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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

SPECIAL NOTICE TO COUNTRY CORRESPONDENTS

Three requests have come to this office in the past few days asking that we discontinue three certain ones of the country news letters on account of them lacking a semblance of truth. We have had to discard two or three this week because there was no name sent in with them. We would like to insist on a news letter from each community in the county but must ask that you stick to the truth and relate only those things which would be of interest. Jokes and petty slurs are out of order. We think that the correspondence carried this week is good and clean, and at the same time unusually newsy. We hope to keep this department up to this high standard hereafter.

VALLE CRUCIS NEWS

The citizens of Valle Crucis have organized a community club recently. Various community problems will be worked out through the organization of the club, and it is earnestly hoped that much effective work can be accomplished in this way. Mr. C. D. Taylor is chairman of the organization with the following advisory board: Messrs P. G. Spainhour, R. A. Farthing, and Rev. J. P. Burke, Mrs. P. G. Spainhour is Secretary. The next meeting will be held at the Mission School Monday night May 5, at which time an address is expected from Prof. I. G. Greer, of Boone.

Rev. J. P. Burke visited his wife at Yanceyville, and his father at Bessemer City last week.

Messrs Ben Farthing, Lee Taster E. Gilbert and D. F. Mast went to Newland court Monday.

Misses Gladys and Alice Taylor returned to their home Monday. Miss Gladys has recently completed a business course in Richmond, Va. where she has been since last October. Miss Alice visited her sister in Richmond and they together spent Easter in Washington City. They also visited in Hickory and Lenoir on the return trip.

Mr. Frank Baird has returned to his home here after teaching during the past winter at Concord, N. C.

Mr. R. A. Farthing went to Johnson City Tuesday.

Mr. W. H. Mast has been indisposed for the past few days.

Mrs. Cindy Mast of Cove Creek has arrived to make her home with her son Mr. W. H. Mast and family.

Mr. Howard Mast returned Sunday to Chapel Hill to resume his studies after spending a week's holiday at home.

Miss Susie Taylor of the Lenoir Graded School spent Easter at home.

The Woman's Missionary Society had an interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. W. H. Mast last Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. L. A. Farthing spent several days last week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Glenn at Watauga Falls.

The Women's Auxiliary met with Mrs. Geo. Caudill Monday afternoon.

BLOWING ROCK

Blowing Rock is calling for you. Come and join the boosters.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Panella will be delighted to know that they have arrived at Blowing Rock from Charlotte and will make their future home here. They are at the Critcher apartments.

Mr. Reinhart of Gastonia is here looking after his handsome property in Blowing Rock.

The many friends of Mr. Gray Boynton will be glad to know that he has arrived in Blowing Rock. He will spend his vacation here with his family.

A. M. Critcher is trying a new experiment for Blowing Rock. He has just received from Henry Dreer a shipment of spring seed wheat which he will sow on his farm.

We are informed that Mr. Dick Privette has just closed a big deal with a party from Johnson City sell-

ing his store property to them. They will erect a first class restaurant on this property.

One attraction here just now is Cecil Critcher with his pet bear.

Lots of measles here. It looks as if they had come to stay.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Pitts a baby girl. Both mother and baby have measles. The mother has been in a critical condition but she is better today.

Harber Hartley who has been confined to his bed all winter is reported to be on gaining grounds.

Uncle Pat Colley is critically ill. Very little hope for his recovery is held out.

Mrs. Maggie Skipper tells us that she is now ready to take a few boarders. She has just remodeled and furnished her pretty bungalow on Boone street.

Mrs. Mamie Cutter of Macon, Ga. is here for the summer with a view to buying property and making her future home in Blowing Rock.

There is more home seekers here this spring than ever before, more new residences going up, more business buildings, more business and more people in Blowing Rock at this season than ever before.

Mr. James Hill is completing one of the most desirable bungalows on the mountain. Main Avenue looks very "cityfied" with big brick buildings and glass fronts.

Watch Blowing Rock grow!

MEAT CAMP

Rev. L. A. Wilson preached at the Profit Grove Baptist Church on last Sunday.

Mr. Columbus Miller was called to Butler, Tenn. last week to a sick sister, after taking her to a Bristol hospital he returned home.

Mr. James Bryan of Boone came down last Sunday to see his sick mother, Ann Lydia Bryan who is yet very ill.

Mr. Jesse Holman of Meat Camp and Mr. Jesse Holman of Elkland was on Meat Camp Monday in the interest of the J. Walter Wright Lumber Co.

Mr. Clyde R. Greene of Boone, visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. Emory Bryan went to Boone on business last Monday.

Dr. C. H. Jeffcoat of the Mount Pleasant vicinity was the guest of Mr. William Winebarger Sunday night.

Rev. Leonard Wilson of Boone visited his brother Rev. L. A. Wilson last Sunday.

Mr. O. G. Winebarger made a business trip to Boone on Monday last.

Miss Ida Lewis of Lower Meat Camp visits at the home of Mr. Clay Miller.

The people of this vicinity are still having trouble with the deep ford near Mr. L. A. Greene's. On last Sunday the writer had the pleasure (if you would call it pleasure) of drowning his motor. However we think we will soon be relieved of this trouble. We insist upon it.

Mr. John Sutherland of Sutherland was on Meat Camp Monday buying cattle.

Miss Ola Main and sister Elsie of Lenoir, were the guests of Mr. Enoch Potter over the week end.

Mrs. Clay Miller and daughter Lois made a trip to Boone last Friday.

We are glad to note that Mrs. J. C. Profit has recovered her normal health.

Miss Pearl Miller who has been at Boone for some weeks spent the week end here with her parents.

"It is only the ignorant who despise education"—Franklin.

A BOY'S POCKETS

Knocked down and run over by a taxicab a boy named Arthur Parker, aged nine, had in his pockets two whipping tops, three peg tops, 73 brass buttons, 94 marbles in a bag, a pair of clippers, two oranges, a wooden cigarette holder, ten cigarettes a small mouth organ and a Jew's harp.—Wilkes Patriot.

LINVILLE GORGE AS NATIONAL PARK

LINVILLE GORGE IDEAL AS NATIONAL PARK SITE

Would Not Interfere With the Development of Necessary Resources.

By Joseph Hyde Pratt, President of Western North Carolina, Inc.

Since the appointment by Secretary Work of a committee to consider and recommend a location for a National Park in the Southern Appalachian region, several locations have been suggested in Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee, and some of these come up to the specifications of the National Park as laid down in the original law creating National Parks much better than ours.

There has been some little confusion in the minds of some people in regard to the difference and distinction between a National Forest and a National Park.

As far as I can ascertain, very careful consideration was given by Congress and those interested in the establishment of National Parks, not to have included in such areas known resources whose development was absolutely necessary to the economic welfare of the country. These parks are supposed to contain certain natural attractions and peculiar physical phenomena that are considered so unique that they should be preserved in their entirety for the enjoyment of generations to come.

The National Forests are areas of forested land on the headwaters of our streams which have an influence on stream flow and which can grow trees and thus be a source of our future supply of timber. The National Forest can also be developed economically through grazing, production of minerals, development of water power, and cutting of mature timber along forestry methods.

Some have suggested as sites for a National Park in the Southern Appalachian Regions portions of land that are already within the National Forest areas and are National Forests. As a rule these areas are simply high mountains covered with timber and are much better adapted in every way for National Forests than for National Parks.

There is no necessity in the desire for the National Park to interfere in any way with the extension of the National Forests in the Southern Appalachian Region. The establishment of National Forests in these regions has been very satisfactory and but a portion of the area approved for the purchase of additional land has been procured. There has been an increased appropriation approved for the purchase of additional lands for National Forests in the Southern Appalachian Region, and this work should continue without interruption until the area desired and needed as National Forests for the protection for the flow of streams and as a source of future supply of timber is secured.

Of the areas suggested for National Parks one stands out very prominently as an area that fulfills in every particular the specifications and requirements for a National Park. This is the Linville Gorge area, including Linville Falls, Linville Gorge, Table Rock Mountain, Hawkbill Mountain, Shortoff Mountain, Dotson Mountain and Linville Mountain; Grandfather Mountain and Grandmother Mountain.

Linville Gorge is unique in this country, and it would be more than a matter of State-wide concern should the wild and rugged beauty of this gorge be destroyed. It is so unique that it becomes national in importance. Its scenic value lies not only in the deep sculpturing of the Gorge, with the water falls and the rapids, but also in the forestation of its limiting mountain slopes and ridges which is entirely different from the gorges and canons of the West. At the present time it is wild and unspoiled throughout its entire length, and the peculiar formations resulting in Hawkbill and Table Rock Mountains, together with Dotson Mountain and Linville Mountain are practically uninhabited. The area would make a National Park with every element of romantic charm.

The Gorge is about twenty miles long and up to a quarter of a mile deep, having been formed by the Linville River which emerges from the Gorge and enters the broad plain below Shortoff Mountain after a

GEN. JULIAN CARR DEAD IN CHICAGO

Former Commander of the United Confederate Veterans Succumbs At Home of His Daughter.

Chicago, April 29.—General Julian S. Carr, former commander of the United Confederate Veterans died at the home of his daughter about 10:15 tonight.

General Carr left his home at Durham where he was a well known banker last Saturday to come to Chicago for a visit with his daughter, Mrs. H. C. Flowers. On the train he contracted influenza and was seriously ill when he arrived here.

His condition grew worse and today several specialists were called into consultation. They announced tonight that he had contracted pneumonia and that his illness was complicated by a heart affection. It was stated at that time that he would probably not survive the night.

He died at 10:15 o'clock. Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed but it is probable that the body will be taken back to his home for burial.

THREE YOUNG BEARS CAUGHT IN WATAUGA

Some days ago Mr. John McKee, son of Mr. Alexander McKee of Linville while out looking for his sheep on the Watauga side of the Grandfather walked right up to an old bear and three cubs, the mother being engaged in fashioning some sort of bed for the youngsters from twigs. When the bear saw Mr. McKee she took to the woods, and so did he. He returned a little later and the cubs were at the same place they were left. He took the little fellows home, sold one to a man from Blowing Rock for \$30 and still has the two, for which he has been offered fabulous prices. The little fellows are quite gentle and are a source of great deal of amusement to the people who have chanced to see them. This is perhaps the most remarkable bear story yet.

A BUSINESS MAN'S PRAYER

Dear Father in Heaven: Teach me that sixty seconds make a minute, sixteen ounces make a pound and one hundred cents make one dollar. Help me to live so that at night I can lay down with a clear conscience, without a gun under my pillow and unharmed by the faces of those to whom I have brought pain. Grant that I may earn my daily bread on the square and that in earning it I can do good unto Thee. Deafen me to the jingle of tainted money and to the rustle of unholy skirts. Blind me to the faults of others, but reveal to me my own. Guide me so that each night when I look across the dinner table at my wife who has been a blessing to me, I will have nothing to conceal. Keep me young enough to laugh with little children and sympathetic enough to be considerate of old age. And when the day of darkened shades and the smell of flowers shall come, the tread of soft foot steps and the crunching of the wheels in the yard—make the ceremony short and the epitaph simple—"here lies the man."

descent of over one thousand feet.

It would seem that the Linville Gorge section, standing out as it does so prominently as an area that should be preserved to future generations in its natural beauty and ruggedness and containing as it does sufficient acreage to offer a variety of recreational sports, should become the unanimous choice of those interested in having a National Park established in the Southern Appalachian Region. There are still to be found in this region bear, pheasant, and turkey and with a little protection they would increase rapidly. It is a region in which deer and perhaps elk, otter and beaver would thrive.

For the purpose of recreations there are to be found camping sites on the crests of the flat top mountains that flank the gorge on either side. The river itself offers excellent trout fishing.

The region is perhaps the most accessible outlier of the higher Appalachian Mountains, and can be easily reached by motor road from Morganton on the Southern railway, Linville Falls on the Carolina, Clinchfield and O'Railway and Linville on the East Tennessee and Western North Carolina Railway.

ITEMS FROM THE TRAINING SCHOOL

State Superintendent Will Deliver the Commencement Address—Other Items of Local Interest.

Prof. Chappel Wilson of the A. T. S. and Miss Lucy Moretz went to Lenoir on Sunday. Without doubt some interesting business resulted from their trip.

Rev. Woosley and family visited his home people during the past week owing to the illness of his brother. They returned home on Saturday.

The Epworth League of the Methodist church enjoyed a social evening on Monday in the basement of the church.

President B. B. Dougherty of the Training School was off a part of the past week on business for the school.

The Piedmont Evening Star Festival is giving entertainments in Boone for four evenings during this week, men.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hartzog on under the auspices of the business Thursday evening gave a reception to those members of the Senior Class of the Training School that were taught by Mr. Hartzog in the seventh grade.

Three small boys joined the Methodist church on Sunday morning, making an interesting picture at the altar.

Mrs. David Greene and Mrs. B. C. Johnson gave a pleasant party to a number of their friends on Friday evening.

Miss Eula Hodges entertained the Young Ladies' Sewing Club on Monday afternoon.

One hundred and twenty five Wataugans went to Newland this morning summoned as a venue from among which a jury is to be selected to try a murder case in which several men are involved.

Prof. A. T. Allen State Superintendent of Public Instruction, is to deliver the commencement address at the Training School on Friday May 9, which is attractive news to the many friends of education and Prof. Allen himself in this section.

J. M. DOWNUM.

WOULD PLACE TOURISTS IN WATAUGA HOMES MASS MEETING CALLED

There is a movement over all Western North Carolina to provide homes for all those downcasters who wish to get away from the hot weather for a few weeks each summer. Every season the hotels are crowded and many turned away, while at the same time there are others who for various reasons do not want to stop at hotels. A large number of homes in Watauga are in a position to entertain these comfort seekers, and a number of others could be put in such condition at very small expense. These should be catalogued and organized at once so that the home and home seekers can get together. Working to this end there has been a meeting called for Saturday May 3 at 1 o'clock. All those that are interested in having their home listed should attend this meeting and assist in forming an organization to properly distribute the visitors.

A CORRECTION

In last week's paper there appeared a statement to the effect that the manager of the Cove Creek High School baseball team had agreed that the game between the A. T. S. and Cove Creek had been forfeited by Cove Creek. This was a mistake as Cove Creek does not agree to forfeit the game. The two umpires, L. M. Ringham and S. F. Horton both state that the final run should count, there by making the score 4-3 in favor of Cove Creek.

HARDIN-LATTERWHITE

Married on Easter Sunday morning at ten o'clock Mr. E. B. Hardin of Rutherford to Miss Edna Latterwhite of Granite Falls. The ceremony took place at the bride's home.

Edgar being the oldest member of the family his youngest brother Leonard, desiring to beat him getting married brought his wife in on Saturday before. Leonard's wife was Miss Jewel Thomas of Jacksonville, N. C.—Reported.

"Say Bill, I was held up by the coon trap today."

"The what?"

"The traffic coil—the coffee trap—the tropic call—the oh hang it, you know what I mean."—Boston Transcript.

FESTIVAL DRAWS IMMENSE CROWDS

Wilkinson Concert Trio Impresses Large Crowd Most Favorably at the Initial Performance.

The first engagement of the Piedmont Evening Star Festival was acclaimed a great success by those present in the crowded court house on Tuesday night. The wonder of the crowd was how such high class talent could be secured for the small admission charged. The program for the opening night was the Wilkinson Concert Trio (three beautiful Southern girls) and Edith Price, contralto soloist. They quickly found their way to the hearts of the audience and the frequent encores showed how appreciative the crowd was.

There will be three more programs equally as good and then the big pageant on Saturday night, "The Gift of the Nations" by the local School children under the direction of Miss Selma May of the Piedmont Bureau.

The guarantors of the festival are highly pleased with the co-operative spirit of the people of the town in supporting and making possible the appearance of these fine people here. They are hopeful with good weather conditions to make a neat little sum to be used for beautifying the court house lawn, after expenses have been met.

GOV. OF INDIANA GOES TO PRISON

McCray Resigns as Governor, Bids Farewell, and Goes to the County Jail.

Indianapolis, April 29th.—Warren T. McCray, who resigned today as governor of Indiana following his conviction in federal court yesterday on charges of using the mails in furtherance of a scheme to defraud, bade farewell to his family this afternoon and was removed to the county jail.

McCray will be taken before United States District Judge Albert B. Anderson tomorrow morning and it was expected that shortly thereafter he will be started upon his way to begin a sentence in the federal prison at Atlanta.

The penalty may be a fine of not more than \$1,000 or not more than five years imprisonment or both in the court's discretion, according to the statutes. A penalty may be imposed on each count in the indictment. The indictment against McCray contained 13 counts.

McCray spent more than an hour with his family at the governor's mansion here. While United States Marshal Limas P. Meredith has been the governor's constant companion since he took him from jail this morning to the federal building and then to the executive offices in the state house, he permitted him to spend the time alone with his family.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

Others are coming to the help of the needy ones and sending in their contributions to the Near East Relief Fund. What have you done? This is a question worth your considering. We must not fail these orphans at this time. Will you please send in your part at once, making check payable to John M. Scott, and send it to him at 307 Robinson Building, Charlotte, or to my address. This is for you, father, mother, friend. The orphans and we are trusting you.

J. M. DOWNUM, Co. Chm.

MARRIED

Mr. James H. Hobby of Cabarrus county and Miss May Mast of the Silverstone section were happily married on Monday morning April 28th. Rev. R. C. Eggers officiating. The ring ceremony was used. Mr. Hobby holds a position in the Jackson Training School and is a very fine young man. His bride is also a teacher by profession and is a fine young lady.

Immediately after the ceremony they left for their home at the Jackson Training School. We feel that they have the work of humanity at heart, and wish for them great success.

Parent Teachers Association

There will be an important meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association at 2:30 p. m. on Wednesday May the seventh. All members are urged to be present.