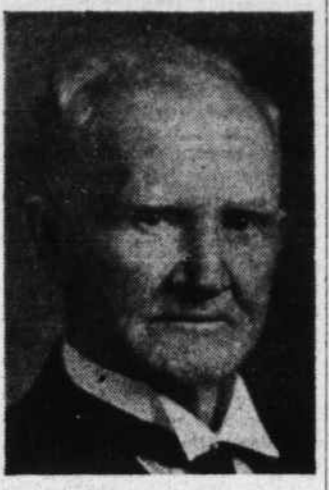


William R. Lovill Dies; Town's Oldest Lawyer

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WILLIAM R. LOVILL

END OF A UNIQUE CAREER
William R. Lovill, the oldest member of the local bar, who has pleaded with juries and judges in the courts of Watauga and adjoining counties for half a century, is dead, and thus is ended the career of our last old-time lawyer, as one of the town's oldest citizens comes to the end of the way. . . . Whatever Will Lovill lacked in formal education, he made up in the brilliance of his intellect, and at the height of his power he was considered by many to be one of the ablest criminal lawyers of the State, and through his qualities of unselfishness and generosity had enjoyed widespread friendships. . . . He shunned the role of prosecutor, and his success in the law, centered about his ability to plead for the man or woman, or boy or girl, who had transgressed. . . . He didn't know the language of a State's attorney. . . . his was the voice of the prisoner at the bar—the golden voice, ringing out its cries for mercy and for justice for the folks who'd missed the path somewhere, and who wanted one more chance to go right.

MONEY OR NO MONEY
Will Lovill was not a financial success. . . . As the folks roundabout say, he was not "natured" to get hold of a lot of coin, for his love of his fellowman who came before the courts of the land was so compelling that he appeared for him, fought with all his might, without knowing whether or not he would receive a cent. . . . Many the times we've seen him rise from his seat within the bar, aim a shot at a cupid, and go to bat for the lad who didn't have counsel, and who was sitting in the middle of a greased plank, with one end pointed to a cellblock in the State prison. . . . While not all the folks for whom he appeared were freed—far from it—it's a matter of record that none of them went to the gallows, to the chair, or to the gas chamber, though some were sentenced, but escaped the death penalty on appeals to higher tribunals.

"TWONT DO TO HANG 'EM"
Once a fellow had been particularly cantankerous, it is recalled. . . . As they say out West "he hadn't oughta" shot the guy, and the people were bilin' mad. . . . A lot of 'em wanted the hemp stretched. . . . But lawyer Lovill couldn't agree. "It just won't do to get juries started to hanging folks. . . . It'll be easier to do the second time, and pretty soon our courts will be vicious and cruel, and the scales of justice will tip dangerously in favor of the State!" . . . And to our knowledge no one from Watauga has paid the supreme penalty by court decree. . . . Will Lovill allowed a lot for the frailties of humanity and for the weaknesses of the flesh, and labored long and faithfully in his fight for justice for offenders. . . . Astride "Old Sport" we can easily recall the erect figure of the lawyer of yesterday, his saddle bags filled with books of legal lore, going into the outlying districts to appear before magistrates, or into surrounding counties to be heard before the Judges and juries of the Superior Court. . . . And sometimes Sport was stabled while the lawyer entrained for Northern and Western States where a home-town lad was behind the bars; or where some fellow from the hills had got a rough deal, and wanted to hist a bit of damage from the big fellow. In those days Will Lovill was always on the job, always pleading. . . . praising the Judge, and asking for his tender mercies. . . . On the political hustings, as a member of the State Senate and as Mayor of the town, Will Lovill was popular with the folks. . . . He loved his fellowman, was big-hearted and gracious, and kind. (Continued on page eight)

HEALTH GROUP HOLDS MEETING AT COVE CREEK

The Watauga County Health Council met in regular quarterly session at the Cove Creek High School lunchroom on Thursday, January 8.

Sickness and weather conditions were a barrier to many for attendance. The president and vice-president both being absent left the presiding to the secretary.

The program was a panel discussion in the interest of a health center for Watauga county. Mr. Welch Tester was moderator for the panel and started the discussion with a short history of the development of the health department in Watauga county and a comparison of the 1935 "first year" with the present year as to facilities, housing, personnel and service. The question, "Why a health department?" brought some lively discussion from the audience. The services that are available to all from the health department was quite informative to some who have not used the service as they might. Some of those present said they did not realize before that the service was for all.

Public health was related as health for all the people with the interest of the community paramount and the preventive rather than the curative type of health being promoted.

All of the discussion pointed to the major purpose of the meeting. All agreed that better service could be expected if adequate facilities and adequate housing were provided. The same space is provided now that was provided by the county for the first health department in 1935, but the services have been increased many times over. "The housing can be improved if we the citizens want it bad enough" was said over and over by those present. It was pointed out that through Federal and State aid this county can have a modern health center by supplying the lot on which to build and one-fourth of the cost. Those present expressed the desire for rapid action and the willingness to push for improvement for the county.

Milk Suppliers Are Given Grades By Health Dept.

All milk suppliers in the county have been graded by the Watauga County Health Department in accordance with the grade specifications of the milk ordinance and code governing the same.

All consumers are urged to purchase milk on the basis of grade. These grades appear on the bottle cap or carton and placards are posted in every restaurant, soda fountain, etc., where milk is sold, stating the grade of milk sold.

At the present time only Grade A pasteurized and Grade A homogenized milk are legally available to Watauga county consumers. Excellent information is given about milk in a bulletin, "What Every Person Should Know About Milk," copies of which may be obtained from the local health department or the United States Public Health Service in Washington, D. C.

The following Watauga county distributors have been approved for pasteurized products: Appalachian State Teachers College; Coble Dairy Products, Inc.; Hillards Dairy; Hillside Dairy Products, Inc.; and Southern Dairies.

All persons are urged by the Health Department to not use or play any part in the illegal sale of ungraded milk or milk products. Any person knowing of any milk being sold illegally should notify the local health department. It should be remembered that milk from Grade A producer dairies is intended for pasteurization and is not necessarily equal to that (bacteriologically) of Grade A retail raw and should not be purchased to be consumed raw or for cooking. There are about 700 cases of undulant fever in the United States yearly due principally to raw milk.

Some of the other diseases caused by consuming raw milk are: tuberculosis, typhoid fever, food poisoning, diphtheria, scarlet fever, septic sore throat, undulant fever, foot and mouth disease, and diarrheal and dysenteric diseases.

PRODUCTION OF FEED IS TOPIC DAIRY SCHOOL

A panel discussion emphasizing feed production will be the main feature of a dairy school to be held at the County Courthouse in Boone on Wednesday, January 21, L. E. Tuckwiller, County Agent, announced this week.

The panel will be composed of the county agent, two farmers, one a good provider of legume hay, the other, a good maker of silage, two extension dairymen, a farm specialist and an agronomy specialist. The influence of feed, breeding, and testing on economical milk production will be discussed.

Those taking part in the school will be: J. D. George, Extension Dairy Specialist, Marvin E. Senger, Extension Dairy Specialist, Dorris D. Brown, Farm Management Specialist, and O. W. F. Faison, N. C. Department of Agriculture.

The school will begin at 10:00 a. m. and close at 3:00 p. m. At the afternoon session two films will be shown. One entitled "No Hand Stripping" shows the most efficient practices in milking cows. The other is called "Dairy Conveniences" and shows methods of saving labor in dairy farm operations.

Lutheran Church Pays Honor To Mr. Troutman

Grace Lutheran Church was filled Sunday, when representatives of all the church congregations of the town gathered to join in the celebration marking the change of the church from a missionary status to that of a self-supporting unit.

The service also took the form of a testimonial meeting, honoring Rev. Edwin Troutman, pastor of the church for fifteen years, through whose ministry such notable progress has been made.

Dr. Herbert Wey presided at the anniversary service, and a number of visitors spoke words of congratulations to the church and of praise for its pastor.

Prof. H. C. Tripp offered a history of the church; Miss Cora Jeffcoat brought greetings from the Women of the Church, while Miss Barringer spoke on behalf of the Lutheran students of Boone. Messages were presented from the Lutheran Synod of North Carolina and from Lenoir Rhyne College.

Mayor Gordon H. Winkler spoke on behalf of the city; Dr. J. D. Rankin, Appalachian State Teachers College, and Dr. J. G. Barden praised Rev. Mr. Troutman for his activities in connection with the Ministerial Association.



REV. EDWIN F. TROUTMAN

held in the old St. Luke's Episcopal Church September 9, 1923, with the late H. W. Jeffcoat delivering the sermon. This St. Luke's Episcopal Church was located on the present site of the Big Dipper and Roger's Shoe Shop.

The church was officially organized on November 11, 1923, with 22 charter members present by the late Reverend H. W. Jeffcoat, with Thomas Moretz, J. M. Moretz and W. C. Lyons as councilmen. Services were held at this site until May 1, 1929.

In the meantime, the large corner lot in back of the Daniel Boone Hotel on Grand Blvd., opposite Dr. Matheson's was purchased with the help of Synod, for the building site. As time passed, it seemed advisable to change the location of the building site to a more desirable one. The parking facilities being quite limited in that region, the expense of grading being considerable and

Watauga Teachers Found To Be Best-Equipped



CLOTHES FOR KOREA—Some of the clothing for the destitute people of Korea, which was contributed by the people of Boone and the county, and which was assembled at the Methodist Church.—Photo by Palmer's Photo Shop.

Quality Of Local Tutors Tops State List

The one-hundred and thirty-two teachers in the schools of Watauga county are better trained than those in any county unit in the State, it is revealed in the North Carolina Public School Bulletin, organ of the State Department of Public Instruction.

Scoring high among the one hundred county units, Watauga had an index of 815.2, next in line being Cabarrus, 803.7, Durham, Greene, Jackson, Mecklenburg, New Hanover, Orange and Wake followed in the order given. Watauga's index reflected the large number of teachers with graduate certificates, the report says, and marks a gradual improvement in the quality of the teachers here during the past several years.

County Superintendent Howard Walker recalls that the board of education passed a resolution in 1934, soon after he began his duties with the school department, calling for the gradual upping of teacher quality until no certificate less than A grade would remain. This effort has been continued through the years, with the result that now there are only three in the county, whose certificates are less than A (the equivalent of a college education.) A number of sub-standard certificates were accepted during the emergency created by the last world war, but the upward trend was continued since. Mr. Walker recalls that at the beginning of his tenure Watauga county ranked with the ten lowest counties in the state in the quality of its teaching staff.

Mr. Walker further points out that Watauga is one of ten counties in Carolina that has completed its consolidation program. The fifty-four schools have been reduced to eight white district schools and one negro consolidated unit. All three Negro teachers have the A certificates.

Recital To Be Given At College

The Department of Music of Appalachian State Teachers College will present its second student recital of the season on Friday night at 8 o'clock in the auditorium of the Fine Arts Building.

Those appearing in the recital are as follows: Nell Norris, "My Johann" by Edw. Grieg; Mary Alva White, "The Silver Ring" by Cecile Chaminade; Alene Queen, "With Verdure Clad" from Haydn's Creation; Gene Wilson, "Three for Jack," by Squires; Catherine Ray, "He's Goin' Away," spiritual by Kathryn Davis. The above are students of Mrs. Virginia Wary Linney.

From the studio of Hoyt Saffit are: Jackie Snyder, "One Fine Day" from Puccini's Madam Butterfly; Marie Vaughn, "The Sweetest Flower That Blows" by Hawley. John Allen will present Rebecca Moxley in "Now the Day is Over," by Speaks; Bobby Greer in "Morning" by Speaks; Elizabeth Gore "Love's in My Heart" by Woodman. Students of James Rooker in piano who will perform are Rebecca Austin, "Gavotte" by Handel; Ann Smith, "Toccata" by Khatchaturian; Giles Salgo, Etude in C Minor, Chopin. Other piano students of Walton Cole studio are Gwen Littman, Aaudio Cantabile from Beethoven Sonata op. 13; Gay Banner, "About Strange Lands and People," Schumann, and "Curious Story" by Schumann. An invitation to the public is extended by the Music Department. Bone discovery in Transvaal is held ape-to-man link.

Clothing For Korea Effort Meets With Fine Response

The recent clothing campaign for Korean relief has met with large public response, according to the Rev. Joseph T. Shackford, pastor of Boone Methodist Church, who headed the effort. More than 800 pounds of clothing has been assembled from the

several churches of the community and the surrounding area, including Blowing Rock, and the homes of local citizens.

March Of Dimes Sing Is Slated For Jan. 24

Thirty quartets have been invited to take part in the March of Dimes songfest which will be held Saturday night, January 24th, at the courthouse and the high school auditorium, says John T. King, March of Dimes director for Watauga County.

Friday, January 16, radio station WATA will conduct a request program as an aid to the polio campaign, and Saturday, January 17 the Lions Club sponsors the "miles of dimes" in front of the Northwestern Bank.

Mr. King has his organization about completed and functioning, and solicits the continued fine cooperation of the people in reaching Watauga's quota for the polio fund at the earliest possible date. The need is urgent, and it is hoped that the people will be particularly generous this year.

"Diversion" of highway taxes in millions charged.



IN SENATE—Edwin Duncan, of Sparta, who is representing Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany in the State Senate. Mr. Duncan, a Democrat, is executive vice-president of the Northwestern Bank.

Automobile To Be Awarded On Friday

Drawing for the grand prize offered by the Boone Merchants Association as a part of the Christmas trade promotion program, a 1952 Chevrolet automobile purchased from Andrews Chevrolet, Inc., will be held at 3 p. m. Friday, January 16, on Depot Street near Mountain Burley Warehouse No. 1.

Two other prizes, an RCA-Victor television set purchased from Swofford's and a Norge refrigerator purchased from Farmer's Hardware, were given away on Christmas Eve. Miss Mary Helen Neill of Boone was the winner of the television set, and Mrs. H. A. Buxton of Blowing Rock won the refrigerator.

Registrations have been going on in most Boone stores since the first of December for all three prizes, and all tickets entered since the registrations began will be eligible to win the car. The winner is not required to be present at the drawing, but will be notified at the address shown on the winning ticket.

Buy Clothing For City Stores

Guy Hunt, Fred Church and G. T. Bare attended an advance showing of spring styles in men's clothing and accessories at Charlotte on Monday of this week. While there they made purchases for their respective stores, Hunt's Department Store in Boone, and Bar's Department Stores in Boone and North Wilkesboro.

Mrs. Mary Lenoir Dies At Age 87

Mary Lenoir of Boone died at the age of 87 on January 9 at the Watauga Hospital. Funeral services were held Monday, January 12, at the Minnie Baptist Church, conducted by Rev. Mr. Bailey.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Georgia Blanton of Columbus, Ohio, Mrs. Elizabeth Wagner of Gary, West Virginia, and Della Horton of Boone; and one brother, Remus Horton of Boomer, N. C.