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J. S. WINKLER DIES SATURDAY AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

Prominent Merchant and Farmer Succumbs in Winston-Salem Hospital Saturday; Funeral Services Conducted Monday Afternoon

Joseph Shelton Winkler, 75 years old, pioneer Boone merchant and farmer, died last Saturday at the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, where he had been a patient for five days. An operation, which was not of a serious nature was performed Friday, and the resultant shock is believed to have been the cause of his demise.

Funeral services were conducted from the Boone Baptist Church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, where many friends gathered to pay their respects. The floral offering was especially large. Rev. J. C. Canipe, the pastor, conducted the rites, and members of Snow Lodge attended in a body and had charge of the graveside services. Interment was in the community cemetery. Business hours of the town closed for a half-hour period during the services.

Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home had charge of the arrangements.

Surviving are six sons, Mayor Gordon H. Winkler of Boone; Carl Winkler, of Durham; Stuart and Paul Winkler, of Newport News, Va.; Joseph and W. Ralph Winkler, of Boone; two daughters, Mrs. E. W. Moore, of Portsmouth, Va., and Mrs. J. T. Davis, of Leaksville. One brother survives, Mr. W. F. Winkler, of Valle Crucis; and four sisters: Mrs. W. H. Hardin and Mrs. J. D. Counsell, of Boone; Mrs. I. N. Corpening, of Camdenton, Mo., and Mrs. Roby Estes, of Alberta, Canada.

Born in Boone

Mr. Winkler was born near the present city limits of the town of Boone, in 1868, a son of the late Joshua and Mrs. Winkler, and had spent practically his entire life here. He was married on June 26, 1895, to Miss Lizzie Horton, who succumbed in March, 1941. Prior to his marriage he entered the mercantile business near the old home, and was postmaster at Deck Hill, N. C., an office long since discontinued.

Shortly after Mr. Winkler disposed of his first store, he entered the mercantile business in Boone, where he was engaged practically continuously as a merchant until a few years ago, when he became associated with his son, Mr. W. Ralph Winkler, in the automobile business. During the years Mr. Winkler conducted his farm, which was a part of the large ancestral plantation.

Mr. Winkler became a member of the Baptist Church in Boone when a young man and for a number of years served as a member of the board of deacons. He had been very active in the affairs of his church and had contributed a full share to the religious life of his community. He had been a member of the Masonic Lodge for many years, and was one of the oldest Masons in this city. Possessed of a fine personality, Mr. Winkler made friends rapidly, and was widely known for his kindly disposition, his generous tendencies, and his sterling qualities of Christian manhood. He had done a full part toward the building and the betterment of his community, which has never boasted a finer, and more upright citizen.

B. G. Leake Reported As Safe and Well In the Philippines

Mr. B. G. Leake, who has been held by the Japs in the Philippines, since the fall of the islands, is reported as being safe and well, in the first direct word the family has had from him.

Mrs. Leake, formerly of Valle Crucis, and children who are now living in Mountain City, Tenn., have received word from friends who sailed on the exchange ship Gripsholm from Manila, Sept. 26th, stating that Mr. Leake is in good health but very busy. His work consists of supervising three dormitories of teen-age boys whose fathers are soldiers, prisoners, or whose parents are not in camp, and working in the censorship office. He is still interned in Santo Tomas camp in Manila, where he has been since January, 1942.

Christmas Carols at Cove Creek Church

On Sunday evening, December 19, at 8 p. m., there will be a worship in Christmas carols at the Cove Creek Baptist Church, says Rev. James C. Sherwood, the pastor.

Trio in Teheran Guarantees Victory



Premier Joseph Stalin of Russia, President Franklin D. Roosevelt of the United States, and Prime Minister Winston Churchill of England, as they meet in Iran. A document signed by all three read in part: "The common understanding which we have reached guarantees that victory will be ours. We leave here friends in fact, in spirit and purpose."

LICENSE SALES ARE HEAVY HERE

Motorists From Wide Area Take Advantage of Convenience of Local Office

Sales during the first week of the operation of the office for the sale of automobile license plates for 1944, were heavy, says Mr. W. R. Winkler, Boone Buick dealer, who is in charge of the sale of these tags.

Mr. Winkler says that the people of Watauga County, as well as those of Ashe and Avery Counties are most appreciative of the service being rendered, and are coming into the office for their new automobile licenses in increasing numbers each day. Previously local motorists had to send to North Wilkesboro or Lenoir for their licenses, and Mr. Winkler is rendering a much-needed service to the people of this section.

The license bureau will be open every day except Sunday for an indefinite period.

P. T. A. Meeting Called for Monday

The Parent-Teachers Association of the Boone schools will meet in the Appalachian High School auditorium on Monday night, December 20, at 8 o'clock.

A fine Christmas program of carols has been arranged by Mr. Roberts, Glee Club director. The entertainment will consist of several numbers by the boys' and girls' glee clubs and numbers by individual members of the glee clubs. The glee clubs this year are the best they have been in several years and the program will be one of the most entertaining to be in the city during the holidays.

The P-T. A. will also organize this night and Mrs. Warman, president of the organization, would like to have all the mothers and fathers present at this first meeting.

Come out and back your schools by joining the P-T. A.

Pipe Works Not to Leave This City

Mr. D. P. Lavietes, owner of the D & P Pipe Works of this city, states that reports that this firm is moving away, are absolutely unfounded. The firm, he says, is making plans for extensive repairs to the plant, which will bring increased production, and will be located here permanently.

Mr. Lavietes states, however, that Algerian briar is now arriving on the American market, and that the peak prices for the local burls are now being paid. He strongly advises the marketing of these burls while the market for the product is so unusually favorable.

Stores to Remain Open Until 8 p. m.

The majority of the retail stores of the city will remain open until 8 o'clock p. m., beginning Saturday, December 18th, for the benefit of Christmas shoppers, who find it inconvenient to come to town during the daytime, it was learned the end of the week.

In most instances the stores have adequate sales forces, and shopping may be done with little waiting.

WAR FUND QUOTA IS NOW REACHED

Drive Will Continue, Says Chairman, Until All Are Given Chance to Contribute

The War Fund quota for Watauga County has definitely been reached, according to word from Mrs. M. R. Maddux, chairman, who states that the goal of \$2,600 has been exceeded by about \$50.

However, Mrs. Maddux has advised the members of her organization that the drive will not be ended until every person in the county has been seen and given an opportunity to contribute. Regardless of the quota, everyone in the county is being urged to have a part in this stupendous relief program.

Mrs. Maddux is highly gratified at having reached the quota and expresses appreciation to all those who contributed or who aided in the campaign in any way. The local lady has the distinction of being the only woman in the state to head a county War Fund organization.

The list of late contributors follows:

Deep Gap
W. D. Lookabill, \$1; A. G. Miller, (Continued on page ten)

Edgar Brown to Head Local Birthday Ball

J. Edgar Brown, Jr., has been named chairman of the local committee for the President's Birthday Ball, which in former years has been held as nearly as possible to President Roosevelt's birthday on January 30. He proceeds to go to the fund for the fight against infantile paralysis in the nation. No local plans for the event have as yet been made, but it is likely that some other event will be substituted for the usual ball.

Mr. Brown was appointed when the chairman ship was relinquished by Mr. Pat McGuire, who has been at the head of the organization for a number of years, and under whose leadership substantial sums have always been raised for the worthy cause.

Funeral Rites Are Held for Mrs. Pulliam

Funeral services for Mrs. J. G. Pulliam, whose death in Santa Maria, Calif., was chronicled in these columns last week, were conducted from the Baptist Church in Boone Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, by the pastor, Rev. J. C. Canipe. Interment was in the family cemetery in the Perkinsville neighborhood, Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home being in charge of the arrangements.

Despite the inclement weather, a number of friends gathered for the services, and many beautiful flowers were in evidence.

In addition to a son, Robert W. Pulliam, of Boone, and a daughter, Mrs. Mary Leslie Marshall, Santa Maria, Calif., Mrs. Pulliam is survived by one brother, Mr. M. G. Shearer, of Lenoir.

DR. LINNEY SERIOUSLY ILL

Mr. Kenneth B. Linney received word Sunday of the critical illness of his cousin, Dr. R. Z. Linney, in a Nashville, Tenn., hospital. The popular physician, who is well known in Boone, where he had practiced, has been ill for some time, and information is that there is little chance for his recovery.

BUY WAR SAVINGS BONDS

CO. TAX PAYMENTS REACH BIG FIGURE FOR THE PAST YEAR

More Than \$145,000 Collected in Twelve Month Period; About One-third of New Levy Paid; County Has \$60,000 Surplus in Bank

Collection of taxes in Watauga County for the year ending last Monday reached the record figure of \$145,000, according to Mr. Earl D. Cook, county tax collector, who states that of this amount, \$40,000 to \$45,000 are in receipts from old taxes. About one-third of the 1943 levy had been paid as of Monday, states Mr. Cook, and the taxpayers are continuing to pay in large numbers.

Mr. Cook has noticed an appreciable upswing in the collection of taxes since the tobacco market opened, and had a record day on Monday, when scores of tobacco growers crowded the office during the day.

Mr. Cook points out that the fine collections of the year have enabled the county to keep all current bills paid, including bonds and bond interest, and to have a cash balance in the bank as of November 30th of \$60,000.

In making public the splendid fiscal condition of the county at this time, Mr. Cook expresses sincere appreciation to all the people of the county for their fine co-operation during the year.

Several Others Contribute To Christmas Fund

The Democrat and the Appalachian Theatre join in extending thanks to a number of people who have contributed to the Empty Stocking Fund since the last edition of this newspaper. While the fund is still far below requirements it is felt that the necessary amount will come in soon. The status of the fund is as follows:

Previously reported \$20.00
Methodist Youth Fellowship 5.50
Mrs. T. M. Greer 1.00
Mrs. F. A. Linney 2.00
D. C. Coffey 1.00
Dr. J. E. Hodges, Maiden 2.60
June Russell 1.00

Total \$32.50

More money is needed to buy the many things needed for the destitute children of this section, when they gather for their big annual Christmas party at Appalachian Theatre on December 26. Please send your contributions in promptly to The Democrat office not later than Saturday night of this week. The money is urgently needed to buy the goodies for the kiddies while they are still available.

Snow Masonic Lodge Elects New Officers

Following are the officers elected at a meeting of Snow Lodge No. 363, held last Friday night:

T. M. Greer, worshipful master; W. B. Stallings, senior warden; Beach Keller, junior warden; Clyde R. Greene, treasurer; J. E. Clay, secretary.

The new officers will be installed at the regular meeting to be held on January 7, 1944.

Clinic for Crippled Children to Be Held

A clinic for crippled children will be held at the District Health Office here Thursday afternoon, December 16th. Dr. Gaul will be in charge of the clinic.

Schools to Close Next Week for Xmas

The schools of the county with but two exceptions will close for the Christmas holidays on Thursday of next week, says County Superintendent S. F. Horton, and will reopen the following Monday.

In Boone and Blowing Rock the schools will close on Wednesday for Christmas.

Triplett Soldier is Wounded in Action

Pvt. William L. Church, son of Mrs. Stella W. Church, of Triplett, is reported as having been wounded in action in the Mediterranean area, but there are no further details.

The name of Pvt. Church was released with 512 other U. S. soldiers who had been injured in the same area.

Burley Sales Reach Peak As Million-Pound Mark Is Reached; \$50.00 Average

How Donors Fight



The person whose blood is flowing into an injured U. S. marine is not in this picture, but that person's unselfishness may save this fallen warrior's life. He was one of 2,557 wounded on Tarawa.

MANLEY BARLOW ENDS OWN LIFE

Foscoe Citizen Dies in Manner Elk Hospital From Gunshot Wound

Manley Barlow, aged 30, resident of the Foscoe section, died in the Banner Elk Hospital Monday from a gunshot wound, which was said to have been self-inflicted.

Mr. Barlow, it is stated, was in a room of the Barlow home when the fatal shot was fired, and members of the family told Coroner J. V. Caudill that it appeared to be a plain case of suicide. Therefore no inquest was thought to be necessary.

The load from a shotgun entered the left side of the body, but death did not ensue until the following day.

Funeral plans have not been made, pending word from relatives residing at distant points.

Mr. Barlow was a son of Mr. Grady Barlow and Mrs. Tempie Barlow, and was unmarried.

Democrat Plans to Issue Next Tuesday

The publisher of The Democrat is planning to issue next week's edition on Tuesday afternoon rather than on Wednesday so that the shop may be closed Thursday for the Christmas holidays, the only time in the year when activity ceases at the local newspaper office.

The custom still followed by many newspapers of missing an edition during the holidays, was abandoned many years ago by The Democrat, but it is necessary to issue an early edition on Christmas week. Contributors, advertisers and others are asked to co-operate with us in getting their copy in early. Greeting advertisements will feature the edition, according to present indications, and copy and cuts for these are available without cost to the advertiser.

Distillery Captured In Mabel Neighborhood

A 60-gallon whisky distillery with all the equipment, was seized by Sheriff C. M. Watson and Deputy Sheriff Wiley Day on Wednesday of last week about three-fourths of a mile from highway 421 in the Mabel section. The still was not in operation when discovered, but a quantity of beer was poured out and the plant destroyed. The operators of the plant were not apprehended.

Sheriff Watson states that indications were that the still had been in operation for a long time, and there were evidences that some of the equipment had been discarded and replaced with new.

Watauga Man is Missing in Pacific

Reid Harmon, Watauga man, is missing in action in the Pacific war theatre, according to information reaching his family here last week. The telegram, it is understood, gave no further details.

Young Mr. Harmon was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Smith Harmon, of Beech Creek, N. C.

Quarter Million Pounds Expected to Be Sold Today; Markets to Close for Holidays with Wednesday's Sale; to Reopen January 3

Sales at the Mountain Burley Warehouses are expected to safely pass the one million-pound mark today, with indications that the average price for the sale now going on will be around 49 cents for about a quarter million pounds of the weed.

The start of the heavy selling was delayed because of the dry weather, but on Monday, after the farmers had had opportunity to catch up with their grading, almost endless streams of trucks and other vehicles poured into the huge warehouses, and the flow of burley continues unabated. As the sales got under way Wednesday morning, the floors were jammed, and the drive ways were filled with trucks unloading. Quick sales, however, and fast work in removing the weed to the shipping rooms, enabled farmers to place their crops on the floor without interruption.

According to estimates, the season average now is running close to the \$50 mark, despite the fact that considerable of the lower qualities have been in evidence. The crop, on the whole, however, is good, and many baskets are noticed with price tags hovering around the 60-cent mark. Total sales at the close of auction today are expected to be approximately 1,025,000 pounds.

One huge basket of tobacco sold by Jarvis Harrison of Yancey County, this morning weighed 790 pounds and brought 58 cents, or a total of \$458.20. Baskets on every hand bore price tickets above 55 cents, and the prices are remaining at new high levels for all the better grades.

Warehousemen and farmers express themselves as being highly pleased with the prices paid, and the volume is extremely heavy this week.

To Close December 22
The huge receipts of tobacco are expected to continue without interruption until the last sale of the pre-holiday season, which is expected to be Wednesday, December 22, according to information which reached buyers Tuesday. The sales are to be resumed on January 3.

Mr. Coleman points out that while a huge volume of burley is being handled, laborers are at work on a 24-hour shift, and with the fine warehouse organization, there can be no appreciable delay in placing the tobacco on the floors.

DEMAND IS STRONG ON BURLEY MARKETS

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 15.—A heavy volume of tobacco was offered at markets in the burley belt yesterday and the demand continued strong, with many warehouses recording blocked sales, the War Food Administration reported.

More choice, fine and fair quality leaf was sold than at Monday's auction, the WFA said.

Sales throughout the belt Monday, which totaled 15,077,591 pounds for (Continued on page ten)

Treasurer Reports Receipt of \$590 in Seal Sale Funds

The campaign for the sale of the tuberculosis Christmas Seals is going forward satisfactorily, and while a complete accounting of the fund is not possible at this time, Mrs. Russell D. Hodges, treasurer, has actually received \$590.08 of these funds, with a number of reports still to be made.

Since last edition of The Democrat, Mrs. W. A. Smith has reported the sale of \$14; Cove Creek, \$25.25, and Boone, \$86.30.

Sergeant Fox is Wounded in Sicily

Sgt. Leverne S. Fox was wounded in action in Italy on November 15, according to a message received from the War Department by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Fox, of Boone, but the extent of his injuries was not learned.

Sergeant Fox, a paratrooper, has been overseas for the past eighteen months.

FEED WHEAT AVAILABLE
Two cars of feed wheat are now available to the farmers in Boone at a cost of \$1.45 per bushel, according to word from the AAA office.