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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

Keep your eyes on Deep Gap! What next? Well the citizens of this community have made application to the Grand Secretary of the State for the establishment of a lodge of I. O. O. F. or Oddfellows here. We want to build this place up and an order like the above would be a great thing for our community. We then could have a grand picnic festival every year at Deep Gap under the auspices of the order that would be worth coming miles to attend.

We hope our good citizens will help push this thing along and let's get things going fast as time rolls onward to this end. It will do good in many ways. Are you with us in the question, I am sure you will be. Mr. A. G. Miller says the Oldsmobile sells faster than he can get his allotment of cars, so if you want an Oldsmobile you had better get busy with him at once and not be disappointed in delivery. Place your order now is his warning.

The Deep Gap Feed Store has opened up with a full line of grain, flour, oats, chop and feed, and right from the start have been doing a good business in their line. Their prices are right so give them a call and trade some with them when in need of anything in their line. They will give you a square deal.

Say folks! Let's organize a Business Booster Club for Deep Gap and get out some folders, pennants, and boost Deep Gap everywhere. We can meet once in a while and plan for the future along this line. What do you say? It will pay us big to do this as Deep Gap is on the map and let's make her shine like a star from now on. We can do it if we will only try.

We notice that other sections in the county have come to the front with some nice write ups since Deep Gap blazed the trail. Mr. Watson says the folks over at Fosco could be looking for him over any day to look their flower gardens over, but that the invitation came so late he is afraid the frost has nipped them in the bud and that they are now fallen and fast asleep in dust that will not return with their tints of glory until next season, and for Shulls Mills and Meat Camp we acknowledge their beautiful mountains that sweep the blue sky so clear, but after all our own dear Deep Gap with her rugged peaks on the right and left that point upward in a chain of mounds, peaks, and table lands that can never be broken without the hand of God and our valley that runs east and west north and south is to be compared as a haven for the weak and weary with balm breezes that fan the soul. We are content with Mother Nature's work but we are now going ahead with man's part so Deep Gap still remains: "One in all for Deep Gap." Let's hear from other sections on the printed page.

Miss Teodocia Watson the principal teacher at Rocky Point was taken suddenly sick last Saturday and was absent from the ice cream social, but her sister and assistant Miss Fawn Watson carried on the work and the social was a success from every standpoint.

The ice cream and pies sold fast and a large crowd came out. We wish to thank everybody that came out and for your interest in this work for a good cause. This shows that we can do things if we try.

A large display sign should be erected in Deep Gap so the people from the lowlands would know how to reach the place. The State Highway Commission would perhaps do this for us if we only call on them. Mr. C. M. Watson you do this for us, as you patrol this section of road.

Mr. Joe Greer these days seems to be very lonely. He has his eyes set on the Beach, a section of this county. Joe says he will have to go out there if some one does not return very soon. What Joe has in mind we know not, but by the way he talks we think he means business which we hope to chronicle later.

### Meat Camp

Mr. and Mrs. James Miller of Linville are visiting relatives and friends on Meat Camp. Always glad to see them come.

Rev. T. G. Williams filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday at 11 a. m. We are indeed glad of the opportunity of hearing his good sermons.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis and little son of Boone were visitors in the community Sunday.

Mr. Clyde Winbarger former writer to the Democrat has gone to Lenoir where he has secured a position.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Johnson and family of Mast were visitors Sunday at Mrs. N. E. Moritz's, Mrs. Johnson's sister.

The Profit Grove Singing Class that went to Beaver Dam on last Sunday report a good time and a fine dinner thanks to the good people of that section.

Mr. W. H. Wimbarger of Lenoir but formerly of Watauga visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Wimbarger on last Sunday.

### Sugar Grove

The school is going on with a lively boom. One sees much promise in so many eager faces. Let us hope that each and every scholar of them now is on the ladder of success and that they will climb it to the limit.

Harold, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Mast who has been sick for two weeks is improved.

The annual farmers picnic will be held at the school building next Tuesday. Everybody come and bring the most valued thing you have. (not meaning moonshine.)

Born last Sunday night to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Mast a lively boy. Jim's "hello" has a tremendous ring in it now.

David Mast and A. G. Glenn left Monday for Chapel Hill where they will again resume their studies at the University of North Carolina.

The many friends and relatives of Mr. J. R. Mast gave him a surprise birthday dinner Sunday. It was indeed a feast and the crowd present numbered one hundred.

Mr. Hard Mast left Saturday for the Grace Hospital at Banner Elk, where he is taking treatment. He has been in bad health for some time.

Miss Hattie Mast of White Hall, Md. is making an extended visit with her brother Mr. John H. Mast.

Mr. Jim Moore of North Wilkesboro was visiting here Saturday. We are always glad to have this worthy man in our section.

Mr. Watson we enjoy your spicy articles and we admire your boasting spirit as well as that of the Shulls Mills and Meat Camp correspondent. But let us be careful when we boast not to arouse any spirit of rivalry. We all live in the World's and we believe Cove Creek isn't one step behind any of the other thriving little communities, although we love to hear these words spoken as they often are by passers-by.

Born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Greer a fine baby boy. Both the mother and child are getting along nicely at this writing. Walter is a dealer in automobiles but since the arrival of Walter Jr. he wants to hang around so near that he is losing many sales, but what does he care for business right now?

Mr. W. S. Moretz, the potato club member of Deep Gap raised a nice lot of fine ones. He is very much pleased with his success and will receive a good price for them as seed. Walter is a good farmer as well as business man, and when it comes to anything you will find him on the job.

Mr. A. F. Nichols has traded for a truck and if you have any hauling to do he will be at your service. He expects to buy produce in load lots.

Mr. J. F. Welch and family made a trip to Valle Crucis last Sunday, on a visit to see his brother Mr. Charlie Welch.

Frank is a booster for Deep Gap and possibly has something hid under his hat that will come forth later.

### NEWS ITEMS FROM THE APPALACHIAN SCHOOL

The Appalachian Training School now in its third week is moving on well in its work. More students are enrolled at this time than at the same period of any previous year, nearly three hundred being present. Many former friends and strangers likewise seem deeply interested in the work of the school and its rapid progress in equipment and development. Rev. M. B. Woosley, pastor of the Methodist church in Boone, came down to welcome the new students and to conduct the devotional services at chapel, Rev. Coob and Jeffcoat, Pastors of the Lutheran church, the former of Hickory and the latter of the town and county have been conducting a meeting in town and came to the school several days and conducted devotional services. Among those visiting the school were three former graduates, now distinguishing themselves in their various lines of work. These were Mr. Walter Wiles, who after graduation here went to college four years and four years to law school and who is now practicing law in Washington City; Mr. Bynum Wilson also went four years to Wake Forest College, taught some in the college, took a medical course and now goes to Ohio University Medical College; Prof. Geo. Sherrill who has been teaching in the Elizabeth City Schools and has spent the summer in Columbia University, will return to the University for the next year.

These distinguished young men with a large number of others who have been mentioned before are products of this section of the state, showing the work of the school and the wonderful capabilities of the boys and girls of this part of the state who have gone to every part of this and other states as capable and successful workers.

Professor Roy M. Brown a former teacher in the training school and now in the Stat Welfare Work with his friend and co-worker Mr. Samuel M. Leonard, spent Saturday in Boone, attending the county teachers meeting.

The county teachers' meeting was held on Saturday, quite a large number being present. Prof. Green and Williams of the school, Prof. Edmondson and Mr. Leonard of Raleigh and others spoke to the teachers.

PERTUSSIS CAN BE CURED  
Many parents still believe that for a child attacked by whooping cough, or pertussis, as the doctors prefer to call it among themselves, there is practically nothing effective to do, and that the affliction must be endured for weeks and weeks until at last it cures itself. In the past there has been reason for this hopelessness. Whooping cough until very recently was one of "the scandals of medicine" in the sense that medicine was next to hopeless when confronted by it.

This situation has been changed by the discovery that while several of the respiratory maladies can at least be relieved by the inhalation of properly diluted and administered chlorine gas, for whooping cough, that remedy is promptly curative in 100 per cent of all cases.

This was reported from Washington some months ago as the result of experimental work done by the Medical Division of the Chemical Warfare Service and the report now is confirmed emphatically by Lieut. Col. H. L. Giles, head of the Army Medical Corps. He says that a few treatments with chlorine—eleven in the most obstinate cases—put an end to whooping cough, a disease which under any other method of treatment runs on for three or four months.

New York's Health Board, acting with commendable promptness, some time ago established and opened two of the new "inhaloria" and the fact should not be ignored by either doctors or parents anywhere in this vicinity. That some of them are ignoring it or have never heard of it, is made obvious by the number of children here and in the suburbs who are coughing in this most distressing way.—N. Y. Times.

A PEACEFUL SCENE  
From the Land of the Clouds  
(James M. Downum.)

A day of beauty rare,  
On mountain dale and hill,  
Rich green on all the lands,  
The balmy air is still;

A sky of truest blue,  
Is smiling over all,  
No sound disturbs the scene—  
'Tis early peace ful fall.

Do you take your county paper?

### BOONE TO BID FOR NEW ROAD

Boone Trail Offered—North Wilkesboro also to Seek to Pull the Tour Route That Way.

(L. J. Hampton in Winston Journal)  
Boone.—This town and North Wilkesboro are going to make a bid for the lakes-to-Florida highway that they want to come by the way of Bluefield, W. Va., down the Lee highway, through the valley of Virginia to Bristol and then from the twin towns at the Virginia Tennessee line to Mountain City and on up through the Gorge to Boone. From Boone it is a direct shoot to Winston-Salem over the Boone Trail, and highway no. 26, Elkin to Charlotte, intersects at Brooks' Cross Roads.

In the big Hudson sedan of Geo. L. Patterson of Concord and accompanied by Major W. A. Foll of Concord, principal spokesman of the N. C. delegation to the Bluefield banquet held last Saturday night, and A. E. Hartsell also of Concord, your correspondent made the return trip yesterday afternoon over the famous Lee Highway and to Mountain City where the night was spent at the Grand Hotel.

The Lee highway is a magnificent thoroughfare and it traverses some of the most splendid scenery to be found anywhere in West Virginia, Virginia or Tennessee. The highway climbing over Holston Mountain and Iron Mountain from Bristol to Mountain City, is one of the greatest pieces of engineering in the whole highway system of Tennessee. The road is a veritable paradise of scenery of gorgeous mountain type, as one declared, and it is fully improved and easily negotiated from the plateau surrounding Bristol to the top, four miles away from Mountain City.

Major Foll and also Messrs. Patterson and Hartsell have traveled extensively over the country, but they were unanimous in the opinion that for wonderful scenic beauty the Lee highway is equal to any in either Virginia, North Carolina or Tennessee. And they were equally enthusiastic over the splendid mountain vistas opening up at every turn of the highway from Mountain City to Boone and on down the Boone trail to North Wilkesboro.

The party stopped at the North Carolina line and gave thanks for the splendid highway that stretched away down the mountain slopes toward Boone for it was here that the rough traveling was left behind. The stretch from the North Carolina line to Mountain City, lies in a wonderfully beautiful country, but it is still a road so common-ly seen in this state several years ago.

However Mr. Allen proprietor of the Grand hotel, told the passing visitors that the state is getting ready to undertake the improvement of this highway at an early date.

Leaving Bluefield exactly at noon Sunday, the party driving leisurely, arrived in Bristol at 5:30 o'clock, having made the journey of 105 miles in the intervening time. The first town on the route after leaving Bluefield was a town of the same name in "old Virginia," distant from the former only a few miles.

Then began the unfolding of the great grass land farms of the mountain valleys. Tazewell, the county seat of Tazewell county was the next place and the party continued on to Lebanon and Hansonville. This highway is hard surfaced the entire way from Bluefield into Bristol. It is not as wide as North Carolina roads of the same type of material, but it is easily passable for cars going in opposite directions at any point. However the rule is many wrecks on this road because of its narrowness, it is said, and only the most careful driving brought the Concord party thru without a mishap.

Leaving Bristol at 6 o'clock, the start was made up the mountain and the 40 miles to Mountain City was made in one hour and forty five minutes, this time allowing for several stops to view the magnificent scenery. Spending the night at Mountain City where wholesome country food, cooked country style, and served in abundant proportion, the party left for Boone at 8 o'clock, arriving here today at 9:30 a. m.

Circus day came a raining, but despite the mud the crowds came out en masse to the Mighty Haag Shows. For years Mr. Haag has made this point on his annual tour of the country and this year his circus offers perhaps more to the followers of the saw dust ring than at any other time. The show is clean and moral throughout and its coming to this town always means a gala day for old and young.

Mrs. S. C. Eggers is visiting relatives and friends in the Sutherland section this week.

### REDMON-WINKLER

A marriage took place at Lenoir two weeks ago which but few people knew anything about until the last few days.

Mr. Stewart Winkler son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Winkler and Miss Honor D. Redmon an attractive young lady of Statesville were the principals. The pastor of the Lenoir Baptist church was the officiating minister.

Mr. Winkler is one of our most popular young men and operates a transfer business. Miss Redmon graduated at the Appalachian Training School in the 1922 class, and has many friends here.

They will make their home for a while with Mr. and Mrs. W. Ralph Winkler.

### Community Fair Meeting

The patrons of Zion Hill and adjoining districts met and organized for a community fair to be held at Zion Hill school house some time this fall.

The officers chosen were, J. R. Trivett, president; H. A. Hagaman, vice president; Henry Hagaman, Secretary.

The following were appointed committee chairmen: E. B. Hagaman, chairman of field crops; M. A. Ward, chairman of orchard and garden; Ella Ward, chairman of poultry dept.; Anna Edmisten, chairman of kitchen dept.; Susie Hagaman, chairman of sewing dept.

The outlook for a fair at this place is fine. In fact the community is expecting to have a much larger fair this year than last year.

### METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Attendance and interest continues to grow. Join the Sunday School workers Sunday.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor.

Epworth League 7 p. m.

Wednesday prayer service at 7:30 p. m. Choir practice following.

CELEBRATES NINTH BIRTHDAY  
Little Miss Rebecca Horton celebrated her ninth birthday at her home on Grand Boulevard in the Daniel Boone Park last Saturday afternoon.

Her guests were welcomed on the front porch by Misses Louise Critcher and Sarah Lillian Horton, who served delicious fruit punch from a booth on the end of the porch. In the living room which was decorated in pink and white the children played games ending with a contest in which Miss Hazel Grace won the girls' prize and Master Jake Hagaman the boy's prize for replacing the amputated donkey's tail nearest where it belongs. The prizes consisted of a bottle of perfume and a pocket knife.

Refreshments, ice cream, cake, nuts, were served by Mrs. Horton, assisted by Mrs. Smith and Mrs. M. P. Critcher. The decorations included pink and white crepe paper and a profusion of golden rods, sweet peas and nasturtiums, and a large cake with the nine candles which threw a golden glow over the happy group harmonizing the whole with the decorative scheme.

Little Miss Rebecca was made glad by the many pretty gifts received. There were about 35 present.

### Cove Creek

The school opened on Monday morning Sept. 8th, under favorable prospects for the most successful year in its history. The initial enrollment was 230 with 80 of these in the high school department.

Several patrons were present for the opening exercises and several of them made interesting talks, among them W. F. Sherwood, D. F. Mast, J. J. L. Glenn, Rev. Brittain. Members of the faculty were also called on by principal S. F. Horton and Miss Bandy of the Home Economics department, Mr. Ellington of the English department, Mr. Hill of the Mathematics department and Mr. Perry of the History department responded with very appropriate remarks concerning the plans and the aims for this year's work.

The school extends a cordial invitation to the people of this community to visit their school and to keep in close touch with the work it is trying to do.

Steps are being taken to provide a ball ground away from the school building. Mr. D. F. Horton has leased to the school a plot of ground for this purpose.

Mr. and Mrs. Don J. Horton have returned from quite an extended visit to Farrell, Pa. and Cleveland, Ohio.

Miss Blanche Henson of the Banner Elk School faculty spent the week end at her home at Vilas.

Mr. DeWitt Brown is building a garage and service station on his property near the school building.

On Sunday the relatives and friends of Mr. James Mast of Sugar Grove surprised him with an old time market dinner. Many people as-

### YELLOW FORD IN LIMELIGHT

Driver of Sport Model Flivver Proves to be Dry Law Scourge as Gigantic Whiskey Raid is Made.

Three weeks ago, a twenty one year old sport, apparently of the "dead game" variety registered at the Critcher Hotel. He was driving a "catty" Ford roadster, painted a shining yellow and equipped with all the ultra modern conveniences and appliances which the Ford people in their haste forgot to use.

The car bore an Asheville license and other from this nothing was generally known of the stranger, except that he proved himself to be the best partner the younger boys of the place had ever had. Joy rides, day and night for the pleasure of the local youths were taken in the yellow flivver, and it soon developed that the stranger Mr. Frank Ingram of Asheville, had an insatiable thirst for hooch. He was furnishing the gasoline, the car, the money and the good time in general, so why shouldn't the boys help him in his quest of the ardent? They knew not. For days and days a few of them enjoyed his reckless generosity occasionally being allowed a drink from one of the containers they had either sold to him or purchased for him, and they likely wished that the "yellow Ford man" might remain in the city forever.

But lo, he who dances must invariably pay the fiddler. Last Wednesday night the stranger went into the "state of Wilkes" in company with some of his informants and having purchased 24 gallons of "the corn" proceeded to arrest four of the blockaders and brought them back to Boone in company with the local Federal officer Mr. Ralph Bingham and Deputy Sheriff Hayes. This was the beginning of his outward operations which necessarily had to be wound up in short order before the news of his identity was broadcast. Up to this time eleven arrests have been made in Watauga for retailing, four blockaders in Wilkes and one still destroyed. It is interesting to note that some of these bootleggers were plying their trade in Boone.

The round up of the liquor men was under the direction of the town authorities, the plan having been sanctioned by District Attorney F. A. Linney and Solicitor Jonson J. Hayes and the whole scheme was in conjunction with the town, state and federal officers, to one of whom Ingram made a report at the midnight hour each night. The Ku Klux Klan was really the instigator of the plan and it was they who furnished the secret service agent.

It developed that some of the heaviest liquor drinkers in the town were boys in the early teens who were wise to the haunts of the moonshiners, and who had been used by the bootleggers on occasions to accompany them on expeditions to keep off the suspicious of the Federal officer. Mr. Ingram says he purchased a quart of booze in the heart of town the day he arrived here even before he had gone to his hotel. All of his purchases were kept in his room labeled with the name of the seller and the date and hour of the sale until the time for action had come. It is not known how many more arrests will be made before the campaign is over.

The town authorities, Federal officer, state men, and all the best citizens of the town are exultant over the work done by young Ingram and all praise is due the law abiding citizens, the Ku Klux Klan and others who had a part in this effort to make Boone and the country at large know what bone dry really means. Liquor must go in Boone, in fact it seems to be gone, and everyone interested in prohibition, which includes practically all, is behind the officers in this worthy work.

### IN THE MAYOR'S COURT

September 15th

H. B. Blackburn, drunk, cursing on street. Fined \$15 and cost.

H. B. Blackburn, drunk, second offense. \$15 and cost.

O. S. Greer, drunk and resisting officer. \$25 and cost.

### BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10 a. m.  
Worship 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.  
B. Y. P. U. 6:30 p. m.

We extend a cordial welcome to visitors and others living in the community to worship with us.

Miss Lucy Ray, attractive little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Ray of Taylora, Pa. has been spending several days here with her cousin, Miss Pauline McGhee. She left for her home Friday of last week.

sembled on the large lawn and enjoyed the pleasant occasion together.