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## News Items as Reported From Rural Watauga

### Brief Gleanings of Local Interest as Gathered During the Past Week by Our Various Community Correspondents

#### WATAUGA LADY'S 80th BIRTH-DAY IS CELEBRATED

On Feb. 21 at the home of Mr. T. C. Baird the children and several of Mrs. D. F. Baird's friends met and were delighted to honor and celebrate the 80th anniversary of Grandma Baird as she is familiarly known. The children were all present except Mrs. J. C. Moore, who was detained by bad roads, each one bringing a basket of the best from their pantries and when tastefully arranged by skillful hands, the table with its load of rich and well prepared viands presented a tempting scene. The birthday cake was baked by Mrs. W. W. Mast, and was beautifully decorated with numerous little candles. None could surpass it for it was as good as could be. The dining room was decorated by Mrs. W. H. Wagner and Miss Alice Taylor. Those present were Mrs. T. H. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Shull, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Mast, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Horton, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Baird, Others being: Mrs. C. D. Taylor, Mrs. Dr. Perry, Mrs. W. H. Mast, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Mast, Ex-Sheriff W. B. Baird, Mrs. J. W. Horton, R. J. Horton of Farrell, Pa; Mrs. Cindy Mast and Mrs. R. M. McKoy. Every one was light hearted and happy and it was most pleasant day, one we will long remember. Of the 30 grand children there was only one present, the others being away in high school, colleges and nurses in hospitals. It is said that Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Baird had a larger number of grandchildren to graduate at the A. T. S. than any other two people in the county. Grandma spends her time with her children visiting her friends and her neighbors and it is a real benediction to have been in the home. If we would divide our bouquets of flowers with our friends while they are living, say some of the nice things to them, and not wait until they are gone it would do them a lot more good.

Dinner was announced and all gathered around the table. Before being seated the following was offered, in honor of the occasion:

"Dear friends, The commandment with promise says, 'honor thy father and mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.' There are many ways we may honor our parents, by obedience, and by giving them the best service that is in us with tender love and affection. This is why we are here today to honor one who has filled her place in the home as only a mother can. To her children she gives a rich inheritance. One of heaven's richest blessings is a religious parentage. It is a patrimony more precious than gold and one to be proud of. As we gather around this festal board celebrating with Grandma Baird her 80th anniversary we rejoice with her and are thankful that she is with us and enjoying seemingly good health and 'like the ripe shock of corn that cometh in his season' we are thankful for her life and her hallowed influence. May heaven's benedictions fall in copious showers upon her, and that this may be an undivided family in the 'house not made by hands.'"

Then the blessing by Mr. D. F. Mast and now guess the rest.

#### RUTHERWOOD NEWS

Miss Bertie Brown and Miss Lize Brown and Mrs. Mamie Ray visited Mrs. D. F. Brown Sunday afternoon. Mr. J. H. Green visited his sister Saturday night on Gap Creek. Miss Pansy Green visited Miss Clara Green Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Gladys Watson visited her mother Sunday. Mr. Thomas Greer is improving at this writing. Mrs. Rosa Watson is visiting her brother. Mrs. Lony Greer is visiting her sister. Mr. Joe Coffey is moving back to his old home near Mt. Vernon.

#### BLOWING ROCK NEWS

The many friends of Mrs. C. S. Prevette will be glad to know that she has returned home from the Davis hospital in Statesville very much improved. She underwent a very serious operation.

Miss Lula Ward and Miss Ray Critcher after spending a week with home folks have returned to Lincolnton to resume their work nursing in the Lincoln Hospital.

Blowing Rock is on a building boom. Two big contracts were let last week for big brick buildings on main street. More new hotels are going up. We are informed that six hundred carpenters are expected here to help with the rush.

Mr. Gray Boynton spent the week end here with his family returning Monday to Charlotte.

Mrs. Boynton entertained a number of the young folks last Friday night. Everybody reported a good time.

Mr. Hugh McDade has just returned from Florida where he spent a few weeks. He reports lots of snow. We are glad to learn that Barber Hartley who has been confined to his bed all winter is slowly improving.

Mrs. John Williams is a very sick lady at this writing.

Mrs. Beverly is on the sick list.

Mrs. Cameron Williams is reported to be very ill.

Mr. Ed Greene of the Navy paid his home town a short visit. We were all glad to see Ed.

Mrs. Allison Teague is seriously ill. She has been confined to her bed for some time with dropsy.

Mr. Newt Edmister is still in the Hickory Hospital but not well enough to come home. We understand his condition will not permit of his coming home on account of the high altitude here.

#### FOSCOE NEWS

The Holiness people closed a two weeks revival here Sunday. We think there has been a lot of good seed sown. They preached their farewell sermon at Shulls Mills Sunday night and quite a large crowd went down from Foscoe. The people of this place were sorry to see them leave but are hoping to have them back again in the early spring.

Mrs. Caroline Waters was very sorry to have Mr. and Mrs. Morgan leave her after making their home with her for more than two weeks.

Since the snow is all gone the Foscoes have returned to the state and back again to Foscoe. The last we seen of them they had taken the train here with several hundred pound of Coffey.

Mr. Charlie Moore just returned from Avery with a drove of sheep. He believes in having nice stock on his farm.

Mr. Dexter Byrd went to Johnson City this week on business.

Mr. Joe Wagner since eating the 8 pounds of chicken has disappeared. We think he has gone to Greenville, Tenn., and will soon return, bringing back his wife.

Rev. Sebastian preached a good sermon in Foscoe Sunday at the School house.

Mr. Lee Moody thought winter was coming so he took his mule and went up on the mountain to haul some wood. The mule was not satisfied up there so it took to flight and left Mr. Moody and the wood up on the mountain and returned to the barn.

"Loving Henry" better get busy and come back to Foscoe or Baby Ray will carry off his Coffey as he seems to be very much interested up here of late.

Mr. Estep, better known as Slim from Elizabethton, Tenn., seems to be interested in Foscoe Coffey. Go ahead Slimmie.

Mr. Fred Blair from Boone was over again Sunday. Seems to be an attraction here for him.

Mr. Clarence Lawrence has moved to Foscoe we hear.

(Additional country correspondence will be found on page 11.)

#### THREE PLANES START ON FLIGHT AROUND WORLD

Santa Monica, Calif., March 17.—Three United States army aviators started around the world from here today to chart the first globe-circling air-way. Eyes of 23 nations will be on the skies between now and August as the American fliers wing their way on the 30,000 miles voyage in an effort to accomplish what French and British airmen failed to do.

The flight started at 9:32 o'clock this morning when Major Fred, Lieut. Martin left the ground. He was followed by Lieutenant Lowell H. Smith and Lieutenant Wade. A score of army and civilian planes followed as an escort and soon disappeared in the clouds to the northward.

The fourth world cruiser, delayed in delivery by the manufacturer today was in San Diego. Lieutenant Nelson, pilot, hopes to take off tomorrow. He will join the others at Portland or Seattle.

America's attempt to map the first world air way will be carried out in a series of flights ranging from 235 to 860 miles.

The first jump was from Cloverfield here, to Mathersfield, Sacramento. The second tomorrow will be from Sacramento to Vancouver Baracks, Washington, across the river from Portland Oregon Wednesday, to Seattle where pontoons will be installed for marine landings until the fliers reach Calcutta, India. The beginning of the trip expected to be only four and a half hour's flight, proved to be the beginning of the many problems the airmen will have to face.

Light rains fell here, a wall of clouds settled down on the Tehachapi and the San Joaquin and Sacramento valleys were blanketed by clouds. It was feared they would have to go above the clouds over Tehachapi Pass. If they were forced to a high altitude above the pass it might have meant a return to Santa Monica.

The cruisers plan to leave Seattle late this month, go through Alaskan and Aleutian points and will reach Chicago Island end of the first division by April 11.

The second division of the flight over Japan will come to an end at Kagoshima Japan April 26. The third division of the flight extends along the Chinese coast through to Calcutta, India, at which arrival is scheduled May 28. Pontoons will be replaced at Calcutta by wheel landing gear through the fourth division arriving at San Stefano, Turkey June 12. Then through the fifth division the aviators will fly over the Balkans, Vienna thence down through France to London, England, arriving there July 1. The sixth division is over Iceland, Greenland, down the Canadian coast to Washington, arriving about August 10. Then the final leg will be across the United States back to Cloverfield.

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#### WATAUGA COURT CONVENES MONDAY

Watauga Superior Court will be in session next week, presided over by Judge J. L. Webb.

The docket is not unusually large, perhaps the most important case being that of Miles Love, charged with killing his child, which together with numerous small cases and civil actions will probably not take more than one week.

#### JACKIE COOGAN WILL TAKE A REST FROM THE MOVIES

New York, March 18.—Jackie Coogan will forsake the movies for ten weeks this summer in order to lead a modern Children's Crusade through the United States in an appeal to the children of America for a million dollar shipload of foodstuffs for the destitute orphans of the Near East and then will sail in person to deliver the gifts to the Near East orphans in Greece, Palestine and Syria, it became known here today, when Charles V. Vickrey, General Secretary of the Near East Relief, made public a letter from Mr. Jack Coogan, Jackie's father, giving his consent to the trip.

"For two reasons," wrote Mr. Coogan, "I am glad to allow Jackie to represent the American children in this deserving cause.

"The first of course, is that I feel that the Near East Relief is doing one of the greatest pieces of child welfare work in the world, in which I am proud to have my son assist."

"But I have another reason too, a more selfish one perhaps—I want Jackie to see and realize some of the hardships and suffering some of the other children of his own age had to endure and I am sure that the light of these thousands of destitute, fatherless, and motherless children for whom your organization is caring cannot fail to bring him home to a realization of our common duty to one another."

Jackie will start his campaign with a series of condensed milk appeals in the Pacific coast cities as soon as he finishes work on his present picture, "A Boy of Flanders." Similar campaigns for carloads of milk, and flour, clothing and quinine will then be held across the continent.

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#### BEE-KEEPERS OF COUNTY WILL MEET IN BOONE

There will be a meeting of the bee-keepers of Watauga county in Boone, March 28 and 29. Mr. Sams, the state bee man will be here on those days and is anxious to meet and get acquainted with and answer questions for any or all of the bee-keepers of the county.

Mr. Henry Hardin whose bees are just across the street from the court house, has kindly consented for us to use his hives for demonstration purposes.

Bring your bee veils along and help Mr. Sams go through these hives at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of both days. He will make examination of the hives and recommendations for proper treatment.

A number of bee-keepers of the county have been wishing for Mr. Sams to visit Watauga for some time and it is hoped that he will have a good bunch of interested people to come and talk with him.

#### COVE CREEK ITEMS

(Deferred from last week.)

Mr. John McBride of Sherwood is seriously ill.

The Womans Missionary Society of the Cove Creek Baptist church met on Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. E. Deal. The meeting was to observe the March week of prayer and Miss Theodosia Watson was in charge. After a very interesting program Mrs. Deal served refreshments.

Next Saturday has been appointed for the work on the grounds of the Cove Creek Baptist church. The Womans Missionary Society will serve a lunch and help in setting out shrubs etc. in the afternoon.

A meeting will be held on the fifth Sunday with the Cove Creek Church. An interesting program is being prepared and everybody is cordially invited.

Among the visitors at the school last week were Messrs. J. J. Glenn, Enoch Swift, J. M. Horton, Mrs. L. E. Moody, Mrs. Mary Miller, Mrs. DeWitt Brown, Mrs. J. R. Mast, and Miss Ruth Mast.

The large bell donated to the Cove Creek Baptist Church by Mr. J. F. Wilson was placed in the belfry one day last week. The most urgent need of the church at present is pews but for a while the old seats will be used.

#### BROOKSIDE DOTS

Mr. Ed Jackson was recently appointed by the county deeded to complete the new road from Big Hill to Grandy Creek, and was furnished with a good supply of repair blanks. He was seen working on the road by himself, and of course he will return his papers at next meeting marked on the back, not-pros with leave.

Mr. R. H. Castle who has been suffering for a number of months died on last Thursday and was buried at his home in the family grave yard on Friday.

Mrs. Walter Z. Watson and little girl who have been visiting friends in Brookside, returned to their home in Detroit last Friday.

William R. Jackson who has been working for some months in a cotton factory in the far south has returned to his parents.

Turner Watson who has been in Detroit Mich., for the past eight months bought him a new touring car and tried his luck running it thru the states, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, and back by Washington home without a mishap anywhere.

Mr. C. M. Blackburn was notified that his sister Mrs. Goodman of Virginia was seriously ill. He hastened to her bedside but in a few hours she passed to the great beyond. Mrs. Blackburn was notified by telegram and left on the train Saturday to attend the burial at Bowie.

Messrs. Goodman and Houck are comfortably located on the farm of Mr. John L. Tatum with arrangements for at least a term of three years sawing and manufacturing lumber and ties.

Mr. John T. Howell of Brookside since completing his course at the A. T. S. has accepted a position as teacher in a high school in Concord.

The public roads are in a very serious condition down here owing to so much half frozen mud. Horses and human beings alike pull and draw in it, like house-flies on a sheet of tangle-foot. The ground hogs chuckle, whistle and grin.

To see us wade the mud to our chin, As he started to his hole he was heard

#### ITEMS FROM THE TRAINING SCHOOL

Brief Items from The School and the Town as Large as Reported Weekly By Special Correspondent.

The past week has been one of the most wintry that has occurred here in years. It snowed some each day for seven consecutive days. It began on Sunday afternoon a week ago, and on Monday morning a most beautiful snow covered every object, and a very unusual condition was that for all the morning there was not a breath of air, everything being perfectly quiet, but in the afternoon the wind began blowing at a terrific rate and continued Tuesday at about the same rate till the snow that had fallen was drifted to as much as ten to fifteen feet in some places. More snow has fallen before during this winter than fell ever during these seven days, but it was not drifted as this is; in other words this was not the biggest snow, but the biggest blow. It was melting now and the drifts are about cleared out of most of the roads that travel can be resumed.

President E. R. Dougherty has been sick for the past week, but is better at this writing. His friends all hope that he will very soon be out again.

Rev. M. B. Woosley spent a part of the past week in Caldwell visiting his wife's people at Granite Falls. He attended the District Conference at Lenoir. Professor Downum of the Appalachian Training School also attended the District Conference and visited his family in Lenoir.

Miss Ruth Rankin, who is attending Winthrop College, South Carolina is off on a short vacation at the home of her parents, Prof. and Mrs. J. D. Rankin. Her many friends here are glad to see her.

On Monday evening the Watauga Literary Society of the Training School gave a reception to their sister Society the Calliopean, at Justice Hall and the Euterpean Literary Society gave likewise a reception to their brother society, the Appalachian. Members of the faculty were invited.

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#### TODD LOCALS

The ten days writing school taught at the Elkland school house by Z. T. Watson of Brookside, closed on last Saturday with 67 pupils enrolled. The school was an excellent success with some splendid improvements. Watson has been employed to give a board lecture on penmanship once a week for a period of ten weeks at the same time giving out written copies for study and practice at home during the week.

The clever little gentleman who broke into the postoffice at Todd has not been identified yet, but it is hoped that he may be apprehended and given the penalty of the law.

Miss Rosa A. Campbell of Alvarado Va. a student at the Elkland school, took in the writing school for the past two weeks and in a few days will return home.

Miss Lucy the accomplished daughter of Mr. F. M. Ray of Taylora, Pa. formerly of Todd, arrived last week for a few months stay with friends and relatives here.

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#### TRIPLET NEWS

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Mr. Emory Miller went to Boone and bought a Ford. But now it's froze up and won't move.

Grover Wheeler and wife are the happy parents of a fine baby girl.

Mr. C. C. Triplett and Clay Hodges took dinner with Mr. Cinley Waters Tuesday.

Mr. Allen and Willard Miller returned from Ashe on a two weeks' job cutting brush.

Miss Clara and Dollie are visiting their grandparents at Triplett this week.

Mr. C. C. Triplett returned from North Wilkesboro Saturday evening, where he had been on business.

to say, "I'll peep out again about the middle of May."