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JAMES T. GROSS SUCCUMBS AFTER EXTENDED ILLNESS

World War Veteran and Election Board Member Dies at Veterans Home; Rites Attended by Large Throng; a Brief Review of His Life

James T. Gross, aged 45, World War veteran and secretary of the Watauga county elections board, died at the Veterans Hospital in Johnson City, Tenn., last Friday, where he had been a patient for about two and a half months. Mr. Gross had never enjoyed his usual health since his active participation in the World War, and had been in hospitals a number of times.

Funeral services were conducted from the Oak Grove church, one mile west of Boone, and near the residence of the deceased, Sunday afternoon, Rev. G. A. Hamby, the pastor, being in charge of the rites. Rev. W. C. Greene, chaplain of the Watauga Post American Legion, and Rev. F. C. Watts, former pastor at Oak Grove, also participated during the course of the services. The church was completely filled, all available standing room taken, and some hundreds of persons stood in the churchyard while the funeral was in progress. The floral offering was beautiful.

Interment was in the Hines graveyard, members of the Watauga Post of the American Legion being in charge.

Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Fannie Fletcher, and three small daughters: Elizabeth, Mary Jo and Peggy Gross. The aged mother, Mrs. I. B. Gross, also survives, together with three brothers and three sisters: Elynn Gross of Meigs Camp, Lee and Cleve Gross of Boone; Mrs. B. A. Hodges and Mrs. F. M. Maltba, Boone, and Mrs. Charles G. Lewis of Zionville.

Born in Stony Fork
Mr. Gross, who was a son of the
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Parkway Company Opens Saturday

The Parkway Company, Boone's new hardware and electrical appliance store, which is located in the old postoffice building, will be formally opened for business Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, according to an announcement carried in the advertising columns of the local newspaper today.

The quarters have been redecorated and new fixtures installed and the stock of merchandise is being placed on the shelves daily. The new store proposes to carry a complete line of hardware and electrical fixtures and appliances, and invites the people of the territory to inspect the wares on the opening day.

Child Is Injured In Auto Accident

Rebecca Moose, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. G. K. Moose, was right seriously bruised and shocked Saturday afternoon, when she was struck by an automobile driven by Mr. Jim Carter at a point near the Baptist church. The Moose child was returning from school with a group of other children and was chased into the path of the car as she romped with her playmates. The car was traveling slowly, and the child's injuries were not serious.

The accident was unavoidable, it is said, and no blame is attached to Mr. Carter.

County Library To Be Closed 3 Days

Miss Jewel Hagaman, county librarian, states that the county library will be closed during Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, due to the fact that the quarters being used in the courthouse will have to be surrendered so that the grand jury may have a place for its sessions. The library will open on Thursday as usual.

900 Collegians Are Now Enrolled

Information coming from the Appalachian College Wednesday morning indicate that registrations have passed the 900 mark, and that some students are expected to enter later.

This figure is considerably higher than that of a year ago, and the average for the fall and winter terms will likely be higher than at any past period.

Racket-Busters



Lakeside, Mich. — Thomas E. Dewey, district attorney of New York, and Republican presidential possibility, meets another notable racket-buster—Judge George E. Q. Johnson, former U. S. district attorney of Chicago, who prosecuted Al Capone, notorious Chicago racketeer.

JUDGE WINSTON GIVES WAR VIEWS

Visitor to Boone Says Cash and Carry Proposal a Snare and Subterfuge

Judge Robert W. Winston of Chapel Hill, who possesses one of the state's most brilliant minds, is spending some time in Boone and on a visit to the office of the local newspaper Saturday, referred to the "cash and carry" proposal in connection with the government's policy of neutrality as a snare and a subterfuge, and a certain avenue into another war.

Judge Winston said that the cash and carry method would result in America's furnishing food and munitions of war to England and France, and thus make of this country their storehouse and arsenal. "Under this proposal," he said, "Germany and Russia, which have no ships, will be unable to secure war supplies from this nation. The question is, then, 'What should be done by congress?' The answer is to sell food and supplies to no nation whatever. The cash and carry plan is a snare and a subterfuge. When our president said he would do everything short of war to aid England he was playing with fire and precipitating war."

Judge Winston says congress should enact such neutrality legislation as would make America truly and definitely neutral. Only through this course does he see a hope of America staying out of another world war.

TEACHES IN ASHE

Mr. C. M. Dickson, former principal of the Bethel high school, is teaching this year at Healing Springs high school in Ashe county. In his new position Mr. Dickson is able to live at home, and had refused to accept a position outside the county at this time.

Democrat Ad Draws Response From a Resident of Manila

Mr. B. W. Stallings, local jeweler and Boy Scout leader, tells the local newspaper that "Democrat advertising really does the business on a far-flung scale," for he has just received a letter from the Philippine Islands, as a result of his advertising the Soap Box Derby in the county journal, which response may result in the institution of the amateur racing events in Manila.

Mr. B. G. Leake of Manila, is the subscriber noting the ad and forthwith writes Mr. Stallings for more information about the derby. The letter was dispatched by clipper plane, and carries a dollar's worth of stamps. Mr. Leake says:

"The July 27th issue of the Watauga Democrat has just been received in Manila and we note with interest the advertisement on the last page relative to the 1939 soap box derby.

"Inasmuch as the writer is the Cub Scout commissioner for the American Boy Scouts of the Philippines and to the best of our knowledge no such event as the soap box derby has been put on in Manila, we would ask you, in the interest of boyhood, that you kindly send us a copy of the official rules and regulations governing this event.

"We believe that a similar event will go over big in Manila and we would greatly appreciate any information as to the method of judging, length of runways, etc., which you may give us in order to make our first soap box derby a success."

GOVERNOR HOEY TO SPEAK AT ANNUAL WATAUGA CO. FAIR

Three-Day Program for Watauga Agricultural Fair is Made Public; Band Concerts, Fireworks, Athletic Contests, Other Amusements

Governor Clyde R. Hoey is expected to speak at the Watauga Agricultural Fair which opens at the Cove Creek high school on September 28. The address of the governor is scheduled for Friday morning, September 29, at 10 o'clock.

In announcing the program for the three-days of the fair, Mr. Ernest Hilliard gives out the following statement:

"The ninth Watauga Agricultural Fair is only two weeks away and every farmer and home-maker should have in mind what they plan to exhibit. We sincerely hope you will set aside at least three days in this month as a thanksgiving season and show your gratitude by participating in the fair and enjoying its varied program of entertainment."

Following is the program for the three-day event.

Thursday, Sept. 28

1. Entering of exhibits from noon up to 10 p. m.
2. Baseball game in afternoon.
3. 8:00—Free sound movie. This is a new feature of the fair program and both old and young are urged to come. There will be reels on beef cattle, poultry, hogs, sheep and farm crops. Also there will be two comedy reels.

Friday, Sept. 29

1. 8:00 to 10:00 a. m.—Entering of flower exhibits.
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Railway Directors Visit Boone Monday

A special train, carrying officers and directors of the Linville River Railway Company came to Boone Monday and the group went to Blowing Rock where they spent the night.

President Earl, General Manager Blackwell and Secretary Fisher were included in the inspection tour, and they expressed the hope that business would improve and that the discontinuance of traffic over the narrow-gauge might not culminate.

At this time, Station Agent H. W. Wilcox discloses that plans are being made for the final scenic excursion over the road Sunday, October 1. Many lowlanders, it is believed, will want to take the trip during the autumn when vari-colored foliage adds attractiveness to the landscape. Further announcement will be made as to the excursion at a later date.

Robert N. Brooks Dies On Thursday

Robert N. Brooks, 57, well-known merchant of Sherwood, died at the home last Thursday evening, after an illness of four weeks.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday from the Henson's Chapel Methodist church and burial was in the cemetery there. The pastor, Rev. J. W. Parker, and the Rev. E. F. Troutman, pastor of Grace Lutheran church of Boone, officiating.

Mr. Brooks was a native of Washington county, Tennessee, but moved to Boone several years ago, where he engaged in the restaurant business. Later he moved to Sherwood where he had conducted a grocery and restaurant business near the Cove Creek high school. He was a well-known and popular citizen.

Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Lillian Bingham of Sherwood; one son and one daughter, Robert Brooks of Sherwood, and Mrs. Virginia Carlwell of Elizabethton, Tenn. A stepmother, Mrs. Brooks, of Greenville, Tenn., one brother and two sisters also survive.

Football Tickets Placed On Sale

Season tickets to all home games of the Appalachian State football team are on sale at both local drug stores for \$2.50 each, which figures the same price as students pay for athletic tickets.

These tickets are accepted at all home games for both the varsity and "B" team. The home schedule follows:

- September 30—Carson-Newman.
- October 14—Western Carolina.
- October 28—Kang (Homecoming).
- November 18—South Georgia.
- September 29—Lees-McRae, "B" team.
- November 4—Brevard, "B" team.

GOVERNOR TO SPEAK AT FAIR



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Postoffice Closes At 8 In Order To Protect Property

Postmaster W. G. Hartzog informs the Democrat that the postoffice is now being closed to the public at 8 o'clock each evening, in an effort to protect the desks and other government property in the public lobby.

The official states that 26 names have been penned on gift portions of the expensive public desks and that there are other marks and characters in abundance. A record has been taken of some of the inscriptions, and identification of some of the miscreants has been effected. Mr. Hartzog respectfully asks that patrons of the office desist from defacing the postoffice property, and in the meantime will likely turn over the information of the misconduct to a postal inspector.

A penalty for defacing property of the federal government in the amount of \$5,000 is in force, or in lieu thereof a five-year prison term may be imposed, or both at the discretion of the court.

CALDWELL MUTUAL ELECTS OFFICERS

Clyde Perry of Sugar Grove, is New Vice-President of REA Corporation

G. Walter Sullivan of Yadkin Valley, deputy clerk of the Caldwell county superior court, was re-elected president of the Caldwell Mutual Corporation of Caldwell, Ashe, Watauga and Alleghany counties, and other officers were re-named for another year at the annual stockholders meeting of the co-operative which was held in Lenoir Saturday.

Other officers of the corporation are: Clyde Perry, Sugar Grove, vice-president; H. E. Beach, Lenoir, secretary-treasurer.

Watauga members of the new board of directors are: Clarence Newton, Shulls Mills, and Avery Greene, Meat Camp.

BURGESS OPENS NEW CONSTRUCTION OFFICE

Melvin F. Burgess Construction Company has opened a new home office for their construction enterprises in the Appalachian Theatre building and Mrs. Carrie Williams has been added to the staff as bookkeeper. The office has been modernly appointed and is now open.

Mr. Burgess expects to start work within a week on the construction of 176 miles of REA electric transmission lines in Brunswick and Columbus counties, and other contracts are in prospect.

SUPERIOR COURT BEGINS MONDAY; ONE WEEK TERM

About Seventy-five Cases on State Docket; Only Two Felonies to Be Tried by Court; Little Prospect of Trying But Few Civil Cases

The September term of Watauga superior court convenes Monday, with Judge W. H. Bobbitt of Charlotte, presiding, and Solicitor L. S. Spurling of Lenoir, appearing as state prosecutor. The term is for the trial of both criminal and civil actions and will last for only one week.

Clerk of the Court Austin E. South states that among the 75 cases on the state docket, there are only two involving the commission of felonies. Frank Teague of Boone, is being held in jail on a charge of rape, growing out of an alleged attack upon the person of a young girl of this city, and Howard Jester is to be tried for forgery, the amount being only \$25. All other cases involve misdemeanors, violation of the prohibition laws being the most prevalent. Several cases of driving automobiles while intoxicated are docketed.

Mr. South states that the criminal docket will likely occupy the attention of the court during Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and that during the remainder of the week it is not believed that any great headway will be made toward clearing of the heavy civil calendar.

Wilkesboro Students Enter Boone School

Several students of the Wilkesboro high and elementary school have entered the school at Boone during the past several days, says the Journal-Patriot. They are: Misses Mary Charles and Elizabeth Alexander, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Alexander; Miss Margaret Vestal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vestal; Misses Cleely and Martha Laws and Bob Laws, children of Mr. and Mrs. Shafter L. Laws, and Nell, Buddy and John Hubbard, children of Mr. and Mrs. Julius C. Hubbard. Mr. Laws has also entered the A. S. T. C. and is taking special courses to raise her certificate as a teacher.

The Misses Alexander and Vestal and Bob Laws will be seniors in the Boone high school.

Many Improvements At Farmers Hardware

Painters are now busily engaged in refinishing both the exterior and interior of the Farmers Hardware & Supply Co., and the management of the popular mercantile establishment states that a far-reaching modernization program will be carried out. Specialists, it is said, are making plans for the re-arrangement of the large hardware stocks along the most modern and approved lines, and when the improvement program is completed, the local store will be beautifully and conveniently appointed, and will represent the latest word in modern hardware merchandizing equipment.

County Residents Receive \$1,932.50 In Aid Payments

Watauga county received a total of \$1,932.50 of combined county, state and federal funds in August for distribution to 292 recipients under the North Carolina public assistance program, Miss Ada McRacken, field representative for the state board of charities and public welfare, has been advised by Nathan H. Yelton, director of public assistance.

To 169 needy aged in the county went a total of \$1,261.00, giving them an average grant for the month of \$7.46, while 119 dependent children received average grants of \$4.80 to make a total expenditure for that purpose of \$571.50.

Yelton's communication to Miss McRacken showed there were four widows of Confederate veterans in the county drawing old age assistance payments under the legislative act transferring them if eligible to the public assistance rolls.

The widows received a total payment of \$100, or an average of \$25. State-wide average payments to needy old people was \$9.58, to dependent children \$5.91, and to pensioners \$25.31. A total of 55,283, persons over the state received \$463,118.82 in August while for the fiscal year through August state totals were: Old age assistance, \$635,140.16; aid to dependent children, \$249,194.54; Confederate widows on the public assistance rolls, \$33,221.26.

TOBACCO GROUP GOES TO DURHAM

Prospects Still Seem Good For Interesting Additional Buyers in Burley Mart

A Chamber of Commerce committee composed of S. C. Eggers, W. R. Lovill, Representative R. L. Doughton, W. B. Mount, Mr. Hedrick of the department of agriculture, went to Durham today, where they will confer with Mr. Dowd, vice-president of the American Tobacco Company in regard to that organization supplying buyers to the proposed burley tobacco market in Boone. Governor Hoey, it is said, will also intercede at the conference in behalf of the Wataugans' proposal.

Meantime subscriptions for stock in the warehouse are going forward, with the prospect that all of the money required can be raised here, without the necessity of seeking outside capital.

Just what effort the closing of the bright leaf markets will have on the burley proposal remains to be seen. The withdrawal of British buyers from the markets of the old belt resulted in wholesale closing of warehouses, no agreement as to their reopening having been reached. Some local opinion tends to the belief that burley markets would not necessarily be affected on the grounds that burley is little demanded by the British trade.

Dr. Moose Buys Drug Store Property

Dr. G. K. Moose became the owner of the interest in the Boone Drug Company held by his late business partner, Mr. J. R. McNairy of Lenoir, through a deal recently made with Mrs. McNairy, and simultaneously with the transfer of the property, he announces a program of general improvements in the pharmacy.

Dr. Moose has purchased the newest refrigerator type fountain, to replace the one being used, and says that other very great improvements will be made in the store.

Road To Top of Tater Hill Is Now Open

Mr. S. C. Eggers tells the Democrat that on Monday afternoon he drove his automobile to the summit of Tater Hill mountain, the first time a motor car had ever negotiated the road recently graded to the eminence. The trip from Boone required about 35 minutes.

Mr. Eggers states that during the dry weather the trip can be easily made, and that the highway which was recently graded will be improved from time to time. Mr. Eggers is in charge of a proposed vast development on Tater Hill.