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JUDGE COUNCILL DIES AT HICKORY HOME ON MONDAY

Former Superior Court Judge Was Native of Boone; Had Been in Failing Health for Some Time; Funeral Was Held Tuesday Afternoon in Hickory

William Ballard Council, 81 years old, former resident of this city and for many years a judge of the superior court, died at his home in Hickory at 8 o'clock Monday morning.

Judge Council, who was widely and intimately known in Watauga county as well as throughout the state, had been in failing health for several years and had been inactive during the last year.

The funeral was held from the late residence at 10:30 o'clock Tuesday morning and burial was in Oakwood cemetery.

An outstanding jurist, a man of strong convictions, and a profound thinker, Judge Council was particularly active in the campaign for the educational qualification amendment to the constitution of North Carolina in 1900. The amendment, requiring individuals to be able to read and write to be qualified to vote, became effective in 1903.

Served State

Judge Council was one of three men appointed in 1913 as commissioners to obtain a freight rate adjustment with the railroads of the state. He was instrumental in the working out of a compromise agreement which saved North Carolina shippers several millions of dollars annually.

At the time of his death, Judge Council was an "emergency superior court judge," having been appointed six years ago.

A resident of Hickory for the last 50 years, Judge Council was born in Sumter county, S. C., but his family had been identified with western North Carolina since pioneer days.

He was the son of the late Dr. William Bowers Council of Boone, and Mrs. Alice M. Bostwick Council of Sumter county, who at the time of her death in 1935, at the age of 102, was the oldest alumna of Salem College.

Judge Council attended the Farley high academy at Lenoir, which was conducted then by two noted educators, and later he read law under his uncle, Colonel George N. Folk, at Boone. He was licensed to practice in 1881, and for 18 years was engaged in this profession at Boone.

Elected to Assembly

In 1896, he was elected to the legislature from Watauga county, and in 1898 he was elected to the superior court bench.

While serving on the bench in 1899, Judge Council moved to Hickory. After one term as superior court judge, he declined further judicial responsibilities in order to devote his time to the private practice of law. In 1912, he was elected a member of the state senate and served in the session of 1913.

Judge Council was a member of the Church of the Ascension, Episcopal.

He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Elizabeth Coffey, daughter of Captain Thomas J. Coffey of Boone; three sons and a daughter, Gordon Stuart Council, William Thomas Council, Stedman C. Council and Miss Elizabeth Council. Two other sons were killed in accidents, Alan Ballard Council in 1923, and Howard Folk Council in 1926. A sister, Mrs. Emma Taylor of Asheville, also survives, and there are several grandchildren.

Burley Estimates Show Big Decrease In Year's Acreage

Burley tobacco growers of North Carolina expect to reduce their acreage 10 per cent this coming season from the totals of the 1939 crop, according to a report issued by the North Carolina department of agriculture. For the entire country a reduction of 6 per cent in burley acreage is reported by the United States department of agriculture.

The reduction in this state will be about 7,000 acres, which is slightly above the ten-year average from 1929 to 1938, inclusive. The reduction for the United States will amount to 390,000 acres, indicating what a small amount of the total burley production of the country comes from North Carolina.

Postoffice To Stay Open On Thursdays

Postmaster W. G. Hartzog stated Wednesday that the ruling making it mandatory for him to close the service windows at the local postoffice each Thursday afternoon had been revoked, and that effective today, full-time service will be maintained each week-day as heretofore. Considerable inconvenience had resulted from the half-day closing at the postoffice, and various individuals and organizations had protested this curtailment of service.

TO VISIT BOONE WEDNESDAY



Postmaster General James A. Farley, who will come to Boone next Wednesday, where he will be the featured speaker at the dedication of the new postoffice building.

WPA ROLLS TO BE GREATLY REDUCED

700,000 Persons Will Be Dropped During Next Three Months

Washington, April 1.—The Works Projects administration announced today that approximately 700,000 persons would be dropped from its rolls within the next three months.

Col. F. C. Harrington, WPA commissioner, said the cuts were necessary to keep work-relief within the expenditures authorized by congress.

He said the reductions would be made gradually to cushion the shock to local relief organizations. The April curtailment, he said, probably would not exceed 200,000.

Enrollment stood at 2,311,500 on March 20. Officials said they expected to work it down to about 1,500,000 by June 30.

The forthcoming reductions, they said, will be comparatively drastic because WPA has been carrying through the last few months almost as many relief workers as it carried during the 1938-39 fiscal year when it had an appropriation of \$2,225,000,000. Congress made it only \$1,477,000,000 available for the 1939-40 fiscal year which ends next June 30.

Harrington said the first step in reducing the rolls would be to dismiss WPA workers on each current project as it is finished. Next, he said, WPA would eliminate the least needed projects.

Fish and Game Club Is Organized Here

A number of sportsmen of the town and county who recently organized for the purpose of urging the department of conservation to furnish quail to take the place of the birds frozen or starved during the winter months, decided to form a permanent organization at a meeting held Friday night, March 22.

The purpose of the organization is to promote clean sportsmanship, a better understanding between landowners and sportsmen, and to obtain recognition from the department of conservation as to the needs of Watauga county in restocking fields and streams where needed.

Speakers at the meeting were Mayor W. R. Lovill and Warden H. Gray Farthing. Mayor Lovill related a number of his experiences to illustrate the bountiful supply of fish and game in Watauga county in former years. Mr. Farthing reported that the club's petition for quail for restocking was receiving favorable consideration by the department of conservation and that the chances of getting quail for restocking seemed very good.

All persons interested in problems relative to fish and game are cordially invited to become members of the club, and persons joining in the next few weeks may become charter members.

The following officers were elected: President, Mack A. Coles; vice-president, Roy Dotson; secretary, D. B. Bingham; assistant secretary, R. C. Busted.

The date of the next meeting will be announced in this paper and everyone interested is urged to attend.

"TOP O' THE WORLD"

The glee clubs of the Cove Creek high school will present the operetta, "Top o' the World," Thursday, April 4, at 7:45. Reserve seats 25c. General admission 15c. Proceeds will be used for benefit of the band.

No-Parking Rules For Dedication Day

Edward B. Mast, chief of police, states that on next Wednesday, April 10, no parking will be allowed on Main street, between the R. C. Rivers corner and Smither's store, prior to 1 o'clock p. m., on account of the postoffice dedication ceremonies which are to be held at 10 o'clock at a point just below the postoffice.

Mr. Mast urges the people to cooperate in keeping the street clear and states that through traffic will be routed by a back street without inconvenience. Mr. Mast further insists that on this day business men of the town leave their cars at home to aid in keeping down congestion.

GRANITE FALLS TAKES TOP HONOR

Fourth Annual District Music Contest Held at Appalachian College Friday

Competing with 500 students from 16 high schools throughout the northwestern district of the state, Granite Falls took top honors with seven placements in the fourth annual district music contest held at Appalachian College, Friday.

Harris high of Spruce Pine, Kings Creek, North Wilkesboro and Boone ranked in order with five, four, two and one placement, respectively.

With the exception of Boone's number one rating in girls' trio, all schools were accorded number two rating, the lowest marks eligible to enter the state contest in Greensboro this month.

Granite Falls won the right to place in the Greensboro contest, mixed chorus, girls' chorus, junior piano rendition, girls' trio, boys' unchanged voices, alto solo and senior high piano.

Harris high school will be represented in junior piano, soprano, junior violin, bass violin and cornet. Kings Creek in boys' chorus, girls' chorus, boys' quartette and girls' trio. Boone and North Wilkesboro will compete in band, girls' trio and soprano solo.

Miss Virginia Wary of the Appalachian music faculty, and district chairman, had charge of the program. She was assisted by Miss Natalie Purdon, Lorraine Godbold, also of the Appalachian faculty, and a number of judges who came from Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, and other surrounding colleges.

Schools represented were: Happy Valley, Oak Hill, Boone, Cranberry, Granite Falls, Hudson, Kings Creek, Collettsville, Elkland, Newland, Millers Creek, North Wilkesboro, Riverside, Sparta, Crossnore, Hiddenite, Harris and Appalachian.

THREATENS THIRD PARTY
Monongah, W. Va., April 1.—John L. Lewis today sounded a threat to organized labor, youth, old age, negro and farmers' groups into a third party unless Democrats adopt a platform and select a candidate "acceptable to labor and the common people."

New Secretary

S. Clyde Eggen was named secretary of the Boone Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of the directors held Monday afternoon. No other business came up for discussion at the gathering.

CLYDE PROFFITT ENDS OWN LIFE

Body of Meat Camp Man Found Near Top Elk Knob; Inquest Believed Unnecessary

Clyde Proffitt, aged 25, resident of Meat Camp township, was on Saturday termed a suicide, when his body was found in the woods near the top of Elk Knob. A gaping wound was in the left chest, just above the heart, and powder burns indicated that the 12-gauge shotgun had been held close to the body when the fatal shot was fired. Coroner Richard E. Kelley deemed an inquest unnecessary.

Young Proffitt, who was employed by Kiker & Yount, road building contractors, is reported as having been suffering from despondency for about a year, following a severe cerebral injury. Frequently, it is said, he had threatened to end his life and spoke of suicide when he left the home last Thursday noon. When he failed to return an intense search by a band of neighbors resulted in the discovery of the body at a point about two miles from the home, air-line distance. The morticians, however, had to walk a distance of about four miles to recover the body.

Deceased was unmarried. Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Proffitt, Meat Camp; three brothers, Robert, Odell and Lester Proffitt, Meat Camp; three sisters, Miss Safrona Proffitt and Mrs. Frank Miller, Meat Camp, and Mrs. Ray Trivett, Blowing Rock.

Funeral services were conducted from Proffitt's Grove church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the pastor, Rev. Carl Triplett, assisted by Rev. A. E. Moretz, officiating. Interment was in the neighboring cemetery.

ARLIE BROWN CAR STOLEN SATURDAY

Stranger Hires Car for Mountain City Trip; Fails to Return; Gives Bad Check

Mr. Eugene Russell, local agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is seeking to locate a stranger, who on Saturday night hired an automobile from Mr. Arlie Brown, local taxi man, and failed to return.

The stranger had told Mr. Brown that he was to meet a party in Mountain City that evening and preferred to drive the car himself. He failed to return and Mr. Brown is making every effort to locate him and the 1937 Plymouth 4-door sedan which is of gunmetal finish and carries N. C. license No. 532-855.

Mr. Russell has discovered that the stranger, who gave his name as William Bowlin, had opened an account at the local bank with a \$200 check drawn on a Danville, Va., bank. Later he drew a bad check in favor of a local business firm for \$40, in payment for merchandise, so Mr. Brown, Mr. Russell and the unsuspecting business man are all anxious to locate the genial stranger.

County Spelling Bee Was Held Saturday

The third annual Journal-Sentinel spelling bee for Watauga county was held in the Appalachian high school auditorium on Saturday, March 30. Mary Farthing from Cove Creek, was declared winner, and she will represent this county in the regional contest to be held in Winston-Salem April 6. Runner-up in the county contest was Robert Proffitt from Green Valley. Other contestants were Mary Lou Vines, Bethel; Howard Greer, Penley; Jno. R. Greene, Deep Gap; Shirley Swift, Mabel; Mary Martha Bingham, Cove Creek; Ruth Tatum, Appalachian; John Edgar Young, Blowing Rock; Sammie Dugger, Bethel, and Edith Odom, Appalachian.

Projects For Needy Women To Be Seen

The week of April 8-13 will be observed by the sponsors of WPA projects in the county for needy women as "This Work Pays Our Community Week." Visitors are invited to visit any of the projects, but are especially urged to go during the week mentioned and get an understanding of what these projects mean to the various communities and counties.

FRANK HARDIN DIES IN SHERMAN, TEXAS

Mr. Frank Hardin, aged 50 years, youngest son of the late James Hardin, native Boone citizen, died suddenly at his home in Stearman, Texas, last Wednesday, according to brief advices reaching Mrs. W. R. Spahnour of this city, an aunt of deceased.

Mr. Hardin who had spent most of his life in Texas, is survived by the widow and one child. Further details concerning the death and funeral haven't been received here.

Plans Are Completed For Reception Of Jas. A. Farley

CENSUS STARTS HERE ON TUESDAY

Enumerators for Watauga County Are Named; Work to Be Finished in Month

The census enumerators for Watauga county started to work Tuesday morning on the huge job of counting the population and gathering a vast quantity of other information, and the last report is supposed to be filled within a period of 30 days.

A school for the census takers was held in West Jefferson last Friday and Saturday and the following were selected from the applicants attending:

Boone township: Mrs. T. M. Greer (town of Boone); C. G. Hodges and M. J. Williams.

Blowing Rock: T. H. Coffey, Jr., Blue Ridge; Kent Brown.

Beaver Dam: Asa Reese.

Cove Creek: Doughton Greene.

Laurel Creek: Dwight Edmisten.

Meat Camp: Dayton Winebarger.

North Fork: Charles Tester.

Stony Fork: Edgar Hardin.

Shawneehaw: Mrs. Fred Harmon.

Watauga: Mrs. Ruby Baird, Mr. Fox.

Census takers for Elk and Bald Mountain townships had not been selected when this information was secured.

Coker Triplett To Swat Back to Majors

Getting set to swat his way back to the majors, Coker Triplett trained his sights from the beginning of work at the Hollywood, Fla., camp of the Columbus Red Birds for the long-distance hitting leadership of the American Association this season, which he seemed on his way to grab in 1939, when interrupted by a broken nose in mid-season, says The Sporting News.

A product of Boone, N. C., Triplett first won fame as a football star, gaining national recognition for high-scoring feats at half-back on the Appalachian Teachers College team. Following his graduation, Triplett broke in with Tallahassee of the Georgia-Florida League where he hit .317. The following season, he batted .341 on advancement to Nashville of the Southern Association and raised his mark to .356 with Memphis in the same league in 1937 to win him promotion to the Chicago Cubs. The jump proved a bit too much for the Tar Heel, who was optioned to Minneapolis in 1938. Columbus purchased his contract after the season closed and he batted .322 the past year, despite his injury.

City Ordinance Hits at Cow Barns

Mayor W. R. Lovill tells The Democrat that an ordinance now in effect in the city makes it a misdemeanor for any person or persons to maintain a stable or barn within the city limits, where cows, chickens or other stock is kept, unless said structure shall be more than 50 feet away from any public street, or more than 50 feet from any residence. A maximum fine of \$50 or 30 days sentence is provided for the violation of the ordinance.

Mayor Lovill asks for strict compliance with this new law.

Broughton To Be Here On Wednesday

Hon. J. M. Broughton, one of the leading contenders for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, will be in Boone for the dedication of the postoffice next Wednesday, according to Wade E. Brown, his county campaign manager.

Mr. Broughton has visited this county two or three times already, it is unlikely that he will come here again prior to the primaries, and he is anxious that as many as possible take this opportunity of meeting and conversing with Mr. Broughton.

Townsend Meeting In Boone Thursday

Grant Lowe, national representative of the Townsend old-age pension plan, will speak in the courthouse in Boone Thursday, April 4, at 7:30 p. m.

Mr. Lowe has a special message for the farmers and urges them to be present and learn why the farmers' market in America has been destroyed. The public is cordially invited. Admission free.

Benefit Dance

There will be a nickelodeon dance at the county office building Saturday evening, starting at 8 o'clock, the proceeds to be used for charitable purposes. The dance is under the sponsorship of the Tuesday Night Club.

Town to Be Gaily Decorated for Postoffice Dedication Ceremonies; Mayor to Deliver Welcome Address; Doughton Introduces Farley

Plans have been almost completed for the dedication of Boone's new postoffice building next Wednesday morning, when Postmaster General James A. Farley will be the principal speaker, and it is believed that a record number of visitors will enjoy the day with Boone people.

Postmaster W. G. Hartzog, who is general chairman of the event, is today conferring with members of the various committees and arranging the last-minute details for the dedicatory ceremonies. A decorator from Charlotte has been engaged to decorate the principal business section of the town, and a special committee will see to the construction of the grandstand at a point near the Northwestern Bank in ample time for the exercises.

A number of Boone people will accompany Mr. Farley on the trip from Asheville, and the ceremonies here will open with a concert by the Appalachian high school band on the postoffice lawn at 10 o'clock. Postmaster Hartzog will preside at the actual dedication.

The meeting will start with the invocation by Rev. Paul Townsend, pastor of the Boone Methodist church; Mayor W. R. Lovill will be heard in an address of welcome, and if time permits, honor guests will be presented.

Hon. Robert L. Doughton, representative from the ninth district, will introduce the postmaster general, and following the address of Mr. Farley, the benediction will be said by Rev. J. C. Canipe, pastor of the Boone Baptist church. Following the dedication, Mr. Farley, Congressman Doughton, together with other honored guests and local people, will have luncheon at the Daniel Boone hotel, leaving shortly thereafter for Statesville where another federal building will be dedicated.

Wednesday evening Mr. Farley and Mr. Doughton will speak to a meeting of the Young Democrats of the ninth district at a rally in Statesville.

Postmaster Hartzog has extended invitations to numbers of leading citizens of the state and nation and among those who will be present as honor guests are: Ambrose O'Connell, second assistant postmaster general; Hon. Smith W. Purdon, fourth assistant postmaster general; William Bray, private secretary to Postmaster General Farley; Paul R. Younts, president of the National Association of Postmasters. In addition to these national figures, a number of state officials, candidates for state offices and postmasters from various cities have indicated their intentions of being present.

\$13,737.20 Received Watauga Farmers in Conservation Program

Eleven hundred and sixty-six farmers in Watauga county have received checks amounting to \$13,737.20 for complying with the 1939 agricultural conservation program. About 500 more farmers in this county will receive checks for complying with last year's farm program.

These farmers also received about \$12,000 worth of lime and \$10,000 worth of triple superphosphate besides their checks for complying with the 1939 program.

There are still several hundred farmers who have not signed their farm practice plan on the 1940 agricultural conservation program and these plans must be signed by April 15, 1940, in order to receive payments for carrying out soil building practices this year.

Hoffman Conducts Dental Clinic Here

Dr. J. M. Hoffman of the division of oral hygiene of the North Carolina state board of health, is conducting a clinic for the correction of defective teeth for the school children of Watauga county.

This work is being carried on through the sponsorship of the district health department and is particularly intended for those children who would not otherwise be able to have these troubles cared for.

BOX SUPPER AT GREEN VALLE FRIDAY EVENING

There will be a box supper at the Green Valley schoolhouse next Friday, April 5, at 7 p. m. The proceeds will go to Glenn Woodring, whose child has been a patient in the hospital for the past several weeks.

SHOP-LIFTER CAUGHT

Mr. G. E. Anderson, manager of the Western Auto Associate store, says that on Wednesday a young fellow came into his store, lifted an item worth \$1.49, and in less time than it takes to tell the story was in the county bastille. A trial hasn't been held.