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FUNERAL RITES CONDUCTED FOR W.L. HOLSHOUSER

Pioneer Merchant and Leading Citizen of Blowing Rock Succumbs to Three Weeks' Illness; Obsequies Held Monday Afternoon at Presbyterian Church

Blowing Rock, March 31 (Special)—Funeral services were held at the Ruple Memorial church Monday afternoon for Mr. W. L. Holshouser, pioneer merchant and first citizen of Blowing Rock. Mr. Holshouser died Sunday afternoon after three weeks of illness. He was stricken while on his way to church just three weeks before his death. A great host of friends from many parts of western North Carolina attended the rites.

Mr. Holshouser was born in Rowan county, a little more than 73 years ago. As a lad he came to Blowing Rock to make his home. For almost 50 years he had been the leading merchant of the town, dealing in groceries, hardware, building material, dry goods, feeds, fuel, etc. He had been an elder in the Presbyterian church for 30 years. He was known to all the people of this mountain section, and to thousands of those who come to spend their summers in the resort town. His thorough integrity, honesty and willingness to extend accommodation to any who might be in need, have long been a legend in this section. He was a true friend, a loyal citizen, a devoted husband and father, a consecrated churchman, a good man.

The simple service at the church was in charge of Rev. Walter K. Keys, pastor, assisted by Rev. W. M. Gerald, pastor of the Blowing Rock Baptist church. Mr. Keys suggested that, like David of old, so had this man of God served his own generation by the will of God and fallen asleep. Also that since the steps of a good man are ordered of God, so surely had his been ordered; for he was a good man. It was not chance that brought him as a boy to dwell at Blowing Rock, that established him for 50 years in business, caused him to assume his place as a member and a leader in the church; that enabled him to rear a family that trust in God—all this was not chance—but the ordering of the Lord. It was fitting that he should pass on at the Easter season—not the season of death but of new life—of the Resurrection; that he should answer the call on the Sabbath day was in keeping with the long record of his life, always in his pew at the appointed time of worship; that he should be laid to rest under the shadow of mighty Grandfather Mountain was very appropriate because, firm and steadfast like the rock foundations of this mountain was the integrity and the honor of his soul.

While still a young man, Mr. Holshouser married Miss Laura Clamptitt of Catawba county. Of this union his wife and seven children survive. The children are: Mrs. Cameron Williams, Mrs. Jesse Burns and H. P. Holshouser, Blowing Rock; Mrs. Merle Dye, Salisbury; Eugene Holshouser, Linville; J. E. Holshouser of Boone, and William Holshouser of Washington, D. C. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Sarah Mostello of Louisville, Ga.

Active pall-bearers were Joe White, L. D. Tester, Collis Greene, H. C. Hayes, C. L. Winkler, Lee Robbins, Ed Robbins and Grover Walters. Honorary pallbearers were Grover Robbins, C. S. Prevette, Ben Moody, Arthur Moody, Joe Winkler. (Continued on page eight)

Mrs. Bynum McNeill Succumbs Monday

Mrs. L. Bynum McNeill, aged 72 years, former resident of Boone, died at the home in the Rich Mountain section Monday evening from an illness with a heart ailment.

Funeral services are to be conducted this (Wednesday) afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Rich Mountain Baptist church, where Mrs. McNeill had been a member for many years. Rev. Raymond Hendrix and Rev. W. C. Payne are to conduct the rites, and burial will be in the church cemetery, with Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home being in charge of the arrangements.

Surviving are four sons and six daughters: Grady McNeill, Zionville; Joe McNeill, Vilas; W. H. McNeill, Rutland, Pa.; James McNeill, Zionville; Mrs. S. M. Glenn and Mrs. George Jackson, Missoula, Mont.; Mrs. B. H. Castle, Mrs. R. S. Castle, Canton, Pa.; Mrs. Glenn Moretz and Mrs. Frank Teague, Zionville.

Dies Sunday



W. L. Holshouser, Blowing Rock merchant and church leader, who succumbed Sunday.

ASSOCIATION TO MEET ON MAY 1

Executive Committee of Three Forks Association Holds Session Sunday

The executive committee of the Three Forks Baptist Association, in regular session at the Boone Baptist church last Sunday agreed to hold the spring session of the association at the Timbered Ridge church on Friday, May 1, 10 a. m. to 2 p. m., the theme for the session being: "The Christian Life."

The committee is composed of Wade E. Brown, chairman; S. C. Eggers, Rev. J. C. Canipe, Rev. R. C. Eggers and W. D. Farthing.

The program for the association is as follows:

10 to 10:15—Devotional led by R. C. Eggers.

10:15 to 10:45—Bible Study in Church Life, W. M. Gerald.

10:45 to 11:15—The Christian Life in the World Today, H. K. Middleton.

11:15 to 11:30—Roll call and miscellaneous.

11:30 to 12:30—Dedication of church and address by J. C. Canipe, subject: Place of Church in Christian Life. This part of the program to be in charge of the pastor, N. M. Greene.

12:30 to 1:30—Lunch hour.

1:30 to 1:45—Devotional, led by Carl Triplett.

1:45 to 2:30—Young people's program in charge of Vernelle Gilliam.

2:30 to 3:00—Prayer in the Christian Life, I. G. Greer.

George W. Caudill Dies at Valle Crucis

George W. Caudill, aged 82 years, prominent citizen of Valle Crucis, died last Thursday from a lingering illness.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at 11 o'clock from the Holy Cross Episcopal church of which deceased was a member. Rev. Wilbur C. Leach was assisted in the rites by Rev. S. E. Gragg, and interment was in the church cemetery, Reins-Sturdivant being in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Caudill was born in Alleghany county, a son of the late Jack Caudill and Rosamon Phipps Caudill. He had lived in Watauga county for 45 years where he engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was a splendid citizen, concerning himself with all movements for the benefit of his community and county, and had attracted wide friendships during his long residence in this area.

Surviving are the widow, two sons and four daughters: Shirley and Roscoe Caudill, Valle Crucis; Mrs. F. A. Caudill, Asheville; Myrtle Caudill, Valle Crucis; Miss Alwilda Caudill, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Don Shull, Valle Crucis. One sister also survives, Mrs. J. A. Woodie, Blacksburg, Va.

Order Numbers Being Given New Registrants

The local selective service board is now compiling a list of those registered for military service on February 16, together with their order numbers.

The list is to be published in the next edition of The Democrat.

MASONIC MEETING

There will be a regular communication of Snow Lodge No. 363, A. F. & A. M., Friday, April 3, at 7:30 p. m. Brother B. W. Stallings will make a short talk on "Masonic Signs." Refreshments and Masonic fellowship will hold forth after the meeting.

COMMERCE GROUP NAMES OFFICERS; HEARS MARTIN

Winston-Salem Journalist Delivers Address as Wilcox is Re-elected for Fourth Term as President of Chamber; Directors Elect Wade Brown Secretary

The Boone Chamber of Commerce met in annual session last Thursday evening, named a slate of officers, a board of directors, and heard Hon. Sanford Martin, editor of the Winston-Salem Journal, deliver an address in which he predicted a banner number of tourists would visit this locality during the summer.

Herman W. Wilcox was named president of the chamber for the fourth time, M. W. Beach was elected as vice-president, and C. A. Price, treasurer. The new board of directors is composed of Russell D. Hodges, D. B. Dougherty, John Conway and Frank M. Payne. Wade E. Brown was re-elected secretary by the directors in their initial session Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Martin, who is chairman of the state board of conservation and development, spoke from the subject: "Keeping the Home Fires Burning." Some of the "home fires" to which the speaker referred were education, industry, agriculture and recreation.

"What are the home fires?" the speaker asked. "You have one in Boone, the great Appalachian College, which with the other educational institutions of the land, is one of the foundations of civilization. The difference in the mode of living and the buying power of the head hunters of the South Seas and Americans, can be measured in terms of their respective educational attainments.

Turning to industry, Mr. Martin referred to tobacco as North Carolina's most important enterprise, and in this connection mentioned the D. & P. Pipe Works as Watauga county's largest industry. The state's textile plants, it was pointed out, are making the finest rayon in the world, while the hydro-electric energy produced in the state is the fifth largest in America. The state was given credit for producing the finest clay in the world as well as the nation's largest supply of mica, kaolin and other minerals vital to the war effort.

"In agricultural enterprises, the state also ranks at the top," Mr. Martin said. "The state leads the nation in the number of vegetable gardens per family," he said, and mentioned the necessity for the farmers to produce the maximum crops this year so that the armed forces and civilian population might be properly fed.

"Tourists are being attracted to the state in ever increasing numbers," said Mr. Martin, who continued: "Since launching the advertising campaign in North Carolina four years ago, between three hundred and four hundred thousand dollars has been spent in advertising the state. Tourist business during that period has increased from less than fifty million to over one hundred million dollars annually. Peace and security in Western North Carolina will be featured in this year's publicity, and since Boone is within 500 miles of half the population of the United States, visitors will come here in great numbers this year."

Turning to the war situation, Mr. Martin declared that unity and sacrifice are the prerequisites to victory. "We can't all be in the army or in war industry," he said, "but we can work." He stated his belief that among the handicaps in the war effort are the 40-hour week, strikes in war industry, and waste in public and private enterprises.

Boy Scout Council In Dinner Meeting

A dinner meeting of Boy Scout leaders of the Parkway district of the Old Hickory council, will be held at the Gateway Cafe on Monday night, April 6, at 7 o'clock, following a number of committee sessions.

There will be a Dutch dinner and everyone interested in the Boy Scout effort is invited to attend.

The Parkway district is composed of Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany counties, and Reid Sturdivant of West Jefferson, is chairman. Clyde R. Greene of Boone, and Grover C. Robbins of Blowing Rock, are vice-chairmen.

W. E. Vaughn-Lloyd, Scout executive, and Jerry Ashwell, assistant Scout executive of Winston-Salem, will attend the meeting.

Japanese Evacuee Colony in California



Under a blazing sun that gilded the snowy slopes of Mount Whitney, America's first wartime evacuee colony for alien and Nisei Japanese was opened at Manzanar, a few miles south of Independence, Calif., in the Owens valley. Here three Japanese girls view their new homes for the first time.

BLOWING ROCK CAFE BURNED

Heavy Damage Inflicted to Business House From Fire of Unknown Origin

A fire of undetermined origin swept the Blowing Rock Cafe last Wednesday, resulted in almost complete destruction of the fixtures, inflicted severe damage to the building and resulted in a total loss of some six or seven thousand dollars, which was partially covered by insurance.

Mr. Ed Qualls of Boone, who owns the cafe which was operated in a building owned by the Mutual Building and Loan Association of Lenoir, states that the fire evidently started in a closet under the stairway and spread to the upper floor, which was used for house-keeping apartments. He states that his properties were almost totally destroyed, that the partitions were burned out on the second floor, furniture destroyed, and that perhaps two-thirds of the roof structure collapsed. Mr. Qualls had intended opening his cafe for the current season next Saturday.

Pending insurance adjustments, no definite plans have been made for repairing the structure, it is said.

W. R. BRADSHAW DIES IN HICKORY

Well Known Retired Baptist Minister Succumbs at Age 75; Had Often Preached Here

Rev. W. R. Bradshaw of Hickory, retired Baptist minister, widely known throughout this entire area, died in a Hickory hospital last Wednesday following a long illness.

Mr. Bradshaw, a native of Burke county, was educated at Wake Forest College and the Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky., and held his first pastorate at Moravian Falls. He had been pastor of churches at North Wilkesboro, Hickory, Wilkesboro, Moravian Falls and Morgan, and had often conducted services in Boone. He resigned the pastorate of the Brown Memorial church in Hickory in January, due to failing health.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at the First Baptist church of Hickory, the pastor, Rev. Mr. Redwine, officiating, and interment was in that city.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. E. N. Carr of Hickory; one brother, J. P. Bradshaw of Lenoir, and one sister, Mrs. Henry McCall of Marion.

Former Boone Man in Newspaper Business

Mr. H. C. Eggers, former resident of Boone and brother of Mr. S. C. Eggers of this city, has purchased one-half interest in the Johnson County News, Mountain City, Tenn., and will become actively identified with the publication of the newspaper.

A new linotype machine, together with other equipment has been purchased, and the newspaper will be enlarged and improved. The Johnson County News was established 27 years ago by the late E. E. Barry, and since his death has been carried on by Mrs. Barry and Mr. Duke Ward, who has been with the paper for many years.

The saxophone takes its name from its inventor, Adolphe Sax.

DOUGLAS TALKS OF NEED FOR AMPLE CIVIL DEFENSES

Former Charlotte Mayor Principal Speaker at Victory Rally Monday Evening; Wade E. Brown and Mayor Gragg Appear on Program

Hon. Ben E. Douglas, former mayor of the city of Charlotte, and assistant state chairman of civilian defense, was the principal speaker at a victory rally held at the Appalachian high school auditorium Monday evening, under the auspices of the Council for Civilian Defense for Watauga county.

Mr. Douglas emphasized the fact that thus far in the war, the countries which have fallen have been those with little or no civil defense facilities, and that in modern warfare, there is great necessity for a trained civilian population. He referred to the possibility of thousands of incendiary bombs being scattered over an area from one aircraft, but said that with quick action on the part of trained civilian units, the damage from such raids could be held to a minimum.

Mr. Douglas stated that no matter how remote a section might be, it might be attacked by an enemy for the purpose of destroying morale and creating hysteria. He frankly stated that the people of Watauga were not fully realizing the gravity of the situation and urged full cooperation with the civilian defense organization.

The high school band, under the direction of Prof. Gordon Nash, appeared in a patriotic concert, and Wade E. Brown, chairman of the council of civilian defense for Watauga county, reviewed local defense activities and urged increased cooperation of various groups and the public in general.

Mayor W. H. Gragg delivered an address on the importance of keeping faith with the boys in the service, and gave appropriate recognition to the large number of Wataugans in the armed services.

Mayor Grover C. Robbins of Blowing Rock, made a brief report on the activities of the defense unit in Blowing Rock, and plans for the future.

Mother of W. C. Walker Dies In Winston-Salem

Mrs. Ellen Walker Wood, 81 years old, mother of Mr. Will C. Walker of Boone, died Sunday evening at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Doris Weavel in Winston-Salem. Mrs. Wood had been at the home of her daughter for several months, and while she had been in poor health, due to heart trouble, for a period of four years, she had not been appreciably worse until a short time before her demise.

Funeral services were conducted from the Oak Grove Baptist church near Boone Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, by Rev. Mr. Lusk, Baptist minister of Winston-Salem, and burial was at St. John's cemetery near Valle Crucis, Rev. Wilbur C. Leach, Episcopal minister, assisted Mr. Lusk in the conclusion of the services there.

Mrs. Wood, who was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Walker, was reared in Watauga county, and for the past several years had spent most of her summers at the home of her son, Mr. Will C. Walker in Boone. She had a wide acquaintance throughout this section, where her admirable traits of Christian character had endeared her to all. She had been a member of the Antioch Baptist church for more than 60 years, and was active in her religious affiliation as long as her health permitted.

Surviving are two sons and two daughters: Will C. Walker, Boone; John Wood, Beaver Dam township; Mrs. Doris Weavel and Mrs. Ema Lewis, Winston-Salem.

LUTHER JOINES DIES AT ALLEGHANY HOME

Luther Joines, 49, brother of Mr. Emory Joines of Boone, died suddenly at his home in Stratford, Alleghany county, last Friday. Funeral services were conducted in the home neighborhood Sunday and interment was there.

Mr. Joines, who had attended Appalachian College, was well known in this locality. He is survived by seven brothers and three sisters: J. E. Joines, Boone; A. O. Joines, Sparta; Wiley, Will, Rufus and Roan, all of Stratford; Coy Joines, Sparta; Mrs. Eunice Spurlin, Stratford; Mrs. Letcher Gentry, Glade Valley, and Mrs. G. B. Estep, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Debating teams of Appalachian high school broke even in a dual debate with Lenoir high school on Friday. Each school lost on its own platform, while the visiting teams won.

The Appalachian affirmative, debating at home, lost to the Lenoir negative, while the Appalachian negative, debating at Lenoir, won over the Lenoir affirmative. Thus, both schools were eliminated in the state contest. Had either school won both debates, it would have been eligible to participate in the championship debates at Chapel Hill later in April.

Appalachian was represented on the affirmative by Willie Lee Hodges and Jacqueline Cooke, while Ruth Hardin and Ned Austin represented the negative.