

News Items as Reported From Rural Watauga

Interesting News Items as Reported Each Week by Our Correspondents in the Several Sections of the County

Valle Crucis

Miss Annie Shull of New York City is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Shull.

Misses Lula Taylor and Beatrice Shull have been in Hickory for a few days visiting Mrs. Chas. Menzie. The young ladies expect to leave the latter part of the week for their work in New York.

Miss Boyd Caudill has returned from a visit to Washington City.

Miss Myrtle Caudill is at home for a few weeks after attending the summer schools at Chapel Hill and North Carolina College for Women at Greensboro.

Mr. Don Shull is spending a while with home folks after an absence of two years.

Annie Hartley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hartley and Selma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hard Thomas had tonsil operations at the Watauga Hospital in Boone this week.

A number of visitors are still in the valley, enjoying the lovely autumn season.

The home of Mr. Lee Lowrance, residing near Valle Crucis with much of the contents was destroyed by fire early Sunday morning. A defective fuse is said to have been the cause of the conflagration.

Silverstone

Cool nights and a little frost but nothing hurt about Silverstone.

The truck started this morning carrying the children to the Cove Creek High School.

Everyone was delighted to see the aeroplane sulin garo and over Silverstone a few days ago.

Mrs. Elizabeth Reese, after spending some time at the home of Mr. A. B. Culler returned to her home on Rich Mountain. We hope she has improved to some extent under the treatment of Dr. Tate.

Mr. Joe Flannery is very poorly at this writing.

Deep Gap

A revival meeting has been in progress for several days at Laurel Springs Baptist church. Almost our entire community has attended the services. The writer attended four services and heard good sermons, but the church seems to him to be very cold and chilly.

Please pardon our not mentioning that Mr. and Mrs. Judson E. Wagner were visiting in this community a few weeks ago. They came all the way down from Maryland in their car. They were visiting their friends and relatives here.

While the meetings were going on at Laurel Springs church Mr. W. A. Watson's driver left his Ford roadster near the church at a lane beside of the Boone Trail and some passer by must have needed four coils mighty badly as they took the entire set from his car. Mr. Watson offers a reward of \$10.00 for any evidence as to who took them that will lead to the conviction of the thief who took them. At the same time a motorist came along and would not share enough gas to move the car. It looks like a new religion is needed in this community.

On last Friday night a killing frost nipped things in the bud here. The heavy frost in the valley was intense and has about ruined everything not matured. It looks like to us we are so unthankful for our great blessings and that a sign from above should remove us to better things along the journey of life.

An ice cream social will be held as usual at Rocky Point school house Saturday evening September 13. Everybody come out and help in this program for the betterment of our community. You are needed to make our club a success.

Mr. W. A. Watson has purchased a small lot of Mr. Russel Trivett and in the future he expects to build up on the same here.

We have been very busy this week and haven't much news to send in, but as you have several articles sent

BAMBOO

We are having a fine school at Bamboo this year. The teachers are Mr. Z. L. Green and wife, Miss Cora Miller and Mr. Tyra Eirod.

The general average has been about 110 for the past two months.

The Upland Literary Society has been reorganized and is progressing very nicely. It will give a program next Friday evening. Everybody is urged to come.

The frost has done a lot of damage around Bamboo. It has damaged the corn along the streams very much.

Several of the Bamboo people attended court last week.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hampton has been very sick for several days.

Rev. G. W. Sebastian filled his regular appointment at Mount Vernon last Saturday and Sunday.

The Mount Pleasant Sunday School of Wilkesboro visited Mount Vernon last Sunday. Rev. Sebastian delivered an interesting sermon. After the sermon a bountiful dinner was spread.

In the afternoon some very interesting talks were made by the Mt. Pleasant folks. The singing was most beautiful. The entire evening was enjoyed by every one present. We will be very glad to have you come again.

The Parent-Teachers Association held its third meeting last Friday evening. After the meeting water melons were served.

Mr. O. M. Story has been to Maiden and Granite Falls, N. C. visiting his kinfolks and friends. He reports a nice trip.

Mr. Oliver West, father of Mrs. Thoma Story of Maiden visited his old friends and relatives in Watauga.

The Bamboo school boy went to Mabel last Friday and played a very interesting ball game. The Mabel boys are expected to come next Friday to play ball.

Foscoe

The Rev. Eber Graeg preached a fine sermon here Sunday which was enjoyed by all present.

Mr. W. H. Byrd who spent the summer in Blowing Rock is home again.

Mr. L. L. Moody hauled a load of green beans to Tennessee, and a load of cabbage to Mount Holly recently.

Mr. Dexter Byrd and wife attended the fair at Mountain City last week.

Mr. Julius Coffey and wife, Mrs. Pink Moore and Mrs. Emeline Estus all from the Globe, visited here last week.

Carrie Waters and Miss Virginia Coffey spent Thursday and Friday in Boone. They enjoyed the old soldiers reunion. There is only 12 in number seven having passed out in the last year. They always meet at the Training school as those Dougherty boys always give them such a good home there. They are furnished with rooms and when dinner time comes they are marched to the dining room where the tables are loaded with the best for them to eat. They seem so happy to meet but sad to part, knowing that some of them will pass to the Great Beyond before they meet again. The Bible said we should reverence old age, and we know there must be a great reward in store for the Dougherty Brothers for their kind ness to the old veterans, and all who attended the reunion.

The annual convention of the Christian church will be held in Foscoe, commencing the 18th. Will last till Sunday. Everybody invited.

Rev. W. G. Cobb and little son J. W. of Salisbury, were welcome guests at the Democrat office Tuesday. Rev. Cobb and family are in the city and community for the week. He is assisting in the Lutheran services for the week.

in to you Mr. Editor, dig them up and print them when you have space to spare.

SUPERIOR COURT ADJOURNED SAT.

Complete Proceedings of the Fall Term—Sentences Unusually Light—Civil Calendar is Again Continued.

Watauga Court adjourned last Saturday after having disposed of one of the heaviest dockets for many sessions. The civil calendar was again continued, because the presiding Judge, Hon. Renj. Long of Statesville, was forced to go to another place for a special session and could not be present. The complete proceedings follow:

Roosevelt Jones, Herbert Myers, Bess Ferguson, Spence Connelly, Wil Davenport, and John Powell, all colored. Not guilty as to Jones. Others fined \$50.00 each and costs.

John Powell, carrying concealed weapon. Guilty. Fined \$50 and cost.

W. L. Lenoir and W. M. Osborne, violation liquor law. Lenoir fined one penny and half of cost, and Osborne pay a fine of \$50 and half the cost.

M. L. Moffit, violation dry laws. Defendant pleads guilty. Fined \$50 and cost.

Ernest Hicks, carrying concealed weapon. Pleads guilty. Fined \$50 and cost.

Frank Campbell, forgery. Defendant, a mere boy, pleads guilty. Pledges under bond for good behavior and taxed with the cost.

Rid Thomas, larceny. Pleads guilty. Fined \$100.00 and cost and give bond for good behavior.

Robert Auton, violation liquor law. Pleads guilty. Fined \$100.00 and give bond for good behavior.

Alison Teague, Aiding prisoner to escape. Judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Harry M. Fry, violating liquor law. Pleads guilty. Fined \$25.00 and cost.

James Brown, violating the liquor law. Pleads guilty. Judgment suspended on payment of cost.

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Hugh Hawkins, Violating liquor laws. Pleads guilty. Judgment suspended on payment of cost.

D. H. Hodges, violating liquor law judgment suspended on payment of cost. Filled bond for good behavior.

W. P. Lee, violation of liquor law. Pleads guilty. Fined \$50 and cost.

W. D. Lowrance, Violation of liquor law. Fined \$50 and cost.

Ira Pennell, violation dry law. Pleads guilty. Fined \$50 and costs.

Spencer Ashley, Liquor case. Fined \$50 and costs.

Coy Byers, Larceny. Pleads guilty. Judgment suspended on payment of cost. Bond for good behavior.

Spencer Teague, larceny. Pleads guilty. Judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Ralph Carol, violating liquor law. Pleads guilty. Judgment suspended on payment of cost.

A. J. Hicks, fails to list dog for taxes, etc. Pleads guilty. Judgment suspended on payment of cost.

N. A. Hicks, operating punch board. Pleads guilty. Fined 5c and cost.

Bob Clawson, Kate Greer, Walter Clawson, Clifford Norris and Carl Davis, trespass. Pleads guilty. Judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Geo. Smithman, carrying concealed weapon. Pleads guilty. Fined \$50 and cost. Bond for good behavior.

Everett Story, violating liquor law pleads guilty. Fined \$20 and cost.

Green Miller, secret assault. Guilty. Thirty months in state prison. Appeal.

Silas Triplett, secret assault, guilty. 24 months in state prison.

J. B. Snapp, house breaking and larceny. Guilty. 18 months in state prison.

Amos Ward, A. D. W. guilty. Five months in county jail.

Scott Horton (Col.) A. D. W. not guilty.

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. A school with a glad hand.

Preaching at 11 a. m. No evening service.

Epworth League at 7 p. m.

Wednesday prayer service at 7:30 p. m. The "Social Teachings of Jesus" is the subject. Choir practice following.

A welcome is extended to all. Preaching at Blowing Rock on Sunday evening at 7:30.

SOUTH'S SOLDIERS GIVEN GLAD HAND

Only Eleven Wearers of the Gray are Entertained by the School in Annual Reunion.—Other Items from The Training School.

Everything about the school is settling down to the work of the regular year. With a fine enrollment and accommodations in the new buildings, this promises to be the best year thus far.

Hon. A. C. Floyd of Memphis, Tennessee, for many years Editor of the Knoxville Times, was a distinguished visitor at the school the past week. He was the first boy to enter the university of North Carolina from Watauga County. In his chapel talk Thursday he spoke inspiring of maintaining the primitive virtues of our fathers.

On Thursday and Friday, more than fifty nine years after Appomattox, the Training School entertained the old soldiers in their annual reunion. Years ago they well might filled the large dining room, but only eleven of these brave men are left. Seven had died during the past year: Conrades J. W. Horton, William Norris, Pinley Mast, Pat Coffey, J. J. Henson, John Hodges and Abel Winebarger. For these a most appropriate memorial service was held in the new auditorium on Friday afternoon. Speeches and memorial talks were made by President B. B. Dougherty, Rev. E. M. Hargis, Capt. E. J. Norris, and Messrs. Davis, Cook, Swink and Greer. Two things seemed characteristic of these aged heroes: A feeling that in their military service they had done but an ordinary duty, and the interesting fact that as private citizens they stand as staunchly for law and order and the things that make for good citizenship. May they meet for many years to come!

Old winter has been heralded by two frosty mornings, Friday and Saturday. Quite a little damage was done by the cold Saturday.

Annual Meeting of W. M. U. at Blowing Rock

The annual meeting of the W. M. U. of the Three Forks Association will be held with the Blowing Rock Church Sept. 18.

Mrs. W. N. Jones of Raleigh, President of the State W. M. U. will be present and will contribute much to the entire program, also Rev. W. E. Wilson pastor of Cove Creek church will deliver the annual sermon. We cordially invite all the pastors of the association, all the women who are not yet members of missionary societies and any others who wish to attend.

The program follows:
10 a. m. Devotional—Mrs. Winkler, Blowing Rock.
Words of welcome—Mrs. Tom Coffey.
Response—Mrs. J. M. Moretz, of Boone.
Roll call of churches and recognition of visitors and pastors.
Superintendent's report.
Report of Mission study leader—Mrs. J. D. Brown.
Christian Stewardship—Mrs. Enoch Swift, Amantua; inspirational address, Mrs. W. N. Jones, Raleigh.
Appointment of Committees.
Hymn; closing prayer.
Lunch served at the church.
1:30 p. m. Devotional—Ruby Cottrell, Boone, N. C.
Annual sermon—Rev. W. E. Wilson, Boone.
Report of young peoples societies—Mrs. P. M. Huggins.
Sunbeam Demonstration—Mrs. Debit, Blowing Rock.
Talk—Mrs. W. N. Jones.
Recommendations for the coming year—Mrs. I. G. Greer, Boone.
Reports of the committees.
Collection for associational expenses.
Hymn; closing prayer.

Beginning October 1, a new mail route will be inaugurated between Boone and North Wilkesboro. The Sugar Grove line has been changed to start from Trade and connect with the North Wilkesboro route at Boone, leaving Boone at 11 o'clock. Another route will leave Blowing Rock in the morning and connect with the Wilkesboro mail and return to Blowing Rock on a one hour route.

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Local Cabbage Growers Perfect Plans for Year

Last Year's Business Finished at Directors' Meeting—Chief of the Marketing Division is Giving Organization Timely Aid

ANNUAL PICNIC AT COVE CREEK

September 23 Will Be Gala Day for Watauga Farmers—Director I. O. Schaub Will Speak—Plays, Games and Contests.

The annual farmers' picnic that was started three years ago at Silverstone and was held last year at Beaver Dam will be held this year on the grounds of the Cove Creek school house Tuesday September 23. The day will be given over to profit and pleasure and a large crowd is expected. The principal feature of the forenoon will be an address delivered by Mr. I. O. Schaub, Director of Agricultural Extension in North Carolina. Mr. Schaub has spent many years working in North Carolina, but for the past five years has been connected with the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. He has recently been brought back to North Carolina to hold a position as Director of Extension Work. Mr. Schaub has been anxious to get into the action of the State since his return and states that he will be here on the 23rd.

There will not be as much speech-making as has been for the past two years but the afternoon is to be given over to plays, games and contests to be participated in by the old as well as the young. It is expected that every person on the grounds who is old enough or young enough to walk will take part in the games to be held upon the school grounds.

Each family is expected to bring dinner. The question as to whether it shall be put down together or in small groups has not yet been decided.

It is hoped that all those whose minds are not open to receive suggestions and consider them fairly and also those whose faces have forgotten how to smile and whose feet have forgotten how to move quickly and whose sides have forgotten how to shake will stay away, because they would probably be uncomfortable at a meeting of this sort. Mr. Schaub's address will give you something to think about and the games something to laugh about long after you have gone home.

Report of Grand Jury To His Honor, B. F. Long, Judge Presiding

We the Grand Jury respectfully report as follows: We have acted on all bills sent before us by the solicitor and have made presentment of all violations of the law which we have knowledge of by reliable information.

We have examined the court house and find that two of the toilets are in bad condition and recommend that the county commissioners employ some one as janitor to keep the court house in good condition and look after the toilets. We find a room adjoining the office of Registrar of Deeds that seems to be used for a general store room. The shelves of old papers and boxes and recommend that this room be cleared out as it is dangerous an account of fire.

We have examined the office of Registrar of Deeds and find that the records seem to be well kept and in good condition.

We have examined the office of Clerk and find the records neatly kept and everything so far as we could see in good condition. We find from the clerk's records that the following guardians have failed to report within the past year as prescribed by law to wit: Jas. H. Bingham, C. G. Brown, Addie Critcher, Lona Cook, C. R. Dotson, Mrs. Lou Green Rufus Hockaday, Mary Marshall, J. C. Mast, Ocie Mitchell, Sarah Phillips, C. D. Taylor and S. W. Thompson.

We visited and inspected the county jail and find that it is well kept under the existing conditions but we find that the white and colored pris-

The Directors of the Cabbage Growers Association met Saturday and discussed the various phases of the association in detail. They decided to pay 25 cents more for last year's cabbage, making a total of 50 cents per hundred. They believe the future of the business is bright. The expense of getting started, making adjustments and a few mistakes made the price of cabbage low for the past year, but since these adjustments and those mistakes are overcome the directors believe that the price of cabbage will climb each year.

Mr. George E. Ross, chief of the Marketing Division was in town last week and conferred with Mr. J. H. Betty, whom the marketing division has put on the road as salesman. Mr. Ross is very much pleased with Mr. Betty's report and decided to continue the work. Mr. Betty has already sold all of last year's kraut which is being moved rapidly. Mr. Ross asked Mr. Betty to return to the market and sell this year's kraut so that we could proceed on sound basis. In this substantial way the Marketing Division has come to the rescue of this new industry and is giving it help that should put it on its feet and cause it to become a profitable industry, not only for the county but for the state. The Directors in their meeting expressed their appreciation for the work that Mr. Ross is doing for them and while the price of cabbage this year was not large they believe the industry is going to grow.

Mr. Betty stated again and again that he had cut this kraut in comparison with all other brands on the market and that he has never found one that is nearly so good. The jobbers are pleased with it and state that next year it will be impossible for us to supply the demand.

Mr. Betty has covered the territory within a radius of 125 miles of Boone and practically every store within that radius will have Watauga kraut for sale this year, not large quantities but enough for the trade to become acquainted. There is sold each year within that radius more than ten times as much kraut as was made in Watauga last year. If the local association can get charge of the greater part of that business it will mean the building of a large industry in this section of the State.

The directors decided in their meeting to allow each individual farmer to do at least a part of the hauling if he would do so in accordance with the principals of the association.

It seems that the only trouble-head of the organization is the same that confronts the school, church, and every other organization of individuals—that is a lack of cooperation. This is a testing time for our farmers. Success depends upon whether or not they are willing to subordinate their own individuality and become a part of one large enterprise.

Others have to be kept together as there is only one toilet for both cells. We find the side of the cells next to the toilet badly rusted and in an unclean condition. The jail is entirely too small and very unsafe and we recommend that the county commissioners build a modern jail. We find that the prisoners are well fed and cared for except the crowded condition that often exists.

We inspected the county home and find 21 inmates, all white, about an equal number of males and females. The home is exceptionally well kept, the inmates well fed and well clothed and the farm in extra good condition. Three of the inmates are children of school age and we recommend that the county welfare officer take the proper steps to put them in school. We find that the porch roof leaks and is causing the ceiling to rot and immediate steps should be taken to make the necessary repairs. There are some rooms that need repairs, as the plaster is falling off in some places.

Respectfully submitted.
A. G. WILSON, Foreman.