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THREE ARE HELD IN TRAGIC DEATH OF DEAN PAYNE

Local Man Succumbs to Injuries Received in Affray at Roadhouse; Three Watauga Men Held Without Bail; Funeral is Conducted Tuesday

Dean Payne, 34 years old, died at Watauga Hospital early Tuesday morning from injuries sustained Sunday morning, August 10, in an affray at the Log Cabin, just outside the city limits. Perry Watson, Chester Carroll and Cletus Welch, who were jailed for participation in the affray, are now being held without privilege of bail for trial at superior court on charges growing out of Payne's death.

Young Payne, who was conscious only for a brief interval after his admission to the hospital, was badly beaten, it is said, and death resulted from a fracture of the skull.

Sheriff Edmisten, Deputies Carter Ragan, Clay Perry and Fred Norris, made the arrests, and state that Watson, Carroll and Welch were beating "Dad" Buchanan the owner of the Log Cabin, when they appeared on the scene, and they were arrested. Officer Norris states that Payne had been attacked prior to that time and didn't appear on the scene until after the arrest. Buchanan is quoted as saying that he intervened when Payne was attacked, that his gun was taken from him and he was severely beaten about the face. Norris states that Payne, who was taken to prison along with the others, was conscious at the time of his arrest, and identified his assailant.

Funeral services for Mr. Payne were conducted from the Cool Springs Baptist church, of which the deceased was a member, Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. Tipton Greene being in charge. Rev. W. D. Ashley and Rev. R. C. Eggers assisted in the rites and interment was in the cemetery there.

Surviving are the widow and three children: Virginia, W. C., and Martha Jane. The parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Payne, also survive, together with one brother and four sisters: Milton Payne, Mrs. Connie Storie, Mrs. Luna Pennell, Mrs. Alma Moretz, Boone; Mrs. Eddie Sherrill, Blowing Rock.

Mr. Payne, who was a member of one of the county's best families, and who was well-liked in this community, was a valued employee of the State Highway Commission at the time of his death.

PULLING CONTEST TO FEATURE FAIR

Mechanical Device to Indicate Power of Teams; Prize List is Given

Arrangements have been made with the state fair authorities at Raleigh to use a machine called the "dynamometer" brought to Boone to be used in a horse, mule and an oxen pulling contest. This machine belongs to the state department of agriculture and is used annually at the state fair to determine the state champion pulling team.

The pulling contest at Raleigh is one of the most interesting events of the whole fair. Several farmers in this section have seriously considered taking their teams to Raleigh to compete.

Since this will be the first time that many people in our section have had a chance to see such an event, it is believed that wide interest will be manifested in determining the county champion pulling team. Friday afternoon will be the time set aside for this contest.

The cost to the fair association for obtaining the machine will be \$50. Since this is true, an entry fee of \$2.00 will be charged for all horse and mule teams entered. No fee will be charged for oxen. All contestants must provide their teams with strong and adequate harness. Double-trees and single-trees need not be brought to the fair.

The prize list follows: 1. Light class—pair of horses or mules weighing 2,500 pounds; neither animal shall exceed 66 inches in height with shoes on, (measurements taken on hard surface). 2. Heavy class—horses or mules weighing 2,500 pounds or over. The prizes for both the above events will be: first, 10 tons of lime; second, \$7.50; third, \$5.00; fourth, 5 tons of lime. 3. Best pulling team of oxen—open to the world. The first prize in this division will be 5 tons of lime, while second and third will be awarded ribbons.

Statesman-Soldier



Capt. Lodge, better known as U. S. Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., of Massachusetts, has just reported for duty with the 2nd armored division. Reserve Officer Lodge, who very properly is a member of the senate military affairs committee, spends about a month each year in active service.

PARK SERVICE IS 25 YEARS OLD

Public Invited to Help Celebrate With Rangers the Silver Jubilee of Park Service

On Monday, August 25, the National Park Service created by an act of congress in 1916, will be 25 years old. The quarter-century has seen many of the most beautiful scenic features of the nation brought under public ownership as national parks, and the anniversary will be marked by celebrations in many of the 191 federal park areas throughout the nation.

The seven-year-old Blue Ridge Parkway, through young in comparison with such venerables as the Yellowstone, Yosemite and Mt. Rainier parks, is a large and fast growing member of the family, and on the Parkway on Sunday night, August 24, will be lighted jubilee campfires at 7:30 eastern standard time, at Rocky Knob in Virginia, and at the Bluff Park in North Carolina. The park service has always believed that its uniformed personnel, the park rangers, are the key men of its organization and the campfire programs will be in charge of the parkway rangers. Short talks describing the national park system will be given by the rangers who will speak informally of their interesting experiences in this and other parts of the country. Group singing about the campfire will be a principal feature of the evening's program.

The fire at the Bluff Park will be lit in the vicinity of the meadow picnic area, and at Rocky Knob the visitors will gather at the new playfield area near the picnic grounds where the several campfires were held last year.

The forest rangers extend a cordial invitation to everyone to join with them in celebrating the 25th anniversary of their organization.

Mr. Miles Accepts Washington Position

Mr. Kelly G. Miles, science teacher of Appalachian high school, has resigned to become instructor in radio engineering in the Capitol Radio Engineering Institute, Washington, D. C. Mr. and Mrs. Miles are leaving for Washington late this month. Mr. Miles has been at Appalachian high school for the past five years.

Mr. Miles states that part or all the engineers in more than 35 broadcasting stations, more than 800 radiomen of the U. S. navy, men in more than 100 CAA stations, and a great many in the U. S. army, marine corps, signal corps as well as industrial organizations such as RCA, General Electric and Philco have been trained in the school with which he will work. It is said to be one of the best highly technical radio schools in America.

Urges People To Buy Defense Securities

Mr. W. D. Farthing, chairman of the Savings and Defense Bonds committee in Watauga county, is anxious that the people of this section show their patriotism by buying the bonds and stamps now being offered by the government. These defense securities are now on sale by Mr. Farthing and at the local postoffice. Mr. R. T. Greer is secretary of the committee.

GEORGE MORETZ IS HELD IN DEATH OF SILVERSTONE MAN

Merchant is Alleged to Have Fired Shots Which Brought Death to William Lowrance; Funeral Services for Deceased Are Held Sunday

George Moretz, well-known merchant of the Silverstone community is being held in the county jail on charges of having fired the shots which brought death to William Lowrance of the same neighborhood, following a difficulty between the two men at the Moretz store Saturday morning at about 2 o'clock.

Since no preliminary hearing has been held as this is written, no information is available other than that given to sheriff's officers and a representative of The Democrat by Will Greer, who is held under bond as an eye witness. According to Greer's statements, he, in company with Moretz and Lowrance, had been across the state line into Tennessee Friday evening, returning to the Moretz store about 1:30. The three men, he alleges, chatted for some few minutes at the store, and Lowrance is said to have told Moretz he should go home. The accused complied, he says, but returned immediately with a pistol, ordering Greer and Lowrance from the premises. As they started to comply, he states, Moretz moved in the direction of his home a short distance away, and Lowrance called to him, stating that no one but a coward would draw a gun, whereupon Moretz is alleged to have turned and started firing. Two bullets from the automatic 22-calibre weapon struck Lawrence, the lethal missile piercing the right arm and entering the right side of the chest, ranging in the direction of the heart. The other bullet grazed the thumb of the right hand. Death is said to have resulted almost instantly.

Sheriff A. J. Edmisten and Patrolman Jones arrested Moretz at his home about one hour after the shooting.

Funeral services for Lawrence, who was 28 years old, were conducted from the Pleasant Grove Baptist church Sunday afternoon with Rev. G. W. Sebastian in charge, and interment was in the Smith cemetery. Survivors include the widow and one son, Kenneth Earl. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Lowrance, also survive.

BELK'S TO HAVE LARGER QUARTERS

Contract Let for Large Addition to Local Department Store Building

The contract has been let for the construction of a large addition to the rear of the Belk-White Company building in this city, which will increase the floor space of the store to 18,500 square feet.

Mr. John Conway, manager of the store, states that the addition will be 40 feet deep and the entire width of the fifty-foot building, and will be of solid brick construction to match the remainder of the structure. There will be the basement floor, the main floor and the mezzanine as in the present building, and the store will be the most modern Belk establishment between Bristol and Charlotte. New fixtures will be added, new departments opened and the entire interior redecorated. An improved heating system is to be installed.

The Belk store since its establishment here has shown a remarkable growth under Mr. Conway's management, and today he celebrates his 13th year with the firm. The store in Boone has been in operation for six years.

Claud Farthing Saves Airplanes From Flame

Claud Farthing, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Farthing of Boone, who is making a success in airplane mechanics at the Winston-Salem airport, discovered the fire last Wednesday evening which destroyed 15 ships at a loss of over \$50,000.

The fire, which started in the fuselage of a Cub plane in the corner of the big hangar, was discovered by Farthing, who used a fire extinguisher with little results. Then he, together with two other employees, performed a heroic task in removing two large Fairchild trainers and a Cub trainer from the blaze. The controls of one of the Fairchilds were locked making it doubly difficult to push. Only one of the machines removed was damaged at all.

Hitler and Army Chiefs on Russian Front



At the headquarters of Adolf Hitler, somewhere on the eastern front, Der Fuehrer and his top-ranking commanders pore over maps of the Nazi-Red war situation. On the left is Marshal Walter Von Brauchitsch. At right is Gen. Fritz Halder.

BLOWING ROCK HOTELIST DIES

Last Rites Held For Paul Moldenhauer, Owner-Manager Of Green Park Hotel.

Paul A. Moldenhauer, 60, owner-manager of Green Park hotel and leading citizen of Blowing Rock for the past ten years, was found dead in his summer cottage Saturday morning. Dr. J. H. Cox of Putnam, Va., attending physician, pronounced heart attack as the reason for his death.

Mr. Moldenhauer had been confined for the past three weeks with a heart ailment, but had seemed much improved Friday and Friday night as he attended the community carnival and a square dance, operated jointly by his hotel and the Chamber of Commerce.

Thirty years of hotel work characterized his business career. From 1924 until 1932 he managed the Saranac Inn in New York state; the Clarendon Hotel at Daytona Beach, Fla., in winters of 1935-36; the Coquina Hotel at Ormond Beach, Fla., in 1931-33; Nautilus in Miami in 1934 and 1935, and owned and operated Hobkirk Inn in Camden, S. C., 1938-39.

He was especially noted in Blowing Rock for his charity work, since he was a large donor to various churches and community events.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock Monday, with the Rev. Walter K. Keys in charge, and burial was in the Reformed church cemetery at Blowing Rock.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Fred Moldenhauer of Albany, N. Y.; a daughter, Miss Ruth Moldenhauer of Washington, D. C.; one brother, Fred Moldenhauer, of Pasadena, Calif.; and three sisters, Mrs. Kitty Reynolds of Albany, N. Y.; Mrs. Ann Stelle of New York, and Mrs. William Tobin of Bermuda.

North State Fund Contributions Grow

Several new contributions have been made to the North State Fund, the purpose of which is to purchase an airplane ambulance as a gift to the people of Britain, and Chairman Rob Rivers confidently expects, through the continued co-operation of the people, to reach the county's goal of \$100 by the end of the week. All those who haven't contributed to this fund are urged to make their contributions as promptly as possible.

The status of the fund:	
Previously reported	\$44.40
Dr. H. B. Perry	1.00
T. I. Holloway	1.00
Gordon Winkler	1.50
Wade E. Brown	.50
Chauncey Moody	1.00
Grady Farthing	1.00
Belk-White Co.	2.00
Tuesday Night Club	15.24
Total	\$67.64

Mrs. Tom Williams Succumbs Saturday

Mrs. Tom Williams, 66 years old, esteemed resident of the Sherwood community, died at the home Saturday afternoon after an illness of ten days.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home. The Rev. M. A. Osborne officiated and interment was in the Cove Creek cemetery.

Surviving are the husband and one son, Grady Williams, of Cleveland, Ohio.

DR. MORGAN WILL ADDRESS FARMERS HERE NEXT WEEK

Chairman Board of Directors of TVA and Other Eminent Authorities Are to Speak at College When Western Carolina Farmers Meet

Farmers of Western North Carolina—men who "talk a language" different from the cotton and flue-cured tobacco farmers of the rest of the state—will hold their annual meeting at Appalachian State College here Tuesday and Wednesday, August 26 and 27.

F. S. Sloan of Franklin, district farm agent of the State College extension service, and R. W. Shoffner, in charge of the TVA-extension demonstration farm program, have arranged the program for the Boone meeting. A minimum of speech-making and a maximum of discussion, has been planned.

The only men invited to address the group are Dr. H. A. Morgan, chairman of the board of directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority; Dean I. C. Schaub of State College; Dr. L. D. Bayer, recently appointed director of the N. C. agricultural experiment station, and J. C. McAdams, director of the TVA's division of agricultural relations. Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian College, will welcome the group at the first formal session Tuesday afternoon.

The mountain farmers will have an opportunity to discuss their sectional problems—beef cattle, dairy, poultry, burley tobacco and fruit production. Of course the growing of grass, necessary in feed production for livestock, will come in for a major share of attention. The demonstration farmers will tell of their results from the use of lime, and the super-phosphate supplied them by the TVA.

The meeting will open with registration Tuesday morning, and an afternoon program of two talks and group discussions. A motion picture show and a barn dance are planned Tuesday night. Reports of the groups will be heard Wednesday morning, followed by two other addresses and adjournment after lunch.

County Agent Harry Hamilton states that this meeting is of the utmost importance and urges the farmers to attend and encourage their neighbors to do likewise. He states that inestimable value will result from attendance at this meeting.

P. T. A. TO MANAGE FAIR CONCESSION

President of Organization Asks Donations For Food For Lunch Stand at Fair

The Boone Parent-Teacher Association having submitted a bid to the Blue Ridge Fair Association has been awarded a lunch stand concession for the fair which will be held in Boone the week of September 8. All money which this organization raises goes to help the Boone public schools. More and more each year those in the schools have to meet financial obligations for the schools' extra-curricular activities—such as lunch rooms, band, glee club, etc.

Mrs. F. E. Warman, president of the local P.T.A., makes the following announcement in regard to the lunch stand: "Now if the patrons of these two schools will help out in donations for the lunch stand at the fair, the P.T.A. will be able to do more this year for the schools than it has in the past.

"We would like to have most of the food donated so that very little money will need to be spent. We are appealing especially to you patrons of the school who live in the rural districts to give of any surplus foods you may have.

"We believe that it is not asking too much to ask that every family who has a child in the Boone schools donate some food to be sold at this lunch stand; for all money above actual necessary expenses will be spent in some way to help the Boone schools. Anyone who will give a donation may leave same at the City Meat Market as Mr. Tatum has kindly consented to receive and store the food for us."

GREER REUNION

A reunion of the Greer family will be held at the state fish hatchery near Boone on September 15. All Greers and relatives are cordially invited to attend and bring well-filled baskets. The program is scheduled for 10 o'clock.

LOCAL SCHOOLS TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 2

High School Students Desiring to Change Schedules Should Do So On Saturday, Aug. 23

Appalachian high and grammar schools will open Tuesday morning, September 2, at 9 o'clock. According to Principal Herbert Wey, Appalachian high school will have the broadest curriculum in the history of the school. Due to the new courses that will be offered, it is necessary to make some changes in the schedule, Mr. Wey said.

Any high school student who wishes to change or alter his schedule for this fall must do so by coming to the high school building on Saturday, August 23, between 10 o'clock in the morning and 5 o'clock in the afternoon. There are some conflicts in the pupil's schedules due to the large number of courses being offered. Thus it is necessary to change some student's pre-registration schedules. If the students do not come on Saturday, Mr. Wey said, then their schedule will be set up as near as possible to what the pupil asked for last spring. No pupil will be allowed to change his schedule after school starts September 2.

Art, voice, physics, social studies and industrial arts classes may be scheduled if pupil does so Saturday, August 23.

Chamber Commerce To Meet August 29

An important meeting of the Chamber of Commerce is to be held Friday, August 29, says Mr. H. W. Wilcox, president, who will announce the time and place for the gathering next week.

Mr. Wilcox says the meeting will feature the discussion of several civic problems, and that the program will be arranged to take care of all business.

The Chamber of Commerce is requesting better mail service in and out of Boone for one thing, it being pointed out that this city has no outgoing mail later than 1:35 p. m. and that a later departure could be arranged without any serious delay in the movement of the mails.

Also, Mr. Wilcox states, there is serious delay in the arrival of mails from Winston-Salem, and it is generally felt that something should be done to hasten this schedule. Commerce officials have received a number of complaints as to the mail service and these matters, along with a number of others will come up for discussion at the meeting next week.

RED CROSS YARN

Mrs. Mae Miller, production chairman for the Watauga chapter American Red Cross, is expected to be away from the city for the next four weeks and Mrs. E. E. Garbee, chairman, will have charge of the work during her absence. Anyone wishing to co-operate in knitting garments for the Red Cross may secure the material from Mrs. Garbee.

ATTENDS JUNIOR MEETING

Mr. Clyde R. Greene went to Lexington Tuesday for the fifty-first session of the State Council, Jr. Order United American Mechanics, which closes this afternoon. Mr. Greene, who has been a leader in the fraternity for a number of years, is third district trustee for the Junior Orphanage at Lexington.