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**COUNTY AGENT GIVES REPORT ON YEAR'S WORK** 

**Voluminous Narrative Indicates** that Farm Extension Work in Watauga During 1939 Was Fruitful; Hamilton and Farthing Praised by Officials

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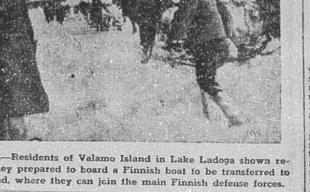




FINNS FLEE TO MAINLAND

Finland-Residents of Valamo Island in Lake Ladoga shown recently as they prepared to board a Finnish boat to be transferred to the mainland, where they can join the main Finnish defense forces.

## SECOND BURLEY HIT RECORD HIGH HOUSE CHARTERED



Subscription Books to Be Opened January 15; Sufficient Subscriptions in Sight

The charter for Boone's second burley tobacco warehouse has been issued by the secretary of state, and usued by the secretary of state, and work on the new structure will be storted in ample time for comple-tion by the opening of the 1940 sea-son. The structure will be located on the same property with the pres-cut warehouse and will contain about 40,000 square fect of floor space. The stock books in the new cor-

The stock books in the new cor-poration will be opened about Janu-ari 15, and all those interested may secure shares, if they act promptly. However, it is stated, that there is now assuarnce of ample subscrip-tions to take care of the new ven-ture.

ture. Local tobacco men state that there is a definite need for the new ware-house and that the local market was handleopped this season by lacks of sufficient warehouse facilities.

## WILLIAMS NAMED **ENUMERATOR OF BUSINESS CENSUS**

Lovill Man Engaged in Gathering Data on Watauga's Business and Manufacturing Enterprises; District Supervisor Long Asks Fullest Co-operation of Citizens

Zeb V. Long, Jr., district super-visor of the Salisbury bureau of cen-sus office, announces the appoint-ment of Mr. M. J. Williams as enu-merator for Watauya county in the 1940 decennial census of business and manufacturing.

merator for Watauya county in the 1940 decennial census of business and manufacturing. Mr. Williams will immediately be-sing gathering the statistics from this section on wholesale and retail trade, service establishments, amuse-ments and manufacturing enter-prises. This is the first time for many years that all of the censuses - business, manufacturing, popula-tion, agriculture, housing, mines and quartes and drainage and irrigation - will be taken in a single year. They will not all be taken at the same time. The census of business, manufactures, mines and quarries, and drainage and irrigation began January 2, some three months ahead of the counts of population, agri-culture and housing, which will be-gin on April 1, according to law. Mr. Long in announcing the ap-pointment of the enumerators said. "Gar first job is to make certain that every business man under-stands that this community's hopes for new industries, investments, paynelis and residents—in fact, all its plans—are tied up directly with getting full census reports from ev-ery business firm." He added. "We ton't want a hetter record than we want everything to which we are numer and areas." **JUNES VISITS WATAUGA** Ceca 4, Joines, native of Alle-tands that super-view industries, intersting the approxement of the salisbury consus office, was a visitor in Hooge Triday, and a tile here gave Mr. Williams a come of instruction in his new "A. Mr. Jourestates that the under side and manufacturing census s. A. It's Imped be compared will be under the salisbury consus office. Mirreh 31, at which time the actual commercation of popul. ion will be-gin.

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In Radio Broadcast



Hon. Thad Eure, secretary of state, who will speak at Appa-lachian College auditorium at 10:30 a. m. Friday, and at the Boone high school at 11:30. Mr. Eure is one of the state's most ropular officials and it is expected that a large crowd will hear him. as the general public is invited. Mr. Eure will return to Raleigh Saturday evening after enjoying a hunt with his friend Kidd Brew-cr, whom he is accompanying to Boone.

## **TOBACCO IS MOVING AS WINTER BREAKS**

Receipts Today Are Heavy With Prospects that Capacity Sales Will Feature Rest of Week

Today, with warmer tempera-tures and melting snow, tobacco is rapidly moving to the Mountain Barley warehouse and Mr. Paul Hardy believes that by tomorrow there is a virtual certainty of ca-racity sales on the local floor. Despite icy roads and low tem-peratures 79,000 pointos of tobacco were sold Monday for an average of -13.13 per hundred; on Tuesday 50; 600 brought \$18.55, while the figs ures on near 100,096 prunds on the floor Wednesday could not be se-cured in time for publication, since sales did not scert until 10:30. did not start until 10:30 Safes and hol scert until 10:30. The larger cross are new begin-uing to arrive, and a large amount of tobacco still remains on the farms due to the lack of recent moisture.

### Dr. J. T. C. Wright, of the faculty of Appalachian State Teachers Col-lege, delivered a 15-minute talk on an educational subject last Saturday morning over Station WBT, Char-NYA WILL BUILD HOUSE AT BETHEL

#### Construction of Home Demonstration Center to Begin January 12th

Mrs. Chara P. Simpson, NYA su-pervisor for Watmiga county, yes-terday announced that construction of a six-room home demonstration dwelling will begin at Bethel on the 12fn. Plans for the structure, pre-pared by the youth administration, indicate that ample room is being provided for home-making training of NYA girls and a large work-sinop will be added to the building for the training of boys in wood-working and handicraft. Wiley Perry of the Bethel com-munity will supervise the 30 boys who will be employed in the con-struction work. Funds of approxi-mately \$4,000 have been provided

Former Steward Elevated to Postruction work. Funds of approxi-mately \$4,000 have been provided by the federal government and local sponsors, who include the Watauga board of education. Mrs. Simpson states that the Beth-el group of N24 here will and the Beth-Mrs. Simpson states that the Beth-el group of NYA boys will make the furniture for the demonstration cen-ter, while girls of the community will provide woven draperies, bed-spreads, rugs and other furnishings. Workshop at College A cabinet-making shop will also be opened by NYA next week at Appalachian State Teachers College, under the supervision of W H in making furniture for the college, and approximately \$4000 worth of power machinery will be in opera-Mrs. Simpson states that in selecting hoys for the local project only incse interested in cabinet work were employed, since a major ob-octive of the NYA is to give work o youths with talents for particular

### SEWAGE PLANT IS ad Eure to Speak In Boone Friday TO START WHEN WEATHER PERMITS

City and WPA to Jointly Spend \$26,000 For Disposal Plant; Six Months Will Be Required for Completion of Work; Men Already Assigned

\$1.50 A YEAR

Work on Boone's new \$26,858 sewage disposal plant, which is made possible through joint city and WPA financing, is to start as soon as the weather will permit, according to Mr. Carson Keys, superintendent, and construction engineer, who states that 25 laborers have already been assigned to work on the proj-ect.

states that 25 laborers have already been assigned to work on the proj-cet. The job is to be finished in six months and will require the work of 79 men. An Imhoff tank 55x25 feet will be built of reinforced concrete at a point below the present sewer outlets on New River, and will in-clude large filter beds, which ac-cording to the state board of health, will prevent future contamination of water courses in the vicinity. The materials for the project will cost \$8,101, and will melude 40,000 pounds of steel, and 280 cubic yards of concrete construction. Excava-tions for the big tank will be the first work undertaken when the weather breaks, 4,200 yards of dirt being involved. The laving of 3.-900 feet of 15-inch sewer line is in-cluded in the project. The plans for the plant are ap-proved by the state health board, and the tanks should be indequate for many years to come, it is said. The city council is to ne congratu-tated upon this step, as the low water in New River had brought about a very bad condition on the river.

#### Mrs. Sylvia Reeves Succumbs in Sparta

Succumbs in Sparta Mrs. Sylvia Reeves, aged 26, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Greene, who reside at Adams, near Boone, died at the home at Sparta on January 1, after an illness of frince weeks. White an example of the state of the on January 3, with the pastor, Rev. Mr. Strider in charge. Rev. G. A. Hamby, Wataua county Baptist munister, assisted in the rites and in-terment was at Shilob cometery, tair miles from Sparta. Surviving are the husband, Pres-ton Reeves, and an infant son, John Alex Preston. The parents survive, tor Reeves, and an infant son. John Alex Preston. The parents survive, tor Greene and Mrs. Conrad Hodges of Boone. Mrs. Reeves, who was reared in the Oak Grove neighborhood, had lived in Sparta sime her marriage three years and She had been a member of the Oak Grove Baptist church since childhood, and her death birngs sorrow to a wide circle of friends here.

## **BANK DIRECTORS, OFFICERS NAMED**

Northwestern Bank Stockholders Meet Tuesday; Institution Has Successful Year

Officers and directors of the day. R. A. Doughton of Sparta, presi-dent of the bank, said the bank had experienced a good year and that the institution looks forward to the the institution locks forward to the coming year with optimism. Directors re-elected were: R. A Doughton, Sparta: W. C. Berry, Ba-kersville; R. L. Doughton, Laurel Springs; J. T. Prevette, North Wil-kesboro; M. E. Reeves, Laurel Springs; W. W. Mast Valle Crucis; George Greene, Bakersville: W. D. Farthing, Boone; M. A. Higgins, Ennice; Harry Bailey, Penland; N. B. Smithey, Wilkesboro, and W. B. Collins, Boone. B. Smithey, Wil Collins, Boone, Collins, Boone. Officers were re-elected as fol-lows: R. A. Doughton, president; Edwin Luncan, executive vice-president; John C. McBee, Sr., vice-president; W. J. Caroon, secretary. Local boards of managers named for the Watauga branches are as follows: Boone, W. W. Mast, G. P. Hagaman Gerdon H. Wirkler, W. D. Fartning, S. E. Gragg and L. A. Creene: Blowing Reck, H. P. Hol-shenser, G. C. Robbins and C. S. Frevette. Frevette The Northwestern Bank has en-oyed a most successful year. A stock dividend of 14 per cent and a tash dividend of 8 per cent were beclared during the year 1939. The ent were 039. The ank's resources have increased con-iderably. The statement as of Ocsiderably. The statement as of Oc-tober 2, 1939, showed the bank's re-sources as \$3.982,079.92, while the statement as of December 30, 1939, shows the resources of the bank to be \$4,361,820.32.

Juhnson City, Tenn., Jan. 7-Fed eral officers disclosed last night that six prominent Mountain City, Tenn, men and a Bristol, Va., phy-sician were under indictment on charges of violating the Harrison narcolic act.

Records in the office of the Uni-ted States district attorney at Knox-ville listed the defendants as: Carl H. Wilson, 35, manager of the Peoples' Drug Store, Dr. James R. Butler, 50: W. Justin Smythe, City Drug store proprietor; Paul Madron, dentist; Wade Smythe, Lanker; C. C. Donnelly, retired at-torney, and Dr. H. S. Smythe, Bris-tol, Va.

Assistant U. S. District Attorney W. E. Badgett told the Associated Press a federal grand jury returned indictments against the men last November. Deputy U. S. Marshal Chester R. Hackney said at Knoxville he ar-rested the defendants Friday on capitases issued in federal court, and

Secretary of State Eure to Ad-dress Local Gathering; Tick-

Funds obtained from the annual Funds obtained from the annual dinner will be forwarded to Demo-cratic national headquarters, to aid in the liquidation of the party's in-debtedness. Tickets, which will sell for \$1.00 each , are being offered to-day, and those desiring reservations

morning over Station WHT, Char-lotte. This is the second time that Dr. Wright has spoken on the school's educational program. His first radio address, "Twenty Years in Boone." was heard several weeks ago, and provided listeners with a compr-hensive picture of the changes which have taken place in educational, re-ligious and civic life since World War days.

Edward B. Mast, chairman of the Watauga Democratic committee, has autonneed a helated Jackson Day dinner, which will be held at the Watauga Cafe. Boone, Friday even ing at 7:30 o'clock. Thad Eure, secretary of state for North Carolina, will deliver the principal address, and other enter-tainment features are being prepar-ed by a special committee Mr Eure is looked on as being one of the state's leading orators, and his message, says Chairman Mast, will be of especial interest to local par-tisans.

## Dr. J. T. C. Wright HERE ON FRIDAY

## Mrs. Leonard Gragg in Hospital Suffering from Serious In-juries; Driver Under Bond

Juries, Driver Onner 2015 Mrs. Leonard Gragg, age 70, is in Watauga hospital suffering from a broken leg, several fractured ribs and serious bruises inflicted by a coal truck late Saturday afternoon on Boone's Main street. Frank Shore, driver of the vehicle, filled bond of \$500 for appearance at a hearing to be held some time next week. The truck owned by Watauga

Coal Company, was proceeding along the street in front of Smith-cy's store when the well-known Coal cy's store when the well-known lady attempted to effect a crossing. The driver brought the machine to a halt within a few feet of the in-jured lady, and Patroiman C. M. standing nearby carried Mrs. Gragg to the local hos pital

Attending physicians have been apprehensive over Mrs. Gragg's con-dition, but feel that, barring unforecomplications, she stands seen good chance of recovery Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Newton, the latter a naughter of Mrs. Gragg, have been in constant attendance at the bed-

cotics. There were 20 counts against Wilson three against Harry ton Smythe, 14 against W. Justin All of the defendants were named in two indictments charting con-pointer to violate the Harrison act, Badrati executed Badgett asserted.

## DR. SMYTHE CHARGES "POLITICAL CONSPIRACY"

Bristol Jan 6.—Dr. H. S. Smythe, Bistol physician, charged tonight that his indictment and arrest on government charges of violating fed-eral narcotic laws was "strictly a political conspiracy—the only way the enemy can strike back."

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Dr. Clarence Poe, widely-known agricultural editor, has removed himself from North Carolina's 1940 gubernatorial race.
Dr. Poe said he was dedicating himself to the south-wide ten-year program for "balanced prosperity in the south 1940-1950" as evolved by the southern governors' conference instead of seeking the Democratic atomic anomination.
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day, and those desiring interest to-day, and those desiring reservations may obtain them from Mr. Mast or Roger W. McGuire. • Chairman Mast states that while no Watangans attended the state dinner at Raleigh on Monday night, donations amounting to \$50 were raised locally for the Democratic national campaign fund.

### **Injuries** Are Fatal To Mrs. Geo. Hayes

Mrs. George Hayes, aged 57 years, died January 2 at her home near Bamboo, as a result of injuries received several weeks ago in 'a fall on a stairway. Mrs. Hayes suf-fered a fractured neck and other in-juries, from which she never ap-received in recovered

For a from which she never ap-juries, from which she never ap-preciably recovered. Funeral services were conducted from Mount Vernon Baptist church by the pastor, Rev. R. C. Eggers, as-sisted ty Rev. W. J. Cook, and the body was interred in the cemetery body was interred in the cametery near her home.

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Surviving are the husband and seven sons and daughters: Joe, Bill, Glenn and Hal Hayes of Blowing Rock; Mrs. Dayton Cook, Boone; Mrs. C. G. Vandyke and Miss Julia Hayes of Blowing Rock. Mrs. Hayes professed faith in Christ at the age of 11 and was a devout member of the Mount Ver-non church. She was well known throughout the county, where she had innumerable friends, and will be sadly missed in her home neigh-borhood. borhood.

#### MRS. FARTHING BETTER

Mrs. Ed G. Farthing, who suffereral weeks ago, is greatly improved, and hopes for her early recovery are being entertained by her many friends.

Carter J. Farthing, since 1934 steward at Watauga prison camp, was last week appointed superinten-dent of the institution, succeeding the late W. Hardin Brown, whose death occurred on December 16th. death occurred on December 16th. Mr. Farthing, a native of the Bea-

sition Held by Late W. H.

Brown; Beshears Promoted

**AS PRISON CHIEF** 

Mr. Farthing, a native of the Bea-ver Dam section of Watauge county, began his employment with the highway department's penal divis-ion just following completion of the Jocai camp. Officials state that has fine work, coupled with the dili-gence of the late superintendent, have caused the Watauga institution to be looked upon as a model. Succeeding Mr. Farthing as stew-ard of the camp is B H Beshears

ard of the camp is B. H. Beshears former guard, who has been employ-

ed by the state highway commission period of years Mr. Boshcars is a native of Wilkes county, but resided m Ashe county before he came here in 1924 1934.

Superintendent Farthing states that no other a pointments or pro-motions will be made at this time, as the camp's personnel is complete.

### Farmers' Hardware Awards Refrigerator

The refrigerator which the Farm-The refrigerator which the Farm-ers Hardware and Supply Co. placed on the Mountain Burley warehouse floor at the start of the season, and which was to have been awarded to the person receiving the highest price for a basket of tobacco over 50 pounds, during the the first week's sale, has been awarded to Mr. C. H. WieGuire of Heaton, Avery county.

county. Mr. Heaton's tebacco weighed 27 cents ment will be in the Union Baptist cometery. In the immediate family the wid-twis the only survivor. Mr. Isaacs was a farmer and spent his life in the Mabel neighborhood. He was a member of the Methodic church and of the Masonic fraternity.

Nr. and Mrs. William H. Hardin of Patterson N. C., announce the lirth o. a daughter on January 5, who has been named Patricia Altrevia.

JAMES M. ISAACS **DIES WEDNESDAY** 

Press-time information tells of the death of James M. Isaacs, 79 at his come at Mabel Wednesday morn-Funeral services are to be con-

ducted from the home Thursday morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. J. W. Parker, Methodist paster, and inter-Parker, Methodist pastor, and inter-ment will be in the Union Baptist

In the immediate family the wid-in the only surviver. Mr Isaacs