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News Items as Reported From Rural Watauga

Interesting News Items as Reported Each Week by Our Correspondents in the Several Sections of the County

RUTHERWOOD

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Green a fine girl.
Mr. George Green and family made a business trip to Hickory last week.
Mr. Tom Watson visited his father Sunday.
Mrs. Joe Brown visited Mrs. Joe Nozzy Saturday and Sunday.
Miss Bertie Brown is visiting her brother this week.
Mr. Z. T. Watson visited Mr. W. T. Watson Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Coffey visited Mr. T. S. Watson Saturday and Sunday.
Mr. George Greer has purchased a fine pair of horses.
Mr. Glenn Norris has gone to a Charlotte hospital for a treatment.
Mrs. O. T. Miller visited her father the past week.

RIDGEL FORD

Mr. T. J. Tugman is still very ill at this writing.
Mr. Paul Tugman visited his grand father Mr. T. J. Tugman Saturday and Sunday.
Rev. T. G. Williams filled his regular appointment Sunday. He took his text from the eleventh verse of the 18th chapter of Matthew.
Mr. and Mrs. Stanford Cole visited the home of Mr. E. A. Norris Sunday.
Mr. James Tugman has returned home from West Virginia.
Mr. Ben Wellborn has sold his horse to Mr. Harrison Baker.
Mr. J. W. Jackson was sick last week.
Mr. A. N. Brown and grand daughter were in the community Sunday.
Mr. Hugh Norris that has been working for Mr. Ben Wellborn has gone to Boone to work.

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Mr. Len Greene and Mr. Stacie Ford went to Lenoir Sunday with a nice load of potatoes.
Mrs. Margaret Moore and Mrs. Mamie Hodges visited Mr. Calvin Hodges Sunday.
Mr. Ching Miller and Mr. Tom Triplett and Mrs. Mamie Triplett made a business trip to Lenoir Saturday.
Mr. Joe Underwood expects to plant a large crop of potatoes this week.
Mr. Len Green and family visited Mr. Joe Underwood Sunday.
The roads are very bad, and don't think they will be any better until there is some work done on them.
Mr. Miller expects to do some work on the roads next winter again.
Mr. Elmer Miller spent the week end in Blowing Rock. We think the young men are looking after some business matters.
Mr. Monroe Story made a business trip to Lenoir Saturday.

TRIPLETT

The weather still continues very unfavorable. Farmers are badly behind with their work.
Mrs. Lue Wheeler is very sick at this writing.
Some of the friends, children and grandchildren of Mrs. Mary Carroll met at the home Monday evening, April 7th and celebrated her 65th birthday. The table was set with delicate eatables. After supper prayer services were conducted by Rev. W. O. Miller.
Rev. Levi Greene filled his regular appointment at the church Saturday and Sunday.
Mr. C. T. Simmons and T. D. Greer are going to raise strawberries for the market this summer. They are expecting the demand to be great. They got a shipment of plants a few days ago.
Mr. Allen Miller went to Boone Monday on business.
Mr. Jud Hodges has been sick for a few days.
Mr. N. G. Wheeler went to Boone Monday.
Mr. Carmie Critcher was seen in this community Sunday.
Mr. Granville Triplett returned

home from West Virginia Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Collis Purlear visited Mrs. Purlear's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Miller Saturday and Sunday.
Mr. Billie Beason visited Mr. A. J. Hartley Sunday afternoon.
Mr. H. C. Hodges was out driving old Henry around Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Greer are here in the community Sunday.
Mr. N. G. Wheeler went to Miss Alice Hodges on Lower Elk on business Saturday.
Mr. Isaac Bodenhammer is on the job sawmilling again.
Miss Sarah Triplett is visiting Mr. N. G. Wheeler for a few days.

BLOWING ROCK

Blowing Rock graded school a box party Friday April 12th at the school house. The proceeds for running expenses for improvement fund.
Blowing Rock is putting on summer airs.
Some boozing in this town just now.
Mrs. Jane Benfield has returned to Blowing Rock for the summer. She spent the winter in Hickory with her sister, Mrs. Alice Younce.
Mr. Tipton Green with his family has moved to his farm on the Caldwell side. Sorry to see them leave town.
Cecil Critcher has opened up the Blowing Rock filling station where he will serve the public.
More improvements are going on here than ever before. Watch Blowing Rock grow.
Mr. Cameron Williams is moving to the Toppings place this week.
Honor roll Blowing Rock school.
First grade: Bessie Wooten, Viridola Waters, Edith Foster, Crene Jenkins, Lucile Hartley, John Kerdodie, Arnold church, Edward Coffey.
Second grade: Mary Tester, Opal Pitts, Pauline Greene, Carrol Greer.
Third grade: Edna Hampton Sidney Cannon Dea Cannon.
Fourth grade: Virginia Sudderth.
Fifth grade: Paul Foster, Vernon Moody.
Sixth grade: Velma Cannon, Corbett Knight, Mary Robbins, Elizabeth Sudderth, Bynum Crisp, Donald Greene, Clarence Greene, Billie Holshouser.
Seventh grade: Violet Gragg, Susie Green, Penn Robbins, Ada Sims Ethel Cannon.
Eighth grade: Doris Cannon.
Ninth grade: Wade Brown, Howard Klutz.
Tenth grade: Agnes Knight, Mabel Coffey.

Do you want to run away From the drudgery of every day From water and things you hate to do Do you want to look around In our beautiful mountain town Where the joy of living will thrill you Do you want to feel the breeze Coming through the forest trees Do you want to hear the waters whisper loud and clear? Are you longing for health That brings more than wealth, Then come to our beautiful mountain town each year. Do you want a long quiet rest Then listen to my request For the future welfare of your health and joy Come to our breezy clime Where there's beauty all the time Where there's mountains and hills and flowers of every name Where summer climate is cool And within each lake and pool You can swim or play just the same. Do you want to see this land We are making every plan For your comfort and your joy Do you want to see a nook That will make you want to look On our mountain land That brings thrills and joy Then come back to Blowing Rock On the mountain top.

A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

I would rather be defeated in a cause that some day would triumph than triumph in a cause that some day will be defeated.—Woodrow Wilson.

A. W. JENKINS DIES

Friday March 28, Andrew W. Jenkins, a former Watauga countian, died suddenly of heart disease at the home of his son, W. M., at Eubank, Ky.
Interment was made in the Eubank cemetery Sunday afternoon as per his request.

GAP CREEK

Mrs. Susanna Church who was reported to be missing in our last writing proved to be a mistake as she had only absented herself from home for a short time and gone down to another tract of land, nearby of which they owned, on a short walk and returned in due course of time as far as the report of her being missing was not founded on true facts.

Mr. Alfred Watson has opened a mercantile store in the Wilcox building and has as good a line of groceries as is to be found anywhere in a country store.

He invites everyone to call and look them over and will be very glad to do business with you.

Mr. Walter Welch, while traveling on the Boone Trail Highway had a mishap and wreck when the Ford car he was driving left the road and rolled down an embankment near the Green Store about two miles from the Deep Gap.

The top of the car was completely demolished and torn up and Walter had a very narrow escape with his life as the car must have turned completely over several times in reaching the bottom of the embankment. He was bruised very badly and his foot was mangled to a certain extent.

Another car was crowding the road and he tried to pass by on a limited amount of space and did not prove successful in the venture which caused the accident.

We understand that the new railroad project has started up work on their track near Hopkins by putting in a switch and now when the weather opens up nice and fair they will push things right along until it is completed at Deep Gap the terminus of the road.

Mr. W. A. Watson is still writing life insurance and if you have not received a call from him he will no doubt be around before long with a complete line of protection in the way of policies that should interest every one who is not carrying insurance in some form or other.

Mr. Felix Watson the son of the late Jerry Watson has left recently to make his future home in the state of Ohio. There he will join his uncle and brother who now reside in the Buckeye State.

Mrs. Cordia Wellborn has been indisposed for a few days at this writing. She has been improving and we hope the good lady will soon be herself again and enjoy better health.

The roads are very muddy here while it rains and the cars and trucks cut deep inroads in the gravel and sand.

Better hold up motoring unless you must travel or you will get little pleasure on the roads while in this condition and the rainy season.

We notice quite a lot of reading space given to Mr. Tam Bowie, the Giant of the Mountains. We shall look for some on both sides of the situation even if it has to be about oil or something just as funny.

Mr. R. C. Rivers & Son, the editors and publishers of the Watauga Democrat passed through Deep Gap last Saturday. They were down only a short time and passed back going on their way toward Boone. Your correspondent failed to see you, but we are always glad when you are down on this end of the line, so come again when our roads get better, and we will have a little chat in the balmy air and sunshine when the glow of spring comes again which is a little behind time this season.

We understand that Mr. D. W. Cook of Sands will move to Stony Fork and live with his father Mr. J. D. Cook on his farm.

We understand that the late W. P. Welch property of real estate will soon be divided with the heirs at law into nine equal parts. This property lies right in the lap of Deep Gap and nestles in the valley of the eternal hills of landscape which makes it very ideal property for a summer resort, as it lies right beside the town lots that were sold in Deep Gap last summer. There are over 200 acres in the tract to be divided.

Mr. T. G. Greene of Kings Creek was on Deep Gap recently. He is the washing machine man, and is a real hustler when it comes in the line of business. Come again Mr. Greene and we are glad to have you with us.

SUMMER SCHOOL WILL BE LARGE

Many Teachers Already Making Application at A. T. S.—Items of Interest from around Town.

The senior class of the Appalachian Training School had their annual outing on Monday, going in autos to Bridges water.

Boone had a pretty snow on Friday the 11th, beautiful flakes falling much of the day thick and fast, but the weather was too warm for it to lie, it melting about as it fell.

Mr. W. D. Norris of this county and an old Confederate veteran died on Friday night and was buried Saturday. He is the second one of these old war men to die within two weeks. Soon they will all be gone.

Rev. R. L. Isbell of Lenoir has been conducting a protracted meeting for the Adventist people at the Episcopal chapel during the past week. He conducted chapel service at the A. T. S. on Saturday.

Prof. Greer of the Training School went to Bowie on Saturday to deliver the literary address at the closing of the high school at that place.

Rev. M. B. Woodley, pastor of the Methodist church, began a protracted meeting at the Methodist church on Sunday morning to continue during the week or longer.

The good Baptist people had an interesting service on Sunday morning it being the fourth anniversary of the present pastorate. Talks were made by Messrs. G. P. Hagaman, and W. R. Gragg, Mrs. G. P. Hagaman, Prof. I. G. Greer and D. D. Dougherty, Mr. D. J. Cottrell, Hon. E. S. Coffey, and the pastor, Rev. F. M. Huggins. The talks were on the various lines of the interests of the church and were greatly enjoyed by all present. The old songs were used, interspersing the talks. At night the B. Y. P. U. gave a special program commemorating the anniversary of the pastor.

About one hundred teachers have already sent in their reservations for the Summer School. The indications are that the number in attendance this summer will be very large. A corps of well trained teachers has been secured. The prospects for the Summer Term are very flattering.

In an interview with President B. B. Dougherty of the Training School he informs your correspondent that he is feeling well after his recent illness. He is out and doing his accustomed work about the school. He desires to say that the number of letters and inquiries from all parts of the State in regard to his health has touched him very much. He is truly grateful to his many friends over the State for their very kind expressions of interest on his behalf. He goes this week to Alleghany county to make commencement speeches at the closing of the several high schools.

J. M. Downum.

LIST TAKERS APPOINTED

The Board of county commissioners at its April meeting, named the following as tax listers for Watauga county for the year 1924:
Bald Mountain—W. H. McGuire.
Beaver Dam—E. J. Farthing.
Blue Ridge—L. T. Elrod.
Blowing Rock—Henry C. Hayes.
Boone—W. L. Trivett.
Cove Creek—G. C. Norris.
Elk—Joe Wheeler.
Laurel Creek—A. B. Harman.
Meat Camp—M. H. Norris.
North Fork—J. M. May.
Stony Fork—G. L. Payne.
Shawnee—T. W. Rominger.
Watauga—W. S. Miller.

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Great Diamond Rush

Now on in Transvaal

Paris—More than 10,000 prospectors are feverishly fighting to stake claims in the diamond fields in the Stompers region, in Transvaal, following recent discoveries of huge gems, rivaling the finds in the Kimberly field, according to advices reaching Paris.

The diamond rush, recalling the Yukon gold stampedes, started when a Rhodanian farmer found a dozen large diamonds in the soil of his apparently worthless land. One of the diamonds weighed 35 carats.

REV. TEAGUE WILL PREACH C. C. COMMENCEMENT SERMON

On account of sickness the Rev. A. C. Sherwood is unable to be present at the Cove Creek High School commencement, and Rev. G. C. Teague, graduate of Wake Forest College and pastor of the Lower Creek Baptist Church in Caldwell has been secured to preach the commencement sermon. The play "Borrowed Money" is to be given at 8 p. m. Saturday instead of one o'clock as was announced in a previous issue of this paper.

PARENT-TEACHERS' ASSN. ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Parent-Teachers' Association of the Boone school met at the Public school building Friday April 11. In spite of the disagreeable weather a large number of the members were present. The principal business of the meeting was the annual election of officers. The nominating committee Mrs. D. P. Dougherty, chairman, presented the following names: Mrs. I. G. Greer, president; Mrs. F. M. Huggins, secretary; Mrs. W. G. Hartzog, assistant secretary; Mr. F. A. Linnev, Treasurer, of whom all were unanimously elected. We are fortunate indeed in having secured the excellent officers and feel sure the work of the association will go forward under their direction.

The review of the past year's work was very interesting, especially the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$104.13 to our credit after all bills were paid. In discussing the work for the coming year it seemed to be the opinion of the association that great good could be done by concentrating on establishing better relations between parents and teachers and it was decided to make every possible effort in this direction. Miss Annie Stanbury made a very interesting talk on the work of the P. T. Association in general. She understands the work and is very enthusiastic. It is to be regretted that every member of the association did not hear this splendid discussion.

A ten minute social followed the business meeting while the retiring officers very graciously served refreshments, after which the meeting adjourned. Date of the May meeting to be announced.

MEAT CAMP

Rev. Williams of Todd preached in the Methodist church Sunday. While the house is not completed in its entirety it is so far as to use. A series of meetings was announced to begin in May in the meantime the house will be finished.

Mr. D. V. Winebarger of Zionville was on Meat Camp last Sunday.

On last Wednesday while hauling hay Mr. Claud Norris fell off the load and we are afraid was seriously injured. We hope he will soon recover.

Mr. Arthur Miller of Zionville was in this community last Friday and Saturday.

Mr. P. W. Moretz of Boone spent a part of last week in this vicinity in the interest of his farm here.

Mr. Roby Wilson of North Fork was on Meat Camp on business last Saturday.

Miss Florence Vannoy of Pine Run was a business caller here last Thursday.

Miss Eleanor Moretz and brother Ronda spent the week end with their grandmother at Mast.

Mr. Caleb Winebarger who has been suffering very badly from rheumatism recently is improving slowly.

If you are a Baptist, Lutheran or Methodist there is no reason why you should miss Sunday School and preaching as we have a church of each within a mile. One can hear a sermon three Sundays out of the month if he wishes to.

Miss Emma Moretz was the guest at Mr. Caleb Winebarger's Sunday night last.

Mr. Clyde Phillips of Boone spent several days last week here in the interest of Mr. Watt Gragg, lumberman of Boone.

MASONIC NOTICE

Regular communication of Watauga Lodge No. 273 at the Masonic hall tomorrow night. Work in the first degree, and much business of importance to be transacted. All members are urged to be on hand if possible, and visiting brethren are invited.

W. ROY GRAGG, W. M.
A. D. HODGES, Sec'y.

AG'D CONFEDERATE VETERAN IS DEAD

One of Watauga's Most Honored and Prominent Citizens Passes to His Reward.

At his home on Route 2 last Friday morning, Mr. W. D. Norris a prominent citizen of the county quietly and peacefully passed to the Great Beyond, after a long illness following a partial stroke of paralysis. Interment was made in the burying ground on the farm of Mr. Roby Brown Saturday, his pastor, the Rev. Robert Shore, assisted by Rev. Dan Wheeler conducted the funeral services at the home, when the remains were turned over to the members of Watauga Lodge No. 273, A. F. & A. M. who buried him with full Masonic honors. A large concourse of friends and relatives were present to pay their last respects to the dead.

Mr. Norris was 84 years of age, the day of his burial, and a sister, Mrs. Ann Hayes, 93 years of age, was one of the mourners at his bier. He was a brave Confederate soldier a loyal citizen and always stood four square on all matters looking to the betterment of his county. He was devoted to his family, faithful to his Fraternity, a friend to those in need of help, and was never sparing with his means when the church or charity demanded it. Truly a good man has fallen. His wife and several children together with a number of grand children survive.

DOE RIDGE AND COMMUNITY

Mr. Floyd Tate visited at the home of Messrs Hubert and Luther Hardy Sunday.

Messrs Howard and Hub Foster visited their aunt, Mrs. R. G. Lane and Mrs. W. B. Culler Saturday and Sunday. They attended services at Howard's Creek church Sunday, returning to the former's home at Todd.

Mr. A. M. Brown is in very feeble health at this writing. Hope the good man will soon be well again.

Mr. Larry Lane who went to Alva Ky. a few weeks ago has returned, bringing with him one of the largest pipes that we have ever seen. It will almost hold a peck of tobacco. The pipe was a present from Mr. Bealer Lane to Mr. John Barnes of this place.

Mr. Finley Hodges has commenced to build himself a new house near Howard's Creek church where he now lives.

Mr. Larry Lane bought six chairs Saturday. Guess he will set in Watauga this summer.

Mrs. Hubert Hardy and Miss Verlee Tate went to Boone Monday on business.

Sunday is preaching time at Camp Nelson. Everybody come prepared to pound the preacher.

Sorry to hear that Miss Alma Barnes, a student at the A. T. S. is sick.

Miss Exie Hodges and Miss Blanch Sturgill are visiting in our neighborhood.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jont Miller a baby girl.

Mr. R. G. Lane is sick with lagrippe at this writing.

Mr. Wilby Brown and Mr. Newton Barnes are running their sawmill at full speed since the beautiful spring weather has come.

Our community is grieved on account of the death of Mr. Bill Norris. Our sympathy for the bereaved is great.

Mr. Bob Norris and Mr. Rom Branock of Hickory attended the burial of the former's father Saturday.

Mr. W. B. Culler is at Boone painting this week.

Through an oversight we have failed to note the fact that Rev. Linney Barnes went to the county of Ashe and took unto himself a wife. Her name was Hank. They are living with Mr. Barnes' children on the mountain.

DOE RIDGE ITEMS

Mr. L. R. Lane returned home and took charge of the section of the Cherokee Lumber Co. The people seem to think that he is getting the road in much better condition than it has been before.

Misses Bulah Culler and Mabel Hardy went visiting Monday afternoon.

Mr. Gurnie Green has stopped plowing and went to work on the section for the Cherokee Co.

Rev. Pennell will hold services at Camp Nelson Sunday 2 o'clock. Everybody cordially invited.

Mr. L. S. Hardy is improving.