeking to restore her health. Mrs. Fletcher was a consecrated member of the Christian church at Hampton, and always evidenced a keen interest in the better things of life.

Deceased was well known in Boone, where she numbered her friends by her acquaintances. Her ready smile and sunny disposition endeared her to visitors at the Gragg home. She bore her affliction with cheerfulness and fortitude, and her visits here were looked forward to with pleasure by her friends.

HOLLER NEW OWNER OF MULLINS GROCERY

Mr. L. H. Holler has purchased the grocery establishment which has been operating under the name of Mullins & Dunkley and a son, Mr. Craig Holler, has assumed the active management of the business. Mr. Ab Mullins, who founded the store five years ago, will devote his full time to the management of the Mullins Electrical Appliance Co. Mr. Holler has not announced the personnel of his new organization, but promises the same courteous and efficient service which has made the store popular in this area.