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## News Items as Reported From Rural Watauga

Interesting News Items as Reported Each Week by  
Our Correspondents in the Several Sec-  
tions of the County

### DEEP GAP TO GET TOURIST HOTEL

Bids Asked for Material for Founda-  
tion of Summer Hostelry on the  
Summit of Blue Ridge. Other News

The glad tidings have been received with great joy on every hand that Deep Gap is to have a modern tourist hotel which will soon be erected right on the slope near the eternal hills that tower to the skies in the midst of breezy gales, sparkling water and sunshine. This project bids fair to become the most interesting undertaking in this section for the past 100 years. Bids are now let asking for material to start the foundation of the same. This means much for this favored mountain section. Boost! Boost!

The Deep Gap Tie and Lumber Co., Inc. are progressing at a very rapid rate with their grade work on the railroad toward Deep Gap. Some work is being done this side of the Gap Creek Baptist Church, and when a shipment of steel rails has arrived the road will soon be laid down and the work pushed to completion at the earliest day possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Steelman were pleasant visitors at the home of M. A. G. Miller last Saturday.

Mr. A. T. Smith of Patterson visited home folks and relatives at Hopkins last week and returned to his home Sunday.

Mr. Gilson Younce was seen in Deep Gap last Sunday. Mr. Younce has been in the far western states for a while but has returned again to his native county on a visit among his friends.

He will make his future home at Marion, Va. for a while he states.

Mr. R. C. Rivers and son of newspaper and printing fame passed thru Deep Gap last Sunday in their car. Mr. Rivers and son often pass this way. They are great admirers of this section, we are pleased to state. We are always very glad to see them here.

Mr. Ralph Carroll who has been out to Bristol has returned to his home here. He was gone for a week or more on business and pleasure, we suppose.

Miss Sallie Wellborn came down from Blowing Rock but did not return. We thought she returned, but found out later that she remained at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wellborn, when we thought she was only in on a short visit.

We believe this section of the county should organize a "Better Community Club" for the purpose of getting the people united in a common cause for the betterment of morals and the upbuilding of Deep Gap. It could be along both lines which linked together would help wonderfully in the improvements that go hand in hand with public pride and spirit that pulls things onward and upward.

What do you think about this home folks? Let's go and organize it on trial anyway. Come along boys. Set the date and let's see what can be done.

Mr. Z. T. Watson we want to commend you upon your biblical history. Your writing for the Watauga Democrat along this line is hard to beat. Keep it going right along. It is as good as gold, and pure food for the brain.

Other writers should fall in once and a while. You can write interestingly on other subjects and it takes a little of everything to awe and inspire the human thought and mind. Brother Rivers will let you in I believe. Try it out and see. Let's boom the Democrat and boost our county by many loud praises.

The big farmers' picnic held annually at the Piedmont Branch Station farm near Statesville will be held on July 10 this year. Over 7,000 farmers attended this picnic last year.

### BLOWING ROCK

It is good to be in Blowing Rock nowadays. The town is on the biggest boom that a town could ever be. The merry ring of the carpenter's hammer makes your heart glad. Blowing Rock's old friends will hardly know the town this summer. It seems that a regular building epidemic has struck the place, new business buildings by the score going up, every one of which would do credit to any city. Blowing Rock is the coming town of North Carolina. Come and watch her grow.

Henry Myers colored, on last Saturday night lost a dark chestnut sorrel saddle horse from camp near the Mayview golf links. Any information as to the whereabouts of this horse will be appreciated and paid for by the said Myers.

On last Saturday night a small child of Jim Neison's ate a box of kumey pills which caused its death in a very short time. The bereaved parents have our sympathy.

Cecil Critcher had a slight but very painful operation last Monday Dr. Hardin removing a small tumor from his hand.

J. A. Panella the plumbing contractor for Blowing Rock is a very busy man working both day and night. We are glad to know that the young man is making good here and will make his home in our town.

The summer tourists are with us and it seems good to have them again.

Blowing Rock is the town for the home builder and business man. Come and investigate.

A disgruntled peddler of cotton seed said that the county agent in Caswell county caused him to lose \$500 in clear cash by giving prospective purchasers sound advice about buying their seed for planting this year. The peddler had to sell his to the oil mills.

### AUTO OWNERS TO FILE CERTIFICATE

Ownership of Cars Must be Established Before New License Tags are Issued Next Month.

Sixty thousand automobile owners who have not yet registered the title to their automobiles will be required to produce title certificate before securing automobile license for the coming year, according to announcement made by J. E. Sawyer, motor supervisor and head of the license bureau under Secretary of State W. N. Everett.

Slightly more than 200,000 owners have registered the title to their cars, leaving about 60,000 unregistered. Blanks for the identification of title will be mailed out to automobile owners with the notice for renewal of their motor licenses during the next few weeks and all application for license must be accompanied by references to the title number.

With every automobile in the state registered for title the theft bureau under the department will be able to complete the directory of automobiles in the State. The directory has become an important part of the work of the theft bureau and since its formation several thousand applications for title registration have been received. Renewal of the title annually is not required. It lasts as long as the car.

Preparations for licensing 300,000 automobiles are being made by the bureau. Five carloads of license plates have already been received at Raleigh and distributed among the various branch offices established throughout the State. Branches will be maintained at Kinston, Wilmington, Charlotte, Greensboro, Asheville and North Wilkesboro. No new licenses will be distributed before June 30.

### SIMMONS TAX BILL TO BE LAW

Mellon Plan Definitely Defeated—  
Experts See Much Revenue in  
Plan—Big Cut in Tax.

Washington, May 21.—Senator Simmons is being congratulated today on every side for his unprecedented achievement in putting over the Simmons tax bill. By a unanimous report committee on conference of both houses of congress have adopted the Simmons bill in place of the Mellon bill and the last doubt that the Simmons bill will become a law has therefore been removed. The Simmons bill will now pass both houses of Congress on an almost unanimous vote. The prevalent opinion here is that the President will not refuse to sign the Simmons bill because it undeniably carries a tremendous reduction in taxes for the American people. The best experts here believe that it will produce ample revenue for the needs of the government.

The Simmons sur tax rates and the Simmons normal tax rates which constitute the heart of the Simmons bill were adopted by the conferees of the two houses without the "crossing of a T" or the dotting of an "L." Senator Simmons fight to keep out of the bill any provision directly or indirectly taxing the so called tax free securities of the country was also successful and no tax is included in the bill against these public securities.

The Simmons bill also carries the provision for a horizontal reduction of 25 per cent on the taxes of 1923 and the American people will receive the benefit of that reduction forthwith. The Simmons victory is therefore complete and the strange and unprecedented situation will be presented of a revenue law enacted by a republican congress, signed by a republican president and bearing the name and authorship of a democratic southern senator.

The Jones amendment introduced by Senator Jones of New Mexico, which would levy a graduated tax on the undistributed surplus tax of corporations above a certain percentage and also the provision for general publicity of tax returns were both stricken from the bill, the senate yielding to the house in these two instances. A provision is retained, however, giving to the committee of the congress the right to inspect tax returns wherever they deem it necessary in the discharge of their legislative duties. The names of taxpayers and simply the amount of taxes paid are however made public.

North Carolina is the only state in the south except Virginia and Maryland which has increased its average corn yields per acre since 1910 finds C. B. Williams, Chief of the Division of Agronomy of the North Carolina Experiment Station. The yield has increased from 18.6 bushels in 1910 to 22.5 bushels in 1923. Figured at a value of \$1 per bushel this increase was worth over ten millions of dollars to the state last year.

### BONUS PAYMENT IS DENIED WAR VETERAN AT THE PRESENT TIME

Washington May 21.—Already besieged by requests from veterans for adjusted compensation under the bonus law, the war department issued a statement pointing out to former service men the futility of writing or calling for bonus payments at the present time.

The special application blanks has been prepared and an order for 15,000,000 has been placed with the public printer, the statement said. The necessary paper to fill the huge order is being shipped to the public printer by the factories and on receipt the application blanks will be promptly delivered to the department for distribution to veterans throughout the country.

In this connection the war department has made arrangements for the distribution through the postoffice department, the American Legion various military head quarters and civic societies. Printed instructions will be distributed containing all information relative to the bonus and the application blank itself will

### BONUS PLANS ARE TAKEN UP

Cabinet Decides 3,000 Additional Em-  
ployes Will be Required for Circu-  
lating Applications.

Washington, May 20.—Official Washington joined hands today in a move to adjust the government to the soldier bonus bill.

Congress, which forced the bill into law over the President's veto showed a willingness to co-operate in adjusting so far as possible the pending tax reduction bill to conform to the added cost of the bonus.

The various executive departments charged with administration of the bonus law hurriedly began to assemble their forces. The administrative question was taken up at the cabinet meeting, and it was determined that upward of 3,000 additional employes would be required immediately for the work of circulating application blanks and assembling necessary data.

While the estimated expense of \$120,000,000 for the next fiscal year on account of the bonus, cannot be provided for in the pending tax bill, which experts say will more than eliminate the estimated surplus over the necessary government expenditures, administration leaders in Congress expressed the opinion today that the bill would be signed because of the stimulus it will afford to business.

This view was predicated on the amendment of the senate amendments for full publicity of tax returns and a tax on undistributed corporation profits, yet to be considered in conference. Both proposals have been declared objectionable to the President, and there were indications today that the conferees would eliminate both. Representative Garner, of Texas, in charge of the democratic tax fight in the house, has never declared in favor of either proposal, both of which were voted in by the senate on democratic-republican insurgent votes.

Senator Smith declared he would recommend acceptance by President Coolidge of the tax bill on the ground that any deficit which might occur next year would be offset in later years by increased returns as a result of the beneficial effect on business of a tax cut now.

The American Red Cross joined the government today in the work of distributing to veterans application blanks and full instructions on the provisions of the bonus bill and it is planned to have this well under way within a few days.

The greatest burden of administrative work will come during the next year. Although none of the insurance certificates will be issued before next January 1, and the cash payments will not be made until after March 1, the task of examining the approximately 4,000,000 applications would be gotten under way as soon as possible.

The department today submitted an estimate of \$4,500,000 to the budget bureau as the amount necessary to meet administrative expense during the next fiscal year. This contemplates the employment of more

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### EVERYTHING QUIET STILL POSSIBILITY AT THE SCHOOL OF FISH HATCHERY

Teachers Enjoying a Rest Between  
Terms.—Summer School Will Be  
The Largest in History of School.

Mr. H. C. Bardin an experienced hotel man from Fort Meyer, Fla. is here supervising the building of a modern fifty room tourist hotel. The progressive citizens of the town are financing this proposition to help take care of the increasing number of people who find Boone summers attractive. Work has commenced and will be rapidly pushed to completion.

In school circles, everything is quiet. Many of the teachers have slipped away to their homes and elsewhere for a rest between terms. Mrs. Hinson has gone to Monroe, Miss Hubbel to Mountain Park, Mr. Wilson to Lumberton, Mr. Howell to Todd, Mr. Smith to Abbeville, S. C., Miss Richardson to Tennessee, Mrs. Moore to Washington, D. C. Miss Todd to Greensboro, Miss Moretz to her home near Todd and the writer to his home in Lenoir. Only in the offices and about the buildings do you find the steady work of preparation for the opening of the largest summer school in the history of the institution.

The walls of Boone's first theater are in process of construction.

Rev. J. W. Williams, presiding elder preached at the Methodist church for Rev. Mr. Huggins who with Mrs. Huggins, is attending the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta, Ga. President Dougherty is in Lenoir and elsewhere on business for the school.

J. M. DOWNUM.

R. A. Wilder a farmer of Wake County has found his reelinging machine a valuable investment. Since he bought it early in the spring he has not only reeled his own cotton seed but also several thousand bushels for his neighbors. Some men brought their seed twelve miles to have them reeled. It has resulted in better stands of cotton in that vicinity, reports county agent Anderson.

"It's not a question of being in style that should concern one about hobbling his hair," says Miss Maude Wallace, Assistant home demonstration agent for the State College of Agriculture. "but she should first decide whether or not it is suitable for her particular style of beauty."

### BLOWING ROCK TO GET POSTOFFICE

Government Plans New and Adequate  
Building to Take Place of One  
Destroyed by Fire.

Washington May 21.—Representative Dougherty who paid a personal visit to the postoffice department today to ask for better quarters and equipment for the postoffice at Blowing Rock, was told that an inspector had already been assigned to investigation of the situation there with a view of meeting the public requirements with an adequate building and equipment.

Mr. Dougherty told the officials at the Postoffice Department that Blowing Rock, one of the most famous health and pleasure resorts in the south, needed both a postoffice building and the essential equipment for the transaction of business, and that these improvements should be forthcoming. He was assured that a thorough investigation would be made and that prompt action in the matter might be expected several months ago fire at that place destroyed the postoffice and its contents and since that time the office has been run in temporary quarters entirely inadequate and unsatisfactory.

A tenant farmer of Union county at the age of fifty years bought his own farm last year paying \$4100 for it. The first thing he did was to find the county agent and get his help and advice in terracing and planning his work. County agent T. W. Broom went out and spent two days with him. Before the agent left the farmer pointed to a terraced field and said, "Some day, if you live, and I do, I am going to show you one hundred bushels of corn per acre on that land." Such was his confidence in the plan of the agent.

If Suitable Location Can be Found  
in Watauga, Trout Hatchery Will  
Be Completed This Summer.

(Winston Salem Journal.)  
Chairman J. K. Dixon of the N. C. Fisheries Commission spent Sunday in the city and when seen at the Robert E. Lee Hotel yesterday afternoon talked interestingly of the progress being made in building hatcheries in western North Carolina.

Mr. Dixon will visit the Roaring Gap section, above Elkin today for the purpose of definitely locating a site for a new trout hatchery in that vicinity. He hopes soon to have an expert from the bureau of fisheries of the federal government to make a survey. It is the purpose of Chairman Dixon to build the hatchery at Roaring Gap and have it in operation by the fall.

Mr. Dixon says he finds the greatest interest and enthusiasm in the new hatcheries wherever he goes in Piedmont and Western North Carolina. In every instance the people have donated land and other material and counties are building roads to them.

Five hatcheries in all will be put in operation by fall. Two are for the propagation of bass and three for mountain trout. The main trout hatchery is in Haywood county near Waynesville, one at Roaring Gap and one somewhere in Watauga County. The bass hatcheries are in Cumberland county, near Fayetteville and in McDowell county, near Marion.

The bass hatcheries near Fayetteville and Marion are being pushed to completion. Supts. are on the job and they will be put in operation in a few months. The hatchery near Marion is one of the beauty spots of the State. The county is building a splendid highway encircling the hatchery and when it is completed it will be one of the show places of that section of the state.

The Superintendent is also on the job at the trout hatchery in Haywood and the work is being rushed. When completed this hatchery will have a capacity of five million young trout a year with which to stock the mountain streams of the state.

The hatchery in Watauga has not yet been located. It was thought at one time that a site had been determined upon, but it was found impossible to procure the land on terms agreeable to the state authorities. Another site has been suggested in that county. If a proper site can be found the hatchery will be built in Watauga this summer under order of the fisheries commission board issued some time ago.

### ORIGINAL "BUSTER BROWN" DRAWS IMMENSE CROWDS

The Buster Brown attraction put on in Boone Tuesday afternoon by the Davidson Dept. Store was a signal success, and considered the best advertising stunt ever pulled off in this section. The court house was well filled, children being in the majority. Buster was not at his best, as he explained, for he had just received a telegram from a hospital in Lexington, Ky. that his world famous dog Tige was dead. However, the program was nicely carried out. A series of moving pictures was first which was followed by an address by the midget concerning the excellent points of the Buster Brown shoe, sold by Davidson, and interspersed with jokes on himself and his dog Tige. Many presents were given, the best one being a neat watch, now possessed by little Billy Mack Garrison, being the first boy to get on the stage wearing the Buster Brown shoe. Buster is being accompanied through this territory by Mr. N. C. Cousins of Mountain City, who represents the Brown Shoe Co., in this vicinity, and who is well and favorably known in Watauga. Before closing Buster asked all the little folks in the audience to hold up their hands who intended to wear Buster Brown shoes in the future, and almost instantly the little hands shot up all over the room, so we judge that the Davidson Store will enjoy a lively trade in this line of goods hereafter.

Business men of Granville county have pledged \$500 in cash to be used as prizes to stimulate more interest in the Live-at-Home program of the Agricultural Extension division, reports county agent J. H. Blackwell.