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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

Meat Camp

Rev. H. W. Jeffcoat filled his regular appointment at the Lutheran Church here Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Moretz announce the birth of a baby—Lucia Lucy.

Mr. A. C. Miller went on a business trip to Boone last Monday.

Mr. Henry Lewis of Danville, Ky. is spending a few weeks with his brothers and sisters here. Mr. Lewis has been gone from this place eighteen years. We are all glad to see him back again.

Mr. A. G. Miller was a business caller at Mr. Willie Proffit's on last Thursday.

Mr. Frank Main, having been the lowest bidder on the Tamarack-Todd star mail route, has gone on duty.

Mrs. Bettie Winebarger is spending a few weeks with her son, Mr. John Lewis of Boone.

Mr. Frank Hockedy, who has been gone from his native section—Tamarack—for twenty eight years, during which time he has never been heard from, passed through Meat Camp on Friday on his return, having walked, he says, from Fordland, California.

Mrs. Maude Winebarger is somewhat indisposed at this writing. We hope she will soon recuperate.

Messrs Bart Ragan and Manley Moretz went on a business trip to Shulls Mills on last Saturday.

Mr. Lemuel Townsend of Foscoe spent last Saturday night at Mr. Joseph Moretz's.

It rains and rains, but on last Sunday afternoon and part of the night there fell an unusual rain in this section and perhaps others.

Rominger

Mr. Dwight Edmisten was in this vicinity last week on business.

Mr. Grady Trivett of Vilas visited his brother M. P. Trivett last week.

Mrs. Martha Mast visited her daughter Mrs. Emma Hicks last week.

Mr. John Mast, Dewey Rominger, and others went to Mr. Joe Trivett's cherry picking recently who has a bumper crop of the delicious fruit.

Mr. A. L. Presnell went to Baird's Creek last Sunday.

The recent rains have washed our roads very bad, but alas! We cannot get our township road supervisor to look over the roads, much less have them worked, but we are going to keep lashing at him and maybe he will see the error of his way and repent. The mails from Beech Creek to Rominger are very heavy and unless the roads are soon repaired it will be soon impossible to drive over them with mail vehicle.

Come on ye good writers and make the Watauga Democrat the best paper in the state.

Mr. J. Wayne Harmon took a truck load of people to Blowing Rock and other points last Sunday. It seems that a great many of our folks had rather take joy rides than to fill places in church and Sunday School.

The Zion Hill singing class will sing at the Rominger school house the third Sunday in July in the afternoon.

There was a box supper given at Windy Gap for two unfortunatees by the Sunday School, which amounted to \$49.00.

Mr. Lionel Ward went to Beaver Dam last week cherry-hunting.

Hurray for L. M. Farthing!

Foscoe

Mrs. J. C. Walters and little son of California are visiting her mother Mrs. Walker and other relatives in Foscoe.

Mr. N. R. Walters and son of Seattle, Wash. are visiting his sister Mrs. D. C. Coffey.

The fourth passed off very quietly here. All seemed to be happy.

Our Sunday School is doing fine. We are planning a trip to Linville the third Sunday. All the school will go and take lunch and spend the day. We will go and come on the train.

1924 FREE SCHOOL BUDGET PREPARED

Watauga County Board of Education Was in Regular Session Monday. Much Routine Work.

The board of education was in session two days this week. Much routine work was done.

The 1924-25 budget was prepared which will require about \$68,000 for the public schools for this year. Of this amount the State will pay more than \$17,000.

The Board has placed a premium on attendance on summer school by allowing experience to operate in that case only.

It was ordered by the Board that the schedule of work laid out and used in the schools last year be continued this year.

The Board directed that the school—six months term—open July 14.

BARLEY GOOD CROPS FOR WESTERN CAROLINA

Raleigh, N. C. July 8.—During the past few years some of the small grain growers of the piedmont section, particularly in Davie, Rowan, and Davidson counties have become interested in the production of barley, largely as a food for dairy cattle.

"The crop with which barley competes most is oats. Some of the growers who prefer barley to oats claim that they get better grazing from the barley and can still save a crop of seed. Others are growing barley because it is considerably more hardy in winter than oats. The Division of Agronomy started some work three years ago to study the varieties of barley suited to the Piedmont section and to compare their yield with that of oats. More than fifty varieties were tested and one of the best strains in the test proved to be one selected by the Tennessee Experiment Station at Knoxville. This is a very uniform strain of hooded barley which matures early. Last year the Piedmont Branch station secured a considerable quantity of the best seed of this pedigree strain and has increased it to supply the farmers of the Piedmont section.

"During the past season when most of the winter oats were killed the Tennessee strain of barley stood up well, in fact a splendid crop was saved from this variety. In this connection it should be mentioned that on the average, barley has not produced quite as much grain per acre as oats. For this reason growers that are now producing oats successfully are not advised to change to barley unless they have already tried barley and feel that it is better adapted for their purpose than oats. The results of recent tests indicate that barley will not produce quite as much food value per acre as oats."

"STOP LAW" CUTS ACCIDENTS

The first six months operation of the North Carolina Stop Law saw a reduction of thirty-two per cent in the number of grade crossing accidents as compared with the record of the preceding six months, fourteen per cent reduction in the number of persons killed.

These are the figures compiled by R. O. Self, chief clerk to the corporation commission on the basis of reports to the commission from the Southern Seaboard, and Atlantic Coast Line on accidents at railroad grade crossings for the six months prior to July 1, 1923, when the Stop Law went into effect and for the six months following that date.

From January 1, 1923, to June 30 inclusive, there were 160 grade crossing accidents in which 52 persons were injured and 16 killed at crossings of the three principal railroads operating in North Carolina, according to the figures announced by Mr. Self.

From July 1, 1923 to December 30 inclusive, there were only 109 automobile accidents at the grade crossings of the same railroads. The number of persons killed was 10 and the number injured 45.

Meet your neighbors at the Farmers State Convention to be held at State College July 23, 24 25. Plenty of good food for brain and stomach will be served at this farm gathering.

When the milk scales come into the milk house, the boarder cow goes out.

Davis and Bryan Are the Nominees of Democrats

The Democratic convention deadlock was broken yesterday when John W. Davis of West Virginia was nominated by acclamation to carry the Democratic Standards for 1924. Charles W. Bryan, governor of Nebraska was the choice for the vice-presidency.

YOUNG CALVIN COOLIDGE DEAD

After Five Days' Illness Son of the President Passes Away—Rallies Third Time Before End Comes.

Washington, July 7.—Calvin Coolidge, Jr., son of the President died tonight at Walter Reed hospital of blood poisoning.

The end came after the boy had battled with the utmost bravery and fortitude for five days against a disease which had racked his body with pain and sapped the reserve strength of his frail constitution.

President and Mrs. Coolidge, who had maintained constant vigil at the hospital were at his bedside, hopeful and cheering and comforting the son to the last.

Three sinking spells Sunday night brought him to the point of death. A slight rally Monday gave slight hope, but soon thereafter he began again to lose ground and he never rallied again.

A sinking spell, the fourth he had suffered in 24 hours, brought death notwithstanding the use of oxygen and other restoratives the courage which had withstood crisis after crisis and had beaten death off repeatedly, was unable to meet the final attack. The collapse began at 6:30 o'clock, and he gradually sank into eternity. He died at 10:30 o'clock.

The infection developed from a broken blister on the right foot incurred during a tennis match with his brother John on the White House courts last Monday. At first, paying no attention to it, the youth developed an alarming condition by Wednesday night and physicians were summoned.

Young Coolidge was sixteen years old.

YOU CAN'T GET AWAY FROM PEOPLE, SAYS KILGORE

Raleigh, N. C. July 1.—"The head porter in my hotel was from Charlotte and the representative of a Paris newspaper was a young man who graduated from Trinity last year," says director B. W. Kilgore dean of the school of agriculture who recently returned from his trip abroad acting as delegate from the United States to the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, Italy. "This was one of my first impressions—you can't get away from people you know. I found also that the fame of North Carolina as an agricultural state had preceded me and in traveling over Scotland, England, France, Italy and Switzerland, I found that some of the leading people wanted to hear of our accomplishments. I was invited to address a gathering of notables both of London and Edinburgh on the agricultural development of our state."

Mr. Kilgore said that his second impression was the lack of space to do things in. The farms were small, the people too plentiful and living conditions were crowded. During the time spent in Rome he saw only one new building being constructed of stone and brick. There is no timber. The trees of Italy are grown on the side of the ditch banks and intercropped with grape vines while the prunings of the trees are used for fuel. All the land is used and there is much human labor. The returns per man is not as great as in this country, and says Mr. Kilgore, "I would not ever want us to have to farm the way they farm over there. Their standard of living is now, particularly in the Mediterranean countries and they do not use the labor saving machinery such as we have in this country."

Mr. Kilgore saw the need of protecting our lands by terracing and putting the inaccessible lands in forests after noting the conditions of some soils over there. "We do not want to wait until it is too late as they did over there," he says.

UNUSUALLY LARGE SUMMER TERM A. T. S. CLOSES TOMORROW MORNING

SECOND TERM BEGINS 15th WITH MANY ALREADY ENROLLED EARNEST WORK REPORTED ON PART OF BOTH TEACHERS AND STUDENTS—NOTED VISITORS

NATIONAL PARK CONVENTION MEETS

Grandfather Mountain Section Still Considered the Most Feasible Location—Meeting at Blowing Rock

Special of July 5, to Charlotte Observer.

Mayview Manor, Blowing Rock.—The scenic beauty of western North Carolina rivals that of Yosemite of the Yellowstone national park. The grandeur of Yosemite is unique in its own picturesque glory. The grandeur of Yellowstone is just as unique in its vast variety and almost boundless reaches. The grandeur of western North Carolina is unique, because it is absolutely unlike anything in the great Rockies or the weeping mountains of California.

And that is why Linville Gorge with its rippling streams, its primal forests, its crown of blue-rimmed mountains, its infinite solitudes as virgin and as remote as the day when the red man was king and when Grandfather Mountain was the shrine of the roving Indian should be perpetuated forevermore as a national memorial, say progressive but far-seeing citizens of North Carolina.

Today I was permitted to vision a future for this Blue Ridge region of unbelievable possibilities when Col. Joseph Hyde Pratt called together in the second day of the convention the delegates from North Carolina, Virginia, Georgia and Tennessee chambers of commerce to discuss further the details of America's finest playground of the east—a national park in the southern Appalachians. Colonel Pratt presided, and among other things he said:

"Yosemite is a household word throughout America. Yellowstone park is a household word. These parks are visited annually by uncounted thousands. If we get for this section the proposed national park for the southern Appalachians it will mean that more than 250,000 people will visit in western North Carolina every year.

"I make this estimate based on figures in my possession detailing attendance records at play grounds and parks of lesser importance established in western North Carolina. Some of these places draw as many as 50,000 people annually. If they can accomplish this, what would a national park do?"

"A national park is an area set aside by the government where evermore thereafter no commercial development shall enter. It provides a sanctuary for the wild life of that section, a haven for the birds, a paradise for fish of all kinds, the camping ground, the home pastures, for animal life.

"It is a place that will be developed by the government for one purpose only—preservation of original beauty and perpetuation of its aboriginal life. Of course roads and bridge paths will be built, and hotel sites will be awarded, and there will be camp locations, but none of these will be permitted to interfere with the original scenic grandeur of the area."

Every delegate here today pledged Colonel Pratt that he or she will return to his or her home town and present the proposition in its fullest detail to all civic and commercial bodies of the community, so that the Southern Appalachian national park committee will know that North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and Georgia are unanimous in their recommendation of the Linville gorge and Grandfather Mountain areas as the logical site for the park. The resolution adopted in the convention yesterday reads in full, as follows:

"Resolved, that it is the sense of those attending this meeting called to consider the location of a national park in the southern Appalachian mountains; that the Linville Gorge and Grandfather Mountain area is the one area in the southern Appalachian region that fulfills the requirements of a national park, and should be given serious consideration by the southern Appalachian

The first term of the Appalachian Training School summer term is drawing to a close. It closes on the 11th and the second term begins on the 15th. Thus comes to a close the largest term that school has ever enrolled by more than 45 per cent. A large number have already enrolled for the second term and reservations are coming in daily. A large number of those in the first term will remain for the next term. Besides those in the state school the county school has enrolled 83 and the Demonstration school 215, making in all on the campus 827 students. The work has moved on well and both students and teachers have done hard earnest work. There is a fine body of students and a most excellent corps of teachers.

Quite a large number of visitors have been at the Training School during the past week. Col. Olds whom every student knows and loves, has been at the school for several days and has made a number of interesting and instructive talks. Mrs. M. E. Brown, the author of a reader and representing B. F. Johnson & Co. addressed the school on the 3rd. Prof. Horton of Newton who has been spending some days in town visited the school. Messrs J. M. Croker and R. H. Carrol, Cherryville, visited their wives at the school on the 4th. Messrs Hunter and Frank Dougherty of Tennessee and cousin of the Dougherty Brothers, spent some time at the school. On the 4th an excursion brought 250 from Johnson City, most of them students in the East Tennessee State Normal. These were welcome visitors. Mr. Wood, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Johnson City, and his family spent some days with friends in Boone and made a very fine talk to the school on Saturday. Dr. Keppart of the N. C. C. W. addressed the Parent-Teachers Association on Saturday. All of the visitors showed deep interest in the work and development of the school.

There will be a call meeting of the Watauga Post American Legion Saturday July 19 at Cove Creek School house. All veterans are urged to be present. The adjusted compensation will be discussed and other important matters.

The directors of the Watauga Co. Bank were in session Monday. A semi-annual dividend of four per cent was ordered paid. In order to better take care of the book keeping department an electric posting machine will be put in as soon as the new power plant is completed.

The kitchens of rural North Carolina homes are being transformed into efficient workshops through the work of the home demonstration agents of the State College extension division.

A negro home demonstration worker among the colored people of Beaufort County began with the essentials for better living when she taught her club women how to rid their homes of bed bugs, flies and mosquitoes.

The Southern Appalachian National park committee, with Congressman H. E. Temple of Pennsylvania as chairman, will meet in Washington on July 15 to consider recommendations and will later visit in the Southern Appalachian region. The committee was appointed by Hubert Work, Secretary of the interior.

The conference here adjourned late today.