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## NEWS ITEMS FROM THE TRAIN SCHOOL

Items of Interest Gathered From the Training School, Public School and Town at Large.

The ladies bazaar at the Blackburn Hotel on Thursday evening in which chicken salad and oysters were served, netted the good ladies about \$100, which goes to the Methodist Church fund, with thanks to these good workers.

Many of the young people of the Appalachian Training School had an outing on Saturday afternoon which seemed to be greatly enjoyed by them.

The people of Boone greatly regret to see Dr. McG. Anders and his good family leave for the winter to return to Gastonia owing to the fact that the public school is not to continue the full term.

December is giving us some of the warmest days since the summer or the very early fall. For some days it has almost been like summer heat.

On Sunday there was preaching at the Baptist Church but not at the Methodist. At the Methodist Sunday School class no. 4 had charge of the opening exercises in charge of Miss Richardson of the Training School. All of the young ladies of this class are in the Training School.

Mr. Henry Greene of Boone died at his home at 2:30 Monday morning. Mr. Greene had been secretary of the Watauga Building and Loan Association and been in failing health for some time, but his death was unexpected at the time, for he did not seem worse than he had for some time.

He is to be buried on Tuesday at 10 a. m. in Beaver Dams, where his home was.

Miss Ruth Hubbell of Mountain Park has been added to the faculty of the Training School, and has arrived and is ready to take up her work. She will relieve some of the other teachers in the English and Latin Departments. Miss Hubbell is an A. M. graduate of Columbia and has several years experience in college and high school work. The school feels itself fortunate in securing her services.

Several young ladies from Boone spent a part of Sunday in Winston-Salem, and seemed to enjoy their visit very much. They were Miss Clara Suggs of T. H. Farthing's Military Department, Ruth Coffey, Director of Music at the Training School, Carrie Coffey, of the Watauga County Bank, and Eula Hodges and Nellie Coffey, students at the Training School.

The reports for the first term of the Training School have been much delayed owing to sickness among the students. A few will be delayed a little longer on account of sickness but the greater part of them have been sent out.

Prof Livers, Director of Extension Work at the N. C. C. W. Greensboro was at the Training School Tuesday the 11th.

Paul Winkler will celebrate his 17th birthday Tuesday night by inviting his grade to participate in a party and dinner.

The ladies of the town have started to work to raise money for a library for the public school.

Monday evening from 3 to 5 o'clock Little Miss Nelle Trivet gave a party in honor of her 12th birthday. A number of her friends were invited and the evening passed away all to rapidly.

The children who are in the second grade of the Boone Public School are always enthusiastic over their work and all school activities. They have enjoyed the Thanksgiving season and besides memorizing a thanks giving psalm and appropriate poems they have been greatly interested in the historical story of our first Thanksgiving. They felt honored to have Dr. Rankin tell them this story. They enjoyed the story—while it impressed them deeply, so by the help their teacher gave them they were able to retell the story of the Pilgrims and their first Thanksgiving. Those who heard them declared their manner of story telling creditable for grammar grade students.

These little people were given another treat recently when Mr. Wilson of the A. T. S. told them a historical story of the Mammoth Cave. His personal knowledge gained by a recent visit to the cave added charm to the story, and while the children were given helpful facts they were delightfully entertained. They and

## MR. H. H. GREENE DIES EARLY MONDAY MORNING

Mr. H. H. Greene, whose serious illness we have mentioned from time to time, died at his home in Boone Monday morning. The remains were taken to Beaver Dam where interment was made on Tuesday, the Rev. F. M. Huggins conducting the funeral.

Soon after the Watauga Building & Loan Association was organized Mr. Green moved to Boone and was elected Secretary-Treasurer. He was a very active and most efficient official and was largely responsible for the almost unprecedented growth of that organization which today means so much to Boone and Watauga at large. He was also Secretary of the Sugar Grove Federal Farm Loan Association at the time of his death.

Mr. Green was a very pleasant affable gentleman, a good business man and better than all, he lived the life of a Christian. He was twice married, the second time to Mrs. Floy Mast of Boone who survives him. A friend who had known him from his youth up remarked to the Democrat: "Henry Greene was a good citizen—he always has been. He was 56 years of age and leaves some grown children by his first marriage."

## GOVERNMENT POWDER FOR WATAUGA STUMPS

The following letter has recently been sent out to local farmers by the county agent.

We were not able to get our picnic acid last year for the purpose of blowing stumps but the Government is now offering to distribute upon the same basis, another explosive which they claim is far superior to picric acid. This material is called Sodatal. Sodatal is put up in sticks similar to dynamite, is exploded by the regular no. 6 dynamite cap, does not freeze in cold weather does not stain the hands, nor cause head ache, and has stronger explosive power than dynamite.

This material will cost probably about 10c per pound. It is delivered in 50 pound boxes with about 60 sticks to the box.

The above facts are given out by Government agents and I have talked to a few men who have used this material and they state that these facts are true. If you expect to use any explosive, and will take advantage of this offer it will save you about sixty cents on the dollar. I hope that everyone who needs an explosive will let me know at once, so that we can get this order off immediately. It will be necessary for you to inclose check with the order as the charges will have to be paid in advance. Make your check \$5.00 per box of 50 lbs. and if that is more than it costs the remainder will be returned to you. If for any reason the order is not made, the check will not be cashed but will be returned just as you sent it.

Yours truly,  
JOHN B. STEELE

## GAP CREEK NEWS

Hassenger Bros. have notified the people of Hopkins that they will remove their railroad railings in about 30 days which has been operating to Hopkins for the past three years. This branch of railroad will be missed greatly by the people of the Gap Creek Community.

Mr. M. S. Watson, brother to T. S. Watson died at his home in Caldwell county on Friday morning. The remains were brought to Laurel Springs cemetery for burial on Saturday.

Miss Addie Watson of Yuma has been visiting her sister Mrs. Raleigh Williams of Sands, N. C. the past week.

Mr. Alfred Watson of Yuma is suffering very much at this writing with a fevered leg which was caused by typhoid fever 15 years ago. Mr. Watson has tried in vain to find a remedy to cure this but has failed so far.

Mr. Odist Watson has purchased part of the Dr. Smith farm where Mr. Smith formerly lived. Mr. Watson has now moved and living at home.

## BOX SUPPER AT COVE CREEK

There will be a box supper at the Cove Creek School on Friday night December 14, the proceeds to go for athletic supplies.

Their teacher promise you a hearty welcome if you want to see them at their work.

## RURAL ROUTE NO 2 IN OPERATION MONDAY

The newly established R. F. D. out of Boone goes into effect next Monday. The carrier leaves Boone at 8:30 a. m. and is scheduled to return at 5 p. m. The route goes via Sands where it merges with the old Sands R. F. D. and with some minor changes, follows it the entire route. Mr. W. S. Houck who has been carrier on the old route for the past 18 years, and there is none better, will continue to handle the mail on Route 2.

## WILKESBORO ADOPTS DRASTIC RESOLUTION IN LIQUOR FIGHT

The following resolution adopted by the Board of Town Commissioners of Wilkesboro, shows that the officials there are on the job as regards regulation of the liquor traffic:

Be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the town of Wilkesboro, in meeting assembled on Monday night, December 3, 1923 that whereas intoxicating liquors are being sold around the town of Wilkesboro, and boys from the ages of ten and older have been under the influence of liquor by reason thereof. That the mayor of this town require every person found in the corporate limits under the influence of intoxicating liquors or in the possession of any quantity thereof, to make such disclosure of where he procured said liquor that a conviction be had of the retailer, and upon the failure of any party to do so, the said mayor is directed to commit said party to the common jail of Wilkes County until he does furnish such proof.

The said mayor is further directed to freely use the common jail of Wilkes County in breaking up the liquor traffic and the use thereof.

The purpose of this board is to stop drunkenness in this town and the sale of liquor to any of its inhabitants or to persons coming in to said town.

All members of said board voting "aye" upon said resolution, it is declared, carried by the mayor.

Charles G. Gilreath, Mayor.  
L. B. Dula, Secy.

As mayor of this town I shall follow this resolution to the letter, regardless of standing in society or any other consideration or condition. I further wish to warn the parents of the town of Wilkesboro, that the government of the town, with all that it can do, cannot take the place of a parent, and if it is left to raise the boys of the town, they cannot hope to escape common jail, because this is our only means of punishment.

Considerable force at home and a complete diligence on the part of the parent, to know the whereabouts of the boy who is under the age of 21 is the only way to safeguard their present and future happiness and worth to society.

It is not for the good of any boy under 21 years of age to romp the streets at all hours of night and to sit around in gangs at grocery stores and if parents do not know they are there, they do know they are not at home, and if they cannot enforce parental discipline enough to break up this condition, if they will telephone the mayor, the policeman will deliver the boy home in good order and in due time.

We say this because within the last week young boys in the best families in the town have been under the influence of liquor.

Respectfully,  
CHAS. G. GILREATH, Mayor.

## A GREAT PEOPLE

In a free republic a great government is the product of a great people. They will look to themselves rather than government for success. The destiny, the greatness, of America lies around the hearthstone. If thrift and industry are taught there, and the example of self sacrifice appears, if honor abides there, and high ideals, if there the building of fortune is subordinate to the building of character, America will live in security, rejoicing in an abundant prosperity and good government at home, and in peace, confidence and respect abroad. If these virtues be absent there is no power that can supply these blessings. Look well then to the hearthstone, therein all hope for America lies.—Calvin Coolidge.

No other can take your place at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on Saturday night—7:30.

## STANDARD OIL CO. PUTTING IN STORAGE TANKS IN BOONE

The Standard Oil Co. that has been operating a barrel station in Boone for some time, decided that this territory was entitled to a better service, so they had two narrow gauge tank cars constructed for the E. T. and W. N. C. Railroad and a foreman with a bunch of men is busily engaged in putting in a real station here this week on a lot purchased from Mr. W. L. Bryan. The two large tanks have arrived and are being put in place. The railroad has been extended to their property, a storage room for the heavy oils, and an engine house are in the course of construction. The foreman hopes to have the tanks filled and everything working nicely between now and Christmas.

## ADVANTAGES OF SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION

1. Permits better grading of the schools and better classification of the pupils.
2. Teachers have ample time for each recitation and can specialize on a few grades.
3. Insures larger enrollment of pupils, more regular attendance, less tardiness and eliminates truancy.
4. Eliminates the heavy expense of sending pupils away for more advanced studies.
5. Accomplishes greater results in the same time because of increased efficiency of the school.
6. Provides better discipline than usually can be obtained in one room one teacher schools.
7. Larger classes encourage more enthusiastic spirit of rivalry among class members.
8. Pupils' wider circle of acquaintances improves manners, strengthens individuality, develops initiative and self reliance.
9. Quickens public interest in the schools, broadens the social sphere of the community life, and develops community spirit.
10. The satisfaction of the parents in knowing their children are attending a well regulated school in a building where heat, light, ventilation and hygienic conditions are given proper attention.
11. Better teachers can be obtained because of the more attractive surroundings.
12. Public interest is aroused in school work and the people become justly proud of their school.

13. Gives every country child a square deal, regardless of wealth of parents or distance from the school.

14. A good class of citizens remain in the community who otherwise would move away to educate their children.

15. Children voluntarily remain in school longer because of increased interest in school work.

16. Makes the farm home an ideal place to rear children by providing as good schools for the country child as city schools are for the city child.

17. A great saving to parents in the total cost of educating their children where high school subjects are taught.

18. "The only complete solution of the problem of agricultural education that has been offered."

SMITH HAGAMAN,  
County Superintendent.

## COVE CREEK ITEMS

(Too late for last issue.)  
A protracted meeting is in progress this week at the Willowdale church with the pastor, Rev. Ed Hodges in charge of the services.

At an enthusiastic meeting on Sunday night the B. Y. P. U. of the Cove Creek church reorganized and began work for the winter months. Miss Watson of the school faculty made an interesting talk.

The Thanksgiving services conducted by Rev. W. E. Wilson at the Baptist church on Thanksgiving Day was very appropriate. Although the congregation was rather small the offering of the church and Sunday school to the Thomasville orphanage amounted to \$79.00.

Among recent visitors to the school were Mrs. W. L. Henson, Miss Rose Edna Dugger, Mr. J. J. L. Glenn, Mr. A. D. Wilson and Miss Hinshaw of Knoxville.

In a second game with the Boone Public School on the local court the Cove Creek boys won by a score of 25 to 9.

Boone Chamber of Commerce will meet next Saturday night at 7:30, by order of President Gragg.

## WHAT WATAUGA IS DOING UNDER CO. FARM AGENT

"Ashe County Citizen" in the Ashe Recorder.

I want to tell the farmers of Ashe county what our neighbor Watauga county is doing in the way of farming under the care of a county agent. Watauga is raising from three to four hundred bushels of fine Irish potatoes to the acre and getting an average of \$1.57 per bushel for them delivered at Boone.

One Watauga county man told me that he grew 404 bushels of potatoes on one acre. By his not belonging to the potato association under the management of the County Farm Agent, he lost about \$150 in the price received for those 404 bushels of potatoes besides the haul bill which amounted to about \$150. This makes a total loss of \$300 for the man.

The potato crop is not the only crop that brings money to the farmers of Watauga. The farmers nearly all grow from one half to two acres of cabbage. These farmers who belong to the farm association receive better prices for their cabbage delivered in Boone than those who haul them all the way to Lenoir, Hickory, Morganton and Charlotte.

Ashe county can do just as well with her potato and cabbage crop as Watauga if they are properly managed. One acre of ground will grow 20,000 pounds of cabbage while on the other hand one acre of ground will grow 350 bushels of potatoes. 20,000 pounds of cabbage at \$1.50 per hundred will bring \$300.00 per acre to the farmer and 350 bushels of potatoes at \$1.50 per bushel will bring him \$525.00 per acre. By the use of a little energy and the guidance of a farm agent, the farmers of Ashe county could look after their other crops and in addition to these grow at least two acres of cabbage which would bring in \$600 and two acres of potatoes which would bring \$1050.00.

Watauga is doing this very thing and there are only two causes to which this advancement can be attributed. One is the progressive spirit existing among the farmers, the business man, and the officials of the county, and the other is the guidance and aid of the County Farm Agent.

Watauga county's agent has not only been a help to the potato grower and cabbage grower but he has been a help to the farmers in the cultivation and disposal of all their crop and in the disposal of their produce. He is the farmer's pilot in Watauga county.

Watauga has prospered under the county farm agent. She has solved the problem of raising money for the farmer to pay their taxes. She has increased their yield per acre of her crops.

Just so can Ashe county prosper, just so can the Ashe county farmers have the money crops to assist them with their tax burden, just so can her yield per acre be increased and the spirit of prosperity more widely spread if she will only employ the proper county farm agent to lead, guide and direct her noble farmers.

## BAMBOO NEWS

Mr. Earl Cook and wife of Ruthewood were visitors at C. M. Critcher's Tuesday.

Mr. T. L. Critcher has returned from Wilkes where he has been visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Edmisten visited Mr. J. D. Vandyke Sunday. The revival at Brown's chapel is still going on conducted by Rev. Mr. Jones.

Miss Cora Miller has returned from Statesville very much improved after a few days absence from her school.

Mr. Louie Matney is moving in the J. G. Cook house. Glad to have them with us.

Mr. G. F. Critcher is now running a steel drag over the road from the highway to Mount Vernon, putting the road in good condition again.

There will be prayer services at Mount Vernon Sunday night.

There will be two exercises given at Bamboo School Friday afternoon and Friday night, Dec. 21.

The afternoon programs will be given at 2 o'clock. It will consist of a drama (Christmas eve) and a few speeches given by the primary grade. There will be a small admission fee charged for the night program. Come and see "Those Dreadful Twins" a very noted Comedy given by the seventh grade.

Night exercises begin at 7 o'clock.

## WATAUGA WILL GET HATCHERY

Four Breeding Sites for Fish To Be Located in Northwest.—One at Roaring Gap.

Western North Carolina will get four fish hatcheries instead of three as at first planned. The additional hatchery was agreed upon by the fisheries board in session at Morehead City on the 11th.

Two of these hatcheries will be located in Northwestern North Carolina for the propagation of mountain trout. One of them will be built near Roaring Gap in Alleghany county and the other will be located three miles from Boone in Watauga county.

Citizens of Watauga offered splendid inducements for the building of a hatchery in this section and so did residents of Alleghany for the construction of a hatchery near Roaring Gap.

The other two hatcheries will be located in Haywood and McDowell Counties. The one in Haywood will be built near Billson and will be the largest of the state's trout hatcheries, serving more territory than any of the others. The hatchery in McDowell will likely be located near Old Fort.

In locating the hatcheries the commission acted upon the recommendation of the chairman J. K. Dixon, state fish commissioner, John A. Nelson and Federal Government Hatcher Expert Brown, who made thorough investigation of all proposed sites in the mountains. The four sites selected were declared to be the best available in the whole state. It is announced that the hatcheries will be built without delay. It has been decided to build a large bass hatchery near Fayetteville.

## METHODISTS HOLD A "GET-TOGETHER SOCIAL"

The "Get-together" social at the Methodist church on Tuesday night was quite a success. The membership of the church and friends gathered first in the church auditorium to hear appointed speakers discuss the purpose of such a meeting and to get before the people the policy of the church for the year. A large number of people were present. A supper was then served in the basement of the church by the ladies of the Missionary Society who gave a most delightful meal. In all the social was a very pleasant one that will be remembered for many days to come.

## BEAUTIFY BOONE TRAIL HIGHWAY

Will you help to beautify the Boone Trail highway through the county? Every one on the Trail want his own property to look just as beautiful as possible. Those who will agree to have their trees or shrubbery set out on a part or all of their property will please write or see any of the undersigned committee. The more help the lighter the work will be, and more can then rejoice in its beauty. Let people from other sections of the state and country know that they are in Watauga county by the beauty that surrounds them. Will you help, that is personally? Write us at once.

Yours for beauty,  
V. H. GRAGG,  
B. R. DOUGHERTY,  
J. M. DOWNUM, Secy.

Committee.

## WITH THE LOCAL CHURCHES

Methodist Church—Sunday Dec. 16  
Sunday School at 10 a. m.—Mr. J. B. Steele, Superintendent.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by the pastor Rev. M. B. Woosley.

Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.

Wednesday prayer service at 7 p. m.

A warm welcome is extended to all.

At the Baptist Church  
Sunday School 10 a. m.  
Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.  
B. Y. P. U.'s 6 p. m.  
Prayer service choir practice Wednesday 7 p. m.  
You are cordially invited to attend these services.