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PAR NOBILE FRATRUM

Charlotte Observer. Neither Dr. B. B. Dougherty nor Capt. E. F. Lovill, of the enlarged mountain town of Boone is a man of great means; they may be small in purse, but they are big of heart, nor than these are there finer types of the mountain patriot. Doctor Dougherty and Captain Lovill have been hand in glove with the Observer on the two important considerations of highways and railroads for the mountains. The Observer made a half dozen trips to Raleigh in the determination to do whatever it could to forward the pending highway and railroad projects, but its devotion to duty paled in comparison with the example established by these two mountain factors. They were on hand when the Legislature met, and they remained "on the job" until they could go home rejoicing with the information that the railroad project had been put through. It costs somewhat to maintain oneself in Raleigh as members of the Legislature could testify, but neither Doctor Dougherty nor Captain Lovill balked at the weekly interview with the hotel cashier. They paid their own expenses and mainly for the comfort of the section of state in which they live. It is this sort of people that go to make up the mountain population—and no legislature could ever be organized in North Carolina would refuse to give people of that character the things they deserve to be given. When it comes to bringing give us the mountain man who has really set his mind on getting something.

If Captain Lovill does not know, Doctor Dougherty, who is a school teacher, may tell him what we are saying of them in the headline.

TO CONTRIBUTORS AND Friends of the Near East Relief

It has not been convenient for me to answer personally each contribution to the Near East Relief. Hence I take the method of expressing my personal gratitude to all of them, and I know that in so doing I am expressing the deep gratitude of those needy Armenian orphans for whom these offerings have been so liberally made. May the Lord's richest blessings ever rest upon these liberal contributors to this most worthy cause.

If there are those who have not yet made their offerings of money or property of a foreign Christian land, whose fathers and mothers were murdered by cruel hands, the opportunity is open to them. I appeal to all to have a part in this most noble cause. To those who make contributions now as regularly through the year, I wish to say that they may send their offerings either to their own church treasurer or make checks payable to Robert A. Brown, Treasurer, and send to me at Boone or to him at Raleigh. A campaign to collect clothing for these orphans will be started later. I hope many will be ready for this also. With very best wishes and with sincere gratitude, I am,

Yours faithfully,

J. M. DOWNUM

County chairman of Near East

Dr. Henry Perry, who has been away for the past few weeks, taking a special course in surgery in Johns Hopkins Hospital has returned home. Also Drs. Bingham and Anders have returned from a business trip to Raleigh, N. C.

Miss Kathleen Crawford, superintendent of the Watauga Hospital and Miss Hazel B. Bingham, nurse, have had a weeks vacation owing to the absence of the Drs. Bingham, Anders and Perry.

Misses Lillian and Carolyn Bingham came from the Greenville Sanatorium and Hospital where they have been in training for the past several months and have taken positions in the Watauga Hospital.

Dr. Dick Bingham of Sugar Grove was a welcome visitor in town Monday.

News Items From the Appalachian School

March came in with a slight snow storm in the mountains.

Mr. Lovell Rhodes, vocational officer from Asheville was at the Appalachian Training School the past week looking after the interests of the ex-soldier boys in training here.

A school is now being conducted in Boone for the cheese makers which will add greatly in the efficiency of those engaged in this, one of Watauga's most profitable business enterprises.

The young ladies basket ball team from Elk Park were defeated by the young ladies team from the Training School on the 2nd by a score of 23 to 8; also the boys' team from Hudson met a like fate from the Training School team, the score however being much closer 14 to 15.

The railroad bill passed by the legislature gives hope that these western counties, which have all these years been cut off from the state to which they have been so loyal, will some of these days be connected by a through line with their own state and will be pouring their unique productions into her lap, as loyal daughters should do for a mother true.

President Dougherty returned from Raleigh the latter part of the past week and made a most interesting talk to the Chamber of Commerce on Saturday night, for which that body gave him a rising vote of thanks. The Chamber of Commerce was interested greatly in the railroad enterprise, for the interests of which they had sent a large delegation to Raleigh, and hope was expressed that this much needed line will pass through Watauga, but of this of course they were not certain. The delegation thru Professor Smith Hagaman, made a splendid report of its trip.

J. M. DOWNUM

MIX-UP IN MARRIAGE MAKES HUSBAND OWN GRANDFATHER

A genealogical contortionist is Peter F. Linsky.

At the tender age of 22 he is his own grandfather by all the laws of man. It was the recent birth of a son that made a fourth dimension necessary to determine Peter's exact position in his family tree.

Eighteen months ago Linsky married a widow with a grown step-daughter. Linsky's father, a widower, married that step daughter. So the younger Mrs. Linsky became the mother-in-law of her father-in-law and the younger Linsky himself found that his step daughter was now his stepmother, while his own father was his stepson.

But hold! The elder Linsky's wife gave birth to a son. This son of course, was the younger Linsky's half brother; but he was also the grandson of the younger Mrs. Linsky.

Now enters Peter's own son, practically scrambling the family tree. It makes the wife of the senior Linsky the grandmother of Peter's boy, as well as his step-sister. It makes the senior Linsky some sort of brother-in-law to his own grandson. It makes the baby the child of Peter's step-grandmother, Peter logically becomes the brother-in-law of his step-mother, while Peter's wife discovers herself as his own child's aunt. The elder Linsky develops into the uncle of his son's child, and the child ending up with Peter Linsky playing grandfather to himself.

PAY OF THE SOLICITORS

Charlotte Observer.

If there were any solicitors in the state who had been pulling down yearly compensation to the extent of \$13,750 under the fee system, then there are some solicitors who have no ground for objecting to the new system of salaries. Four thousand, seven hundred and fifty dollars, with \$750 added by way of covering expenses ought to prove attractive enough to the average lawyer anxious to hold the job of solicitor. There is some comfort in the new deal, likewise, because of the arranged plan for the surplus over the fixed salary. It goes to the benefit of the public schools. The solicitors had a pretty stout friend in Mr. Haymore of Surry, who stood for a salary of \$5,000 and \$1000 for expenses. It is stated that under the new arrangement the pay of only one of the solicitors will be increased. It appears to have been an act in equalizing the salaries of the prosecuting attorneys.

Rev. Geo. W. Beverly and Mrs. Artie Peoples both of Blowing Rock, were happily united in marriage at Blowing Rock March 1st. Reverend Mr. Huggins officiated.

FRUIT TREES

I will be in Boone during Court with a good lot of fine young fruit trees for sale.

W. L. COFFEY

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NOTICE

PIGS FOR SALE—see or write O. E. HAMPTON Blowing Rock, N. C.—4t p.

TO THE BOONE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

Your delegation composed of the following gentlemen: Dr. Anders, Dr. R. K. Bingham, E. S. Coffey, Sheriff Critcher, Watt Gragg, Roy Gragg, Smith-Hagaman, John W. Hodges, A. E. Smith, J. F. Moore, G. K. Moose, Bynum Taylor, A. E. Hamby and Stewart Winkler to visit the legislature in what is known as the Bowie Railroad Bill, which has for its purpose the construction of a trunk line of railroad, with such connecting lines as may be necessary, connecting the "Lost Provinces"—Watauga, Ashe, and Alleghany counties—with the outside world and for cheaper and quicker transportation of coal and other products from the north and west to the cities of our state, left Boone on Monday morning February 25, travelling in two automobiles, going by the way of North Wilkesboro. It began raining early in the morning and continued through the day and night which very greatly impeded our progress owing to the fact that we had to make many detours over muddy roads on account of the great road building program now going on all over the state.

Everything went fairly well until we arrived at Greensboro some time after night. It was the opinion of the entire delegation that it would be unfair to other cities that Greensboro should have the honor of entertaining the entire delegation for the night. It was therefore decided that we should divide fifty-fifty between Greensboro and Durham. Our Durham bound car proceeded without mishap over a very fine concrete road until out about five miles, when to our surprise we suddenly landed in, at that time, the worst mud-hole in the State. It was foggy and the rain pouring down. We then began trying out every plan of every man that had ever heard or read of extracting an automobile from a mud hole, but to no avail. In our desperation a delegation was sent to wait on a farmer who lived not far away. His team was balky and no use to try it. He was persuaded however through fear or hope of reward to lend his personal assistance. Under his instruction all of the former remedies were repeated but without effect. The old gentleman said he knew of but one other remedy; this is to be applied in extreme cases only, as this is a kill or cure remedy. This last remedy he explained is a concoction of mud and pine brush—cedar is better. We had the mud in abundance but what were we to do for the pine brush? However, the old man aided by some of our gang, disappeared in the darkness and with their pocket knives were able to procure a small quantity of the said pine brush. After fixing the mud and brush to the proper consistency the old gentleman explained that it is now necessary for every man to lift as he never lifted before, because this car is "swyne to come or bust." Well, the powerful combination of gasoline, man power and pine brush was too much for even the worst mud hole in Guilford. She moved—just a little; every man was instantly calling for more brush; more brush was procured, and finally after more than two hours of desperation we were again on terra firma. After a substantial compensation and many good wishes for the future welfare of the old gentleman, we were again on our way. I mean after every member of our crowd had most emphatically fired his "I told you so" into the other fellow.

For the consolation of the Chamber of Commerce, I might say that on this particular occasion every word was carefully selected and only the best of English used. (For verification of the above see John W. Hodges before he changes his mind.) At last, decorated from head to foot with the soil of the great county of Guilford, we arrive in Durham at the rather unusual hour of 3 a. m. It is plain to be seen that hotel porters and night clerks are not quite sure whether it is a detachment of the more vicious and dangerous of the Ku Klux Klan or only a company of genial citizens from Hunting Creek in the good county of Wilkes.

We arrived in Raleigh at 11 a. m. Tuesday being joined by Capt. Lovill and B. B. Dougherty who were already on the ground. We immediately investigated the lay of the land and found, although a large amount of legislation had accumulated in the closing days of the legislature, that the Bowie bill was occupying the center of the stage, in fact it was at white heat. The bill was set for consideration by a joint meeting of the Senate committees on Appropriations and railroads at 3 p. m. This meeting your entire delegation attended. After a hearing of one hour the bill received a favorable committee report. The bill had previously been set for special order for 8 p. m. By the time reports from all the committees were in, the galleries and rooms were packed with interested spectators and lobbyists. The bill was placed in charge of Senator Squares of Lenoir. Every member of the Senate was present except two who were

paired on this bill. The debate had not proceeded very far before it was clear that a battle royal was on, and it was further clear that the galleries and lobbies were overwhelmingly in favor of the bill.

An attempt was made to destroy the measure by a very innocent appearing little amendment, however this was voted down by a small majority. Every inch of ground was tested by both the proponents and opponents of the measure. The battle ended at midnight with 27 for and 21 against the measure, on its second reading. The result was greeted with applause. With a few exceptions it was a fight between the east and west.

Your delegation had a very pleasant return. Raiding cafes, fruit stand candy kitchens, swapping jokes, and singing everything in the catalog from "Turkey in the Straw" to "Second Dozology," discussing ways and means of making Boone and Watauga county grow, made up the day's program.

We arrived in Boone at 10 p. m. Wednesday, having the satisfaction of knowing that we had, at least, convinced the Senate that the Boone Chamber of Commerce is desperately in favor of the Bowie Bill and the speedy carrying out of all its provisions.

SMITH HAGAMAN for the delegation

NORTH CAROLINA, WATAUGA COUNTY.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COVE CREEK CO-OPERATIVE STORE.

Notice is hereby given to the stock holders of the Cove Creek Co-operative Store that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of said company at the office of the company at Sugar Grove on April 14, 1923 for the purpose of passing on the following resolution adopted by the board of directors of said company.

Resolved, that in the judgment of this board it is advisable and most for the benefit of the Cove Creek Co-operative Store, that the same should be dissolved and to that end it is ordered that a meeting of the stockholders be held on the 14th day of April 1923 at the office of the company at Sugar Grove to take action on this resolution.

Cove Creek Co-operative Store by W. H. MAST, Secretary.

THE CHILD AUTO DRIVER

Significant of automobile accidents is given a new understanding by the tables prepared by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. These tables show the cause of death in 1922.

Children under 15 years of age it appears, furnish nearly one half of the victims of the automobile. There has been made a tremendous gain as regards the deaths from communicable diseases of childhood but this disease rate has declined only about one-third in 11 years while the automobile death rate has been multiplied six times. That is, the total increase in the death rate due to automobiles and the special rate of the children may well show a far greater increase

for the automobile was not so popular a dozen years ago.

Too many children drive automobiles. This law which requires that all drivers of automobiles be above 15 years of age, is being violated every day. It is being violated right here in High Point. The other day a man was arrested and taxed with the costs in the local police court for allowing a minor to drive a machine. This man isn't the only one guilty of allowing his child to drive an automobile. This law is being violated by scores of people in this city and they ought to be prosecuted.

A locomotive engineer is required to spend several years in the service as a fireman before he is allowed to serve as pilot of a train, but the

child is given an automobile and a tank full of gas and told to drive where he pleases. This is a practice that ought to be stopped. It is dangerous for a mere lad to drive an automobile and as the insurance companies' tables show accidents as the result of child auto drivers are on the increase in this nation of ours.

The parent can help the police enforce this law by seeing to it that his child does not sit behind the steering wheel of an automobile until he has passed the age of 16 years.—The High Point Enterprise.

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Watauga Fur. & Lumber Co.