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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

COVE CREEK

Our community is again furnished with electric lights. Mr. Mast had quite a delay in getting part of his machinery but now we are enjoying good service.

Several buildings are being erected on Cove Creek. Messrs. DeWitt Brown and Carl Story are building residences near the Cove Creek School and others are to be built in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Horton have moved to Boone. They expect to attend the summer school at the A. T. S.

Mrs. Charles Bingham is visiting her parents at Lincolnton for a few weeks.

Misses Ruth Bingham and Blanch Horton are at their homes for vacation.

Of interest to their many friends is the announcement of the wedding of Miss Goldie Moody to Mr. William D. Wilson which is to take place at the Cove Creek Baptist church on Tuesday at 2:00 p. m. May 20.

Miss Fawn Watson is spending a few days with her sister at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Deal.

Rev. Brittain is conducting a revival at the Valle Crucis church this week. He is assisted in the singing by his brother and his sister is helping as organist.

VALLE CRUCIS

On Thursday night May 8th the relatives and friends of Mrs. Finley Mast gave her a surprise birthday party. Although the weather was disagreeable sixty guests were present. A huge birthday cake holding sixty three candles was cut by Mrs. Mast and served together with twelve other cakes and an abundance of block ice cream with coffee and small Swedish cakes. A number of presents were received by Mrs. Mast, among them being a set of china presented by sixteen ladies of the community.

Rev. Mr. Brittain is conducting revival services at the Methodist church this week. He is being assisted with the music by his brother and sister.

Rev. Mr. Griffith of Asheville visited the Mission School on Sunday and preached at the Episcopal chapel Sunday.

Mrs. Chas. Menzies and Chas. Jr. of Hickory are visiting at Mr. T. H. Taylor's.

The quarterly meeting will be held at the Methodist church Saturday and Sunday.

On Saturday night May 17th the students of the Mission School will present a play entitled "A Southern Cinderella."

Mrs. C. D. Taylor is indisposed this week and unable to attend the graduation of her daughter Miss Nanrie from the Charlotte Sanatorium on Tuesday.

BLOWING ROCK

Some excitement in Blowing Rock nowadays chasing boozers and bootleggers, and it looks as if they were no longer safe here, and here is something for them to read:

The Bootlegger's Bar
A bar to heaven a door to hell
Whoever named it named it well,
A bar to manliness and wealth
A door to want and broken health
A bar to honor pride and fame
A door to sin and grief and shame
A bar to hope, a bar to prayer
A door to darkness and despair
A bar to honored useful life
A door to brawling senseless strife
A bar to all that's true and brave
A door to every drunkards grave
A bar to joy that home imparts
A door to tears and aching hearts
A bar to heaven, a door to hell
Whoever named it named it well.
A bootlegger's bar.

To the delight of her many friends Miss Annie Lee Crisp has arrived home from Hudson where she has been teaching in the graded school the past winter.

While in Hickory Miss Crisp bought for herself a handsome piano which

she had delivered to her home here on Ransom Ave.

The hotels and boarding houses are open here and the cottage people are busy opening up their cottages and beautifying their grounds.

The town began work widening the street today which will be a big improvement.

Mrs. Dan Taylor was called to Shulls Mills last week to the bedside of her sister who is critically ill.

Charlie Holders is putting material on his lot on Boone Street to build a bungalow.

MEAT CAMP

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Winebarger and little nephew of Rustburg, Va. visited relatives on Meat Camp last week. We hope they will come again.

Rev. Williams of W. Jefferson preached at the new Methodist church on last Saturday night.

Died on last Saturday night a little one year old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bryan. It leaves to grieve their loss father, mother, brothers and sisters. Interment Friday at the Meat Camp cemetery.

Mrs. A. P. Eller of Boone visits her daughter Mrs. Clay Miller.

Chief White Cloud, the Red Man from Arizona made a lecture here on last Friday night on the History of the Red Man. He left here Saturday morning for some other place (?)

On last Saturday Master Arnie Profit, made a thread fish line, attached a hook thereto, hunted a four foot fish pole and went fishing. After fishing a short distance his hook became fast. The little nine year old man began to pull and dragged ashore a speckled trout exactly thirteen inches long and three inches broad. What vicinity can beat this for a fisherman?

Rev. West of Warrensville and Rev. Williams of Elkland are conducting a series of meetings at the new Methodist church on upper Meat Camp. The meetings, as the writer understands it, will continue all the week and possibly longer.

Miss Margaret Beach of Mast was the guest of Mr. W. A. Profit's last Tuesday night.

Mr. Forace Moretz of Rich Mountain was on Meat Camp Saturday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Profit motored to Boone on last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Woodring of Doe Ridge visited the former's grand father Mr. John Campbell during the week end.

BLUE RIDGE

We appreciate the stand the Editor has taken in regard to the county correspondents sticking to the truth. A correspondent who will write his or her manuscript and send it to another part of the country to be copied and then send it to the Editor unassigned to accomplish some selfish purpose should not have the privilege of seeing it in print and hope they won't.

We will take the privilege to extend to Mrs. Mary Norris the sympathy of this community at the untimely and premature death of her husband, Lloyd Norris, who was well and favorably known in the community. May he who does all things well be her comforter.

The most of this community went to Mr. McEae's Sunday to see the cub bears.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roby Gragg a fine girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Roby Coffey were visitors at Lem Wright's Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Lonico Church is on a trade for a Ford roadster we hear. Hope he succeeds in getting it.

We were glad to have Rev. R. L. Isbell with us Thursday and Friday night. We hope to have him again.

A farmer of New Hanover county is growing an acre of Dill Weed for a pickle company. This is still another new crop for the Old North State.

CLEAN UP DAYS

Make Your Front and Back Yards Clean and Attractive

Let's all of us good folks get together and clean up the rubbish, tin cans etc. next Tuesday and Wednesday, and make our town a pride not only to the summer tourists but ourselves. The town truck will carry the rubbish off your lot if you will pile it where we can get to it, and a prize of \$3 will be offered to the boy or girl under 16 years old who has the largest pile of rubbish to haul away. Remember the date—on next Tuesday and Wednesday.

EDW. N. HAHN, Mayor.

WATAUGA PLANS FOR SUMMER TOURISTS

Watauga county is making preparations to house with comfort the large crowd of tourists that is expected this season. Ever since the improved highways have made this section available the hotels have been crowded and visitors turned away almost daily. The beauty and comfort of the Watauga country is well known. It is also becoming well known that accommodations are hard to find.

For several years a few of the country homes have been opened to those who preferred to rest in a place where quiet and privacy could be found, and those homes have always been filled beyond their capacity, often having engagements for the entire summer before the season started. While this condition existed there has been no practical effort made to exist other homes to meet this ever increasing demand.

In order to make a directory of the homes that are willing and equipped to accommodate these visitors, Mr. John B. Steele, county agent for Watauga County has sent out questionnaires to the farm wives, and has in that way collected the information necessary to place these visitors in comfortable quarters for the summer. All of the homes listed are well equipped for looking after those who are hunting a quiet cool restful place to spend the summer. Most of them have electric lights and running water and are noted for their good cooking. All of them grow an abundance of vegetables and keep their "pump house" well supplied with cold milk and butter.

It is hoped that by completing the arrangement that accommodations can be had for all of those seeking refuge from the heat can come to the beautiful highland.

J. M. Downum.

THE PRESIDENT HEARS THE CALL OF THE SAW DUST RING

Washington May 13.—President Coolidge for the past few weeks has consistently turned down invitations to make addresses and to attend functions, but he accepted an invitation today after about 30 seconds thought.

John Ringling, the show man, accompanied by Commissioner McChord of the interstate commerce commission, called at the White House and within two or three minutes after they were ushered into the president's office they came out with an acceptance of an invitation to attend the circus tomorrow afternoon "rain or shine." Mr. Coolidge also accepted for Mrs. Coolidge.

BORN

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hodges on Friday last a boy. Mr. Will is one of our prominent contractors and a champion brick layer. As he plies his trade these days he is singing a medley something like this: "Rock-a-bye-baby—more mortar—in the tree top—brick here!—when the wind blows—oh, psaw boys. I must be at home for a few minutes!" However he is clearing up some mentally.

Dogs in Tug of War

Wallington, Conn.—Two toy dogs, holding a tug of war over a piece of meat, held up traffic on the busy Hartford road here. Ignored efforts of police to get them out of the way and simply didn't hear the din of scores of horns. Two motorists plucked the animals up and placed them on a sidewalk, where they were still tugging when the last blocked machine went by.

Mr. John Hartley and son of Valle Crucis are here putting in the concrete for the foundation of the brick residence of Mr. J. B. Taylor to be erected on North Water St.

SPRING TERM A T S CLOSED ON FRIDAY

Large Crowds Present at Annual Commencement Exercises, Dr. A. T. Allen Delivers Address.

The Appalachian Training School closed its spring term on Friday the 9th. On Thursday evening the High School senior class gave a play which a very large crowd attended and greatly enjoyed. On Friday morning at 11 o'clock came the closing exercises for the Normal department when five graduated, four young ladies and one young man. The exercises was opened with prayer by Rev. M. B. Wooley pastor of the Boone Methodist Church and after the singing of the school song, "The North Carolina Hills" which every A. T. S. student learns and enjoys, President B. B. Dougherty in a few well chosen words introduced Dr. A. T. Allen, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Mr. Dougherty began by saying: "Ladies and gentlemen, we are exceedingly glad to see every one of you here on this commencement day. It is to me, a real genuine personal pleasure to have with us today the efficient, progressive and beloved Superintendent of this great state, Dr. A. T. Allen, who will now deliver the commencement address."

Dr. Allen said: "Ladies and gentlemen I am glad to be here. I could not refuse the invitation of your president—your distinguished president—for we have been bound together for a number of years with the strongest ties of friendship. I am deeply interested in all that goes on in this institution. I have just now learned why your president wanted me here. It is far better to be one in reality than in name only." Dr. Allen then turned to the Normal graduates sitting on the rostrum. He impressed them with the important fact that hitherto they had been depending on the state, but from this time on they must depend on themselves and help the state to carry on the great work in which they are engaged. Then speaking to the audience he gave a brief history of public education in our country, and finally in North Carolina, stating that from 1820 this state has stood for equal rights and privileges in education.

He then outlined his ideas of a public system of education which were not fewer than eight months school each year, an increase in the equalizing fund to help poor counties which agreed to do their best to help themselves, each county providing the school buildings on an equalizing basis, the standardizing of grammar grades, improving the high schools, and that all the children in the state should have all of the wealth of the state behind them to give each child the same educational advantages. This speech was considered by those who heard it one of the most important delivered here at any time.

After the address the President presented diplomas to Mrs. Sue Guffey Arrowood, Misses Carrie Jane Herman, Lucy Landreth and Katherine Noel, and Mr. Graydon F. Eggers, stating that each one had presented fifteen or more standard high school units and two full years of Normal College work. Dr. Allen then presented them with certificates stating that graduates of this College were entitled to either grammar grade or primary certificates class B. Dr. Rankin of the A. T. S. faculty presented other certificates to a number of others who were entitled to certain grades of them.

At 2 p. m. the high school graduates gave their usual program. Misses Nellie Coffey and Ruth Cottrell giving the Salutatory and the Valedictory addresses respectively, 48 certificates of graduation were delivered by President Dougherty and he said in conclusion that 239 high school students and 125 Normal College students were enrolled during the term and that during the year more than 1000 students from all parts of the state had studied here. He further said: "The outlook is good for the summer. Already a big summer school has been enrolled and others are coming in daily, applying to rooms in the dormitories and over two hundred in all, and quite a number have applied for board in town. The best faculty has been secured that we have ever had. The new administration building will be com-

DOUGHTON DENIES HAVING EYE ON GOVERNOR'S CHAIR

Washington, May 12.—Representative Doughton today denied that he contemplates entering the race for governor in 1928 against Max Gardner, as announced in the Greensboro News of recent date. His denial is emphatic and absolutely leaves no room to believe the eighth district congressman expects to ask for any other honor at the hands of the people of North Carolina except to be re-elected to Congress.

"I have read in the Greensboro Daily News the article mentioning my name for the democratic nomination for governor in 1928," said Mr. Doughton when asked what his attitude would be with respect to himself. "In these articles it is stated that perhaps Senator Simmons is in some way responsible for the movement to have me enter the primary in 1928 as a candidate for governor against O. Max Gardner. In this connection I wish to state most emphatically and positively that neither Senator Simmons nor anyone else who might be supposed to speak for him or to know his mind about such matters, has ever discussed the matter with me in any way, shape, form or fashion.

"If the Senator has ever given any thought to the 1928 campaign I have no knowledge of it and I hope this statement will put an end to this unfounded discussion so far as Senator Simmons is concerned.

"I may add that I have never intimated to any one that I have any desire or intention to seek any office except to be re-elected to Congress in the coming election."

DR. DULA GETS RECOGNITION IN METROPOLITAN WEEKLY

The following appeared recently in the Optometric Weekly, Chicago, a publication circulated in practically every civilized country in the world, and to be mentioned in its columns reflects no little credit on Dr. Dula:

"Dr. A. W. Dula of Lenoir, N. C. has been giving instructive lectures in his home town and neighboring towns, and has received many highly complimentary notices in the papers of his county. He is especially waking the people up to the care of school children's eyes, giving them statistics and information that show them how important it is that children are given regular attention as to eyes, teeth and general health. How well his words are received is shown by the following personal communication to the Watauga Democrat: "We were fortunate indeed to have Dr. Dula with us on Friday evening. He illustrated with magic lantern slides in a most interesting way his lecture on the care of the eye. When we consider how this most delicate and indispensable organ is abused, Dr. Dula's lecture was most timely."

COMMUNITY CLUB HAS EXCELLENT PROGRAM FOR 20th

The Wide Awake Community Club will hold its regular meeting at the Riverview School House on Tuesday May 20, at 2 p. m. Superintendent Smith Hagaman is expected to be present to discuss subjects of vital concern to every citizen of Meat Camp township. Farm Agent Steele is also expected to be present and has a very interesting proposition to present. Every citizen of the township should appreciate this privilege and take advantage of the opportunity to get these good things that are offered them at the community meetings. All these meetings have been interesting and abundantly helpful. This meeting promises unusual interest. Come and bring your neighbor with you. Tuesday May 20, at Riverview school house at 2 p. m.

J. C. NORRIS, President.
G. H. JEFFCOAT, Chm. Pub. Com.

COUNTY SINGING

The next county singing will be held with Mount Vernon Church the first Sunday in June, according to J. R. Isaacs, Chairman.

pleted for the summer June 3, and the new gymnasium ready." He expresses his appreciation to the trustees the faculty and the people for their cooperation and support.

News has just come from Miss Ruth Rankin, daughter of Mr. Rankin of this school on May 8th won the gold medal awarded by Winthrop College, S. C. in their annual music contest.

DIRT BROKEN FOR TOURIST HOTEL

Work on Daniel Boone Hotel Will be Rushed to Completion in Shortest Possible Time

Yesterday morning the first dirt was moved preparatory to beginning construction work on the Daniel Boone Hotel. Messrs. Laws and Madron are in charge of the grading and have a good force of men and teams on the job.

Mr. Borden, of Charlottesville, Va. a stockholder in the enterprise and a hotelier of long experience is on the ground and will superintend the work of construction until the building is completed, at which time he is to assume active management of the hotel. It is the plan of the men in charge to have the building completed by early fall.

Mr. C. B. Kearfoot of Knoxville an architect of high order, furnishes the plans for the structure which will be a two story affair of brick veneer, containing 50 guest rooms, and thoroughly modern in every detail.

Located as it will be on the beautiful Daniel Boone Park property the hotel could not be more suitably placed. The utmost care has been exercised in laying off the grounds, and no more attractive place for tourists will be found in the entire region. Already inquiries are coming in from people in the lowlands asking for accommodations, and the indications are that the building may be altogether too small even for the first season, but has been designed with a view to making additions without detracting from the beauty of the original plan.

The hotel will be open all the year and while being primarily a tourist proposition will be operated as a high class commercial hotel in the winter months.

TRIPLETT

The farmers have been very busy in this part of the country for the past two weeks. For it seems the last rain has put them behind with their work.

Mr. J. P. Cook visited his invalid sister Mrs. Delphia Harrison of Blowing Rock last Monday. He reports her unimproved.

Mr. D. J. Rankley was in this community Monday on business. We are glad to say he will be principal of our school.

Mr. J. B. Hodges is preparing to heat his barn. He has bought a new Ford truck.

Mr. T. M. Wheeler made a business trip to Boone Saturday.

Mr. W. W. Hampton is still hauling lumber.

Rev. Lovi Greene filled his appointment at Mount Ephraim Sunday.

Rev. J. Amos Hampton will preach at Mt. Ephraim church the third Saturday and Sunday in May.

Mrs. Simon Wheeler has spent the last two weeks with her father and mother. Mr. and Mrs. George Hayes of Sands, N. C.

Mr. Doc Cox spent the week end with his father and mother Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Cox.

Messrs. Funi and Roscoe Cox visited their aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Wheeler Saturday and Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wheeler last Sunday morning a tea board baby girl.

Miss Virgie Wheeler visited her cousin Miss Jennie Wheeler Sunday.

We are glad to say our Sunday School is improving. Mr. Charley Triplett our superintendent seems to be alive to the work.

Rev. D. M. Wheeler is off to Tennessee to his regular appointment in Shady Valley.

WILSON-MOODY

The following invitation has been sent to the many friends of the contracting parties in this section:

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Moody request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter.

Goldie Belle

to

Mr. William D. Wilson on Tuesday the twentieth of May nineteen hundred and twenty four at two o'clock

Cove Creek Baptist Church Sherwood, North Carolina At home after May thirtieth Boone, N. C.