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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

The pie and ice cream supper held at Rocky Point school last Saturday evening was a grand success. The teachers of the school are very progressive in their work and are putting things on the move here. They are to be commended in their work and we hope the people will cooperate right along with them during the whole term.

Their next social will be held on the 23rd day of August in the evening. Every girl and woman in the whole community should bring a pie as everybody there will want to eat your pie, as there never seems to be enough to go around. The proceeds will go to the benefit of the school.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Greene of Cynthiana, Ohio have been visiting their many friends here for several days. We are always glad to have them here and hope they will come again. They will return to their home in a few days.

The prohibition agent Mr. Ralph Bingham seems to be on his job down this way. That is the stuff, Ralph and when you get the Red Eye business gone for good in this section lots of fellows will change their occupation along the Boone Trail just over on the Wilkes side.

Clean them up. Get the chief offenders!

Mr. A. G. Miller is doing quite a big business trading and selling automobiles. If you need a car see him at once as he will sell or trade every time.

ROCKY POINT

The Community meeting at the school house Saturday afternoon and evening was well attended and greatly enjoyed. During the afternoon many people of the community came out to enjoy the ice cream and discuss matters of community interest. In the evening number of visitors came also and a large crowd was present to hear the address of the evening delivered by Professor Greer of the Training School. Prof. Greer was at his best, which is saying much, and his forceful address was thoroughly appreciated by his audience.

The people of this community were so much pleased with the success of this first community meeting of the season that they decided to make them a regular institution. Saturday August 23 was appointed for the next meeting and on that date, during both afternoon and evening there will be some entertainment feature either as an address or lecture or some good music. Next week's Democrat will carry the announcements. After this the meetings will probably be held regularly every two weeks.

The principal objects of these meetings is the promotion of community co-operation, and the discussion of community problems with the very definite aim of solving these problems. Both patrons and pupils show an unusually good spirit of cooperation toward the school and community affairs and no one doubts but that through this cooperation we shall be able to make our school and community one among the best.

A number of our people attended the preaching services at Stony Fork during last week.

The Rev. Mr. Franklin, principal of the Rutherford school preached a strong sermon to a large congregation at Laurel Springs last Sunday.

Among the visitors at Rocky Point Saturday evening were Sheriff Critcher, Mr. Albert Watson and Mr. Rufus Greene of Boone.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Broybill and children of Lenoir were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hampton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Watson and children and Mr. and Mrs. John Hodges of Boone visited in the community.

Miss Theodosia Watson, principal of the school was called home Sunday on account of the serious illness of her sister. The primary teacher Miss Fawn Watson with the assistance of Miss Dollie Greene will carry on the school work during her absence.

Valle Crucis

Rev. N. Collin Hughes, head master of St. Nicholas School, Raleigh, is a guest at the Mission School. Dr. Hughes preached at the Episcopal church Sunday morning to a large congregation. With Dr. Hughes are his daughters Miss Carrie V and Elizabeth Hughes.

Additional guests at the Mission School this week are: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dopper, Miss Clyde White, Mr. G. H. Geitner of Hickory, Miss Katherine Birdsall of East Orange, N. J., Mr. John Harrell of Huntersville, N. C., Miss Mary Matthews, Master Broe and Miss Trotter Matthews of Charlotte, Miss Ervin, Miss Polly Elliot of Fayetteville, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis M. Poag, Lewis M. Poag Jr., Miss Rees and Miss Durham of Lincoln.

The following gentlemen from Mt. Airy are camping here: Messrs. C. Hale, Ward B. Hines, J. W. Prather, E. L. Williams and Mr. C. H. Young of Greensboro.

Dr. Sharp of Statesville and family are camping here.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Sample of Charlotte are guests at Mr. T. H. Taylor's.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Menzies of Hilo spent the week end at Mrs. J. F. Mast's. Mrs. Love and Miss Sadie Menzies were with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd S. Goodrum and their two daughters Marion and Emily are spending a while here.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Goodrum, Miss Grace Goodrum, Miss Helen Goodrum, Mr. Earl Goodrum Jr., Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Lottery, and Thos. E. Lottery Jr., Miss Louise Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stiles, Misses Cynthia, Annie, Sue Porter Stiles, Mr. and Mrs. Hannah, Mrs. O. S. Brown Jr. and Mrs. S. A. Thompson, Elizabeth Thompson and Jennie Thompson of Davidson college are camping here for a short time.

Meat Camp

Rev. Williams of Elkland filled his regular appointment at the new church here on last Sunday. Going from it to the Hopewell church he began a revival Sunday night which we suppose will continue throughout the week and probably longer. Rev. Wousley of Boone will assist him.

Mrs. Bettie Greene who has been sick for the last nineteen months is unusually ill at this writing. We are hoping she will soon recover.

Mrs. Emeline Moretz of Hopkins N. C. visited relatives here last week. Glad to see her.

Mr. A. W. Hodgson went on a business trip to Boone Monday.

Miss Edna Moretz returned home last week after having attended a ten days Sunday School normal at Hickory.

Bee-tree hunting is growing interesting in this section, there having been three trees found recently. Surely this is the land of milk and honey.

Mrs. Rhodd Winebarger of Mast visits her daughter Mrs. N. E. Moretz.

Mr. Ronda Davis of near Todd attended services here Sunday.

The corn crop in this community is not looking as good as usual.

To subscribe for your county paper shows that you have an interest every citizen should have.

INSTALLATION SERVICES

Rev. W. A. Deaton, D. D. will be formally installed as pastor of old Mount Pleasant Lutheran congregation Sunday August 24.

Rev. J. L. Morgan D. D. President of the N. C. Synod will preach the installation sermon at 11 o'clock a. m.

Rev. H. W. Jeffcoat pastor of the Watauga Mission, will deliver the charge to the congregation at 2 o'clock p. m.

Dinner on the grounds and everybody cordially invited.

There will be a box supper at Laurel Springs school house Saturday night Aug. 16th. The public is cordially invited.

A GREAT EDUCATOR SPEAKS ON A CLEAN LIFE

(By W. A. Watson.)
On the 9th inst. Prof. I. G. Greer from the Appalachian Training School of Boone delivered a remarkable address at Rocky Point on the subject of a clean life and "omnium in Spirit."

Prof. Greer said in part: "That there are two classes of people in every community, one who tried to make people believe they were good by outward appearance, while in heart and soul their deeds were only a shadow to deceive the people and pass by with a code of near right, a mild way of getting by with a dark-spotted life."

He pictured the other class as being clean and pure all the way thru.

He emphasized a clean life in great detail with powerful stress which was full of timely logic and filled in with true life stories taken from the past history to clear his statements with force and effect.

He said that the community should defend itself and not pull itself down. He illustrated this point by taking the life story of Col. Taylor the father of Bob and Alf with the colored boys Sambo and others. He said that Col. Taylor had an old foggy idea that if his boys went in swimming in the dark nights of August that they would become sick, weak and pale, so Col. Taylor made a strict order that his boys stay out of the river during the period of the dark nights in August, but the two Taylor sons, Bob and Alf with Sambo and others, one fine day could not resist the temptation to go in swimming, so they went up the river and under cover waded right in and while they were enjoying the time of their lives Col. Taylor came up and caught them.

Col. Taylor asked them to come out upon the bank to receive their punishment with lash in hand, but the boys were a little slow about coming out. Then it was Col. Taylor who said "Boys if you will not come out then I will wade into you."

It was then that the boys, Bob and Alf with the colored boys, made for the bank to have their punishment meted out to them.

Col. Taylor lined them all up in a row beginning on the bank and a row on the bank and beginning with Bob, Alf, Sambo and the two others. Col. Taylor said: "Bob you are 12 years old, I will give you 12 lashes, Alf you are 12 years old I will give you 12 lashes and Sambo when I am through with you those other two colored boys will never want to go in swimming while they live."

But before Col. Taylor started at the head of the row, Sambo asked Col. Taylor if he could speak a word before he began his punishment. The Col. consented and Sambo said: "Massa Taylor I do not want you to stripe the pretty white backs of Bob and Alf, so you can give me my punishment and when you are through you can also give me Bobs and Alfs 12 and 10 lashes as my back is hard and black and the lashes will not show."

Prof. Greer told the above story very pathetic and used it as an illustration of how each community should go to each others defense in time of need instead of pulling the community down by tongue clatter and rushing the fallen pell-mell on to destruction.

He also asked the community at large to stand behind the school and lend them their co-operation and support all the way through, as no better teachers could be found in Watauga county than those who are teaching at Rocky Point.

Prof. Greer's address will never be forgotten by his attentive audience and we believe he has sown flowers here that will blossom and bear fruit if the people will only join in the movement for "A Clean Life and a Better Community."

At the close of Prof. Greer's address Miss Theodosia Watson one of our teachers responded after the Professor had delivered his address and thanked the speaker in behalf of the school and community.

She added a few words of the trials that came before the paths of teachers and asked for full and unstinted co-operation. She stated that "duty called for the best there was in her, and that if the people would only give her support in her life's work that all would be well."

The audience was then dismissed and ice cream was served, and every one went away helped inspired and full of good cheer.

MRS. W. LEAK PEACE ENTER- TAINS

Written for our last issue.

In the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty four in the month of July on the thirty-first day, Mrs. W. Leak Peace entertained in room twenty seven in the new Administration Building. During the afternoon quite a few guests called. Helping Mrs. Peace receive were Misses Lona Perkins, Jessie Query, Sallie Jane Smyer, Edith Farr, and Messrs Ralph D. Arrowood and James Moore.

Among those who called were Professors Johnson, Rankin, B. L. Smith Williams; Miss Bradsher, Shaver, Horner and others.

The nature of this entertainment was unique. Barring Mr. Moore, those assisting were students of Mrs. Peace who had come to help her cleanse the windows, so that the beaming rays of the sun might enter uninterrupted by such impediments as plaster, dirt and paint that had heretofore obscured the vision of those desiring to gaze upon Howard's Knob and the Rich Mountain for insurance. Armed with suitable materials and with the aid of Bon Ami and a good portion of elbow grease after about two hours they had the windows shining.

Now Mrs. Peace is constantly having to turn the chairs around towards the front of the room because the members of the classes have just found out that Howard's Knob can be seen from the chess room windows. Since the northwest corner on the lower floor presents such a charming appearance we hope that the idea will spread over the entire building until it becomes famous for its radiating a spirit of sanitation.

At the conclusion of the cleansing program Mrs. Peace served acceptable refreshments consisting of Good Grape, Coca-Cola, bananas and Wrigley's chewing gum. After the most enjoyable refreshments had been partaken of a delightful impromptu program was given led by the hostess.

Mrs. Peace very effectively recited "Mary Had a Little Lamb" in three distinct manners; first she recited as an old fashioned miss, second as the modern elocutionist, third as the timid little school girl. This last act convulsed her audience with laughter. After much persuasion and cajoling on the part of Mrs. Peace the other members of the window brigade performed. Miss Furr sang "America leaving out every other word. Mr. Arrowood in a most charming and comical manner sang the roll of an English class to the tune of "Old Black Joe." Misses Perkins, Smyer and Query and Mr. Moore asked some very clever conundrums and riddles and told Irish and other jokes.

About five o'clock the party adjourned. Every one present had a very pleasant time and considers Mrs. Peace a most gracious hostess.

FORMER WATAUGAN WRITES FROM TEXAS

I am truly glad to get your paper from my old home state. It gives me great pleasure to read of the happenings in the country around my dear old boyhood home, where the gentle winds sweep over the beautiful mountain tops of the Carolina hills. I shall never forget the good old friends of long ago. Some of the best men and women that ever lived to take their places as good statesmen, while many of them have gone on to wait for the coming of our Lord. I still have many friends living there I would love to see and also some relatives. I left Watauga June 1881. Have been to see my old home once since I left. When I came to Texas it was thinly settled, but it now has a population of over four million. My grandfather helped to drive the Indians from the east to Oklahoma. They crossed Red River at the horse shoe bend. That is where they had their last hard fight. He said the Indians were treated wrong because this was their country and they served the white men friendly when they landed here. Then they were driven from their hunting grounds. By our great government some of them have become great men of our states. That is the next blood with the white people.

L. TRIPLET
McCoy, Texas.

May these occasions occur many times during the term of our school is our only wish and desire for the betterment of the school and the community at large.

The management of the Democrat would again apologize for the size of the publication this week. This is caused by the absence of electric power practically all the time except at night for a short while. Under present conditions we are doing as much as is physically possible. Many articles were crowded out this week, but will appear later. The publishing of this small newspaper is temporary, and we will be back to the standard size as soon as is physically possible.

THE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

It was the pleasure of two of the Democrat force to be present at the Association at Silverstone on Tuesday but unfortunately got there too late for the opening services. The crowd in attendance was very large and the good ladies of the great Cove Creek section had vied with each other in preparing food for the big occasion for the great throng was fed—not a single one turned away hungry and there was an abundance left after all had been satisfied. By the way the substantial section is one of the best in the county and is peopled with choice citizenship. Many of our most progressive farmers are there and now their beautiful farms are growing splendid crops of corn while the Irish Cobbler seed potato crop and the cabbage was possibly never finer. One farmer there told the Democrat last week that he expected to have at least 1500 bushels of seed potatoes for the Southern market. The oat and hay crop all over Cove Creek is very abundant. This is indeed a blessing. We had started out to tell of the great Baptist gathering, and abruptly switched on to farming. We have not heard where it will meet next year but if we had a vote it would be cast in favor of Silverstone as a locality could handle it more nicely.

MRS. LITTLE ENTERTAINS

The members of the Friday Afternoon Club were entertained last week by Mrs. McD. Little.

The guests were received on the front porch where punch was served with Mrs. Turner Hendrix presiding at the punch bowl. Mrs. O. L. Hardin then led the guests into the reception hall where they were most cordially greeted by the hostess. The first number of the cleverly arranged program consisted of two piano solos by Mrs. A. E. South. This was followed by one of Irving Berlin's "Ghost Stories" given by Miss Annie Starbury in her usual entertaining manner.

The main feature of the afternoon was the solo work by Mr. Jas. H. Moore accompanied by Mrs. Wainwright at the piano. Mr. Moore who is a teacher of voice at the A. T. S. has studied for several years in Washington City. His selections were most enthusiastically received and formed an appropriate ending for the varied and entertaining program.

Refreshments consisting of block cream and cake followed by bon bons were served.

The club will meet next week with Mrs. Tracy Council.

Program Fifth Sunday Meeting— Stony Fork Association to be held with Laurel Fork Beginning Sat. Aug. 30 1924.

1. Devotional by Rev. W. D. Ashley.
2. Sermon by Rev. W. M. Francum.
3. Organization.
4. The duty that we owe to the mission cause discussed by Revs. Francum, Ashley and Wheeler.
5. Have we discharged our duty toward the mission cause through the 75 Million Campaign? Z. T. Greene, J. Amos Hampton, and N. L. Harrison.

Adjourn until 8 p. m.
Sermon by Rev. G. W. Sebastian, Sunday School 10 a. m.

11. A sermon by Rev. B. F. Wilcox. Subject Missions.
Adjourn for dinner.

1:30 p. m. How we may interest the young people in the Sunday School. Prof. B. B. Dougherty, L. T. Elrod Miss Minnie Day and Miss Ethel Day in behalf of the women's work.

J. AMOS HAMPTON
B. F. WILCOX
T. C. HODGES
Committee.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Critcher and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Horton spent the past week end on a motor trip through the Asheville section.

REV. BURNZ NOW NEAR EAST RELIEF DIRECTOR

Rev. Edgar S. Burnz, recently appointed state director of Near East Relief work in North Carolina has assumed charge of the work at the headquarters at Charlotte. J. B. Ivey State Chairman of this organization has just announced, C. W. Hopper, regional director, representing the national office came with Rev. Burnz to Charlotte to confer with J. B. Ivey and other members of the state committee.

Beginning August 12 Rev. Burnz will begin a tour of the state holding conferences with the county chairmen and state committeemen.

Rev. Burnz is a graduate of the Virginia Theological seminary of Alexandria, Va. Since graduation he has had a unique and interesting career. He rendered great service by his splendid reform work in the prisons of New York State. Later he joined the evangelistic staff of the National Bible Institute of New York City. During the World War he was director of camp activities of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in the cantonments at New Port News, Va. In 1918 he was on the national staff of the Nationwide Campaign for the Protestant Episcopal church, for the past several years Rev. Burnz has been a member of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Southwestern Virginia and during this period he was also county chairman of Near East Relief and made such a conspicuous record that he was sought to fill the state director vacancy in North Carolina. Because of the urgent request from national headquarters, regional headquarters and state committeemen, Rev. Burnz has been named to Near East Relief by the Rev. Robert C. Jett, D. D. Bishop of that diocese.

Mr. Ivey states: "We are indeed fortunate in securing one so exceptionally well qualified to be our state director. Rev. Burnz past record as a business executive, field secretary, organizer and minister of the Gospel has been excellent indeed. He is a man of pleasing and strong personality and a worthy leader of this noble cause of the little orphan children of the Near East."

PICNIC AT SWANNANOVA FARM

The annual farmers picnic at the Swannanov Test Farm will be held Thursday August 14. A program that will be of much interest to the farmers of Western North Carolina has been put on. One thing that will be of interest to many will be to see the control of seed and the results of nitrate of soda on the State Experimental orchards. Those who have met the bean beetle will be glad to see the work that is being done by Mr. Crawford there on the state farm. There will also be the fertilizer and seed tests, results shown. This year an interesting program has been arranged for the women for the first time. All in all, this will probably be the best meeting that has been held at the Swannanov Test Farm.

Don't forget the party that expects to leave here on Tuesday 19, and meet with the Fredell county party at Morganton. During the afternoon of that day we will go over the State Hospital farm and go to Asheville. Wednesday will be spent on the Biltmore estate, then the Swannanov picnic Thursday. I should be glad to know of all those that are going so that we can arrange to go together.

JOHN B. STEELE, County Agt.

WORTH WHILE CLUB

The Worth While Club was delightfully entertained by Mrs. W. G. Hartzog at her home on Blowing Rock road on Friday afternoon. The home was artistically decorated with sweet peas. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Bennett. A special prayer was offered for Mrs. Wright a member of the club who was in the local hospital. Miss Shull, a graduate of the Statesville school of Music rendered several numbers which the club members and visitors enjoyed. Mrs. Kent of the Home Economics Dept. of the Summer School made a very interesting talk on canning.

The hostess had prepared a contest in which the blanks were to be filled with names of club members. Mrs. Brown was the winner in the contest.

Mrs. Hartzog assisted by her small daughter served refreshments consisting of lemonade, sandwiches and cake.

The club adjourned to meet next with Messames Carl Winkler and Zeb Farthing.