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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

Cove Creek

Miss Evelyn Moss has been added to the Cove Creek High School faculty as teacher of music and voice. Miss Moss is a graduate of the University of Alabama and has studied in New York City and in the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. About thirty students have indicated their intentions to study either piano or voice and they are very fortunate in having the opportunity to be under the instruction of Miss Moss.

Mrs. James D. Horton, teacher of the fourth and fifth grades has been indisposed for several days. Her work has been carried on by Miss Mary Lizzie Horton and Mrs. Dewitt Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Will Payne visited Mrs. Payne's parents in Ashe county over the week end.

Mr. James Sherwood, son of Rev. A. C. Sherwood of Erwin, Tenn. has been visiting relatives on Cove Creek and in Boone for several days. The members of the Willowdale Baptist church are building concrete steps to their beautiful new church. They have shown a devotion to duty in the erection of this church that is worthy of high praise. Rev. George Trivett was recently chosen pastor.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Three Forks Association met in Blowing Rock in Annual session on Thursday the 17th. Several members of the Cove Creek Society attended. An account of the meeting elsewhere in this issue.

Mr. Gurney Brinkley, principal of the school at Elk, is spending a few days at his home. The school was closed for two weeks so as to enable the students to help their parents in gathering the crops.

A tent meeting is being held near Mabel with Rev. Pile in charge assisted by Rev. Brittain. Much interest is being manifested and great good is expected.

Meat Camp

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bryan, who have been visiting relatives here have returned to their homes at Mullens, W. Va.

Some of our folks here have been attending the revival services that have been going on down at lower Meat Camp church for the past week. There doesn't seem to be very much interest yet, but lots of good preaching being done.

Miss Blanche, daughter of Mr. Clay Miller has returned from a two weeks visit with her cousin Mrs. Charlie Harbor of Bristol, Va.

Miss Ola Moretz who has been going to school here for the past two months has gone to Charlotte to make her home with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lutz and enter school there.

We've been havin' a lots of rain for a few days and my, there's some mud! Rev. Jeffcoat filled his regular appointment at Mount Zion church Sunday in the afternoon.

Mr. Vilas Moretz has been on Meat Camp for a few days looking after his club potato crop.

Rominger

The singing convention at Zion Hill Baptist church last Sunday was a great success, five classes being represented: Mt. Gilend, Antioch, Timbered Ridge, Zion Hill, and Elk from Tennessee. Each class was in time and did exceedingly well. The best of order prevailed and it was good to be there. The next singing for this division will be at Antioch Baptist church the third Sunday in next May.

A series of meetings closed at the Piney Grove M. E. Church last Sunday night, conducted by Rev. Roy Jones.

Mr. Grady McNeil and family of the Rich Mountain visited Mr. W. S. Rominger and other relatives in this section recently.

Mr. Vance Harmon and family also visited friends and relatives here and attended the meeting at Piney Grove.

Mr. Pierce and Master Ben Tester and their sister Ida, were guests at Coy Rominger's last Saturday and Sunday nights.

The Association at Zion church came and went with the best of order prevailing.

Our school is progressing nicely.

Deep Gap

We are sorry to learn that Messrs H. H. Lemley and J. C. Greene of Fleetwood having an accident with their car which was driven by Mr. Lemley. The machine left the road and plunged over an embankment, and turned over completely three or more times. Mr. Lemley was very much shaken up and sustained injuries about his shoulders which almost dislocated one of them. Mr. Greene was also slightly injured in the mishap.

Mr. A. G. Moretz was stricken recently with a light stroke of paralysis and at this writing remains unimproved.

It is noted that the Sugar Grove correspondent gives a run on the boasting spirit that hangs around and about Deep Gap. We however believe the writer was mistaken on this score for the folks at Deep Gap are "gone in all for Deep Gap" and mean every word that has been spoken in reference to building this place up. We do hope however that no one will be so narrow minded as to be jealous of what we are going to do for Deep Gap.

Mr. W. A. Watson has recently added a real estate business and has listed lots and small farms for sale around Deep Gap. If you have property in a radius of ten miles from here he would like to get in touch with you if you wish to sell and place it on the market.

The invalid sister of the Watson sisters has recently arrived and is living with Misses Theodosia and Fawn.

We hope our mountain climate will have much to do in restoring her from illness to good health.

We had quite a lot of rain all last week. Here's hoping old sol will show his old face again with a sunbeam smile that will dry up the mud and water everywhere at our feet.

The next ice cream social will be held at Rocky Point school house Saturday evening at the usual hour. The program will consist of a concert, singing and speeches. Everybody come out as this social is a special one and you should be there or you will regret it afterwards.

We are pleased to state that the folks here are all for an Oddfellow Lodge here and prospects are very bright for a large membership when organized. We would be very glad to unite with the Masons and build a large hall and have our meetings in the same building. This would be killing two birds with one stone.

The golden tints of autumn are here and the great forests are looking fine to one who likes to see Mother Nature revealed in all her glory.

Now is the best time to visit the mountains as chineeps and chestnuts are ripe and delicious grapes are hanging on the vines ready for your hands to take them off.

Visit Deep Gap and pitch your tent there and enjoy your stay like Abraham of old.

Deep Gap is 34 miles west of N. Wilkesboro and 14 miles east of Boone on Daniel Boone trail highway project 60.

Mr. R. M. Greene, the sign board man has recently gone over the highway here and painted up the signs for the state. Mr. Greene says if the motorists run off the highway or rush into a crash by reckless driving it will not be his fault. We believe he is right as he has done his work well.

The Yellow Ford was quite a drawing card in the town of Boone, we noted in last week's issue. There should be a half dozen yellow or golden colored cars to form a line and march into the "West Cove of Wilks" and draw out the bootleggers or rush them off from job lotting fire water that so often flows into Watauga. Go after them boys as all the good citizens are behind you.

Let's ut liquor down and out for good!

THE MAIN POINT

"You have only two or three buildings in this new town of yours."
"I know," responded the enthusiastic realtor, but look at the parking space."

The writer visited it last Friday and was well pleased. It is inspiring to see how attentive the little ones are and how they seem to love their teachers. We are proud of the good work they are doing.

JOHN J. PARKER ADDRESSES THE WATAUGA VOTERS

The Honorable John J. Parker who was billed for a speech in Boone on Tuesday afternoon was here on time and delivered to a small audience, what is conceded to be, not only by Republicans, but Democrats as well, a very fair, broad minded speech on the issues of the day from a Republican viewpoint. He had few criticisms to offer against the Democratic party and naturally boosted the Harding-Coolidge regime, and lambasted LaFollette. The danger he now sees is that with LaFollette in the running, the election may be thrown in the house, in which event "Brother" Charlie Bryan of Nebraska may come out winner not as vice-President, but as President of the United States, which in his opinion would be a national calamity.

Mr. Parker is a fluent speaker, and quite an orator. He left immediately after the speaking for Cranberry, where he had an appointment that evening.

Stony Fork

Prof. W. M. Francum who is now teaching school at Rutherford will preach at Stony Fork Baptist church Saturday September 27 at 2 o'clock and also Sunday 28 at the eleven o'clock hour. Prof. Francum taught school at Stony Fork twenty years ago. He has a large number of friends here and look forward to his coming with great pleasure and interest. It will be a great treat and time well spent for any stranger as well as his old friends to be present and to hear him speak.

The Stony Fork Public School is doing good work. The pupils seem to be interested and most of them are enthusiastic over their work. The enrollment of the school is 68. The pupils are arranging to have a flag-raising November 1. After that date Old Glory will wave above our school. The Bible is being taught in our school. We want the school to rightly express and interpret American principles and ideals which should be taught in home and school.

The Stony Fork Community Fair is to be held in the School House on Saturday November the first. We want every person in the school district to furnish exhibits. We expect to have refreshments sold on the ground that day.

FOSCOE

The Christian church held their annual convention here a large crowd from Tennessee and other places being present. There was good preaching and talks which were greatly enjoyed.

The Rev. Sebastian has been holding a revival meeting at Shulls Mills for the past ten days. Mrs. Walters has attended the meeting some. She said it reminded her of 40 years ago when the whole church gets warm and all take a part in the service, then the revival comes with power. We don't know how long the services will continue.

Rev. Wootley, Methodist minister of Boone preached here Sunday afternoon and his sermon was much enjoyed. He is coming back the first Sunday in October.

Now a word to our dear friend, Mr. Watson. He thinks the frost has nipped our flowers. He has forgotten the great Grandfather with his face turned heavenward, sheltering us from the frost. No we have had no damaging frost. Our flowers and gardens are beautiful and will be until the snow come. Foscoe is on a boom in the building line. Two new houses will be completed in the near future. I could not tell of all the improvements now, as it would take too much space in our good paper.

Foscoe will soon be one of the finest places on the map if we keep on improving.—the place I would like for Mr. Watson to come and see for himself. Our gardens and flowers the most beautiful things of nature. We can walk out and commune with nature, which cheers us so much as we go along.

Now let me speak of the good women here who know how to do things right. Mrs. W. H. Byrd has canned more than 1000 cans, and has all her late peaches to can yet. Mrs. Jno. Presnell, Mrs. Hatley and many others have canned more than 300 cans. They are storing away all kinds of jellies and preserves and everything good to eat, so we are planning for the year 1925 to be a year of plenty. Mrs. Charlie Rowe and others would like for those who have not visited here to come and see what lovely homes we have and the advantages in many other respects.

POULTRY MEETINGS—NON- PAYING HENS GO TO MARKET

The Poultry Department of the Extension division has agreed to send a man to Watauga county for a week to instruct the farmers in the art and science of separating the laying hens from those hens that lay few or no eggs at all. This poultry expert will be in the county during the week of September 29 October 4 and will be at the following places on the following dates:

Monday September 29, Meat Camp in Green Valley at 2 o'clock; Tuesday September 30 at Beaver Dam at 10 o'clock; Wednesday October 1, Mabel at Dr. Greer at 10 o'clock and at Don J. Horton's in the afternoon of the same day at 3:30; Thursday October 2, Vilas, at Grady Bradley's at 10 o'clock; in the afternoon of the same day he will be at Boone, place of the meeting still open. On Friday October 3 he will be either at Windy Gap or Stony Fork, the time and place of meeting will be advertised at A. G. Miller's store; Saturday October 4 at 10 o'clock he will be on Elk, culling the flock of Miss Eliza Wheeler.

Any person, man or woman who keeps as many as ten hens will find it profitable to attend one of these demonstrations. The purpose of the meetings are not to show these individual farmers how to cull out their poorer hens or cull them out for them, but to afford the community an opportunity to come together and see this work done in fact actually do it themselves before the meeting is over so they can go back home and go through their own flock in the same way. If half the hens in Watauga County were culled out and sold and if the food which has been going to the whole flock was then fed to the half remaining we would then get a great many more eggs.

Practically every hen will lay a few eggs in the spring during the time of year when we are setting hens and raising chicks so we are just as apt to raise our future flock from the poor producers as we are from the good hens, so soon as spring has passed and eggs get high again these poor hens quit laying and spend the rest of the year giving us the pleasure of watching them eat.

There are two ways of picking out these unprofitable birds. One is by using trap nests which catch the hens when they go on to lay and keeps them there until you go and take her out, get a number and place an egg to her on the tally sheet. Practically no farmer has time to watch hens in this way. The other method is to examine the conformation of the hen and by being familiar with the conformation of producers and non-producers any individual is able to pick out the hens that will not lay enough eggs to be profitable. This is the method that will be followed in the culling demonstrations next week. That this kind of work can be done is being demonstrated every day. The owners of the flock that is culled next week will be asked to place the flocks culled out in some place where they can be watched for a few days to determine whether or not the work was well done. The result of these demonstrations will be interesting.

Those who are interested in poultry and are trying to give their flock reasonable attention should not miss this opportunity. There are some farmers in Watauga that are making poultry keeping the most profitable enterprise on the place. One lady ran a contest with her husband and proved that her little flock of poultry was bringing in a great deal more profit than his herd of cattle. There should be many more like this. If you are in business for the profit that you can get out of it these culling demonstrations will be worth the while.

JOHN B. STEELE, Co. Agent.

BOONE BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday school 10 a. m.
Preaching 11 am and 7 p. m.
B. Y. P. U at 6:30 p. m.
Choir practice at church Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. with Mrs. Len Cook.

We extend a cordial welcome to all.
Dr. W. A. Ayers of Forest City will assist the Baptist church at Blowing Rock in a series of meetings beginning Monday night Sept. 29. Bro. Ayers is one of our best preachers. We crave the prayers of all Christians.

METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday School at 10 a. m. A large attendance last Sunday. Help to make it larger next Sunday.
A special program will be given at the 11 o'clock hour. "Sunday School Day" and "Promotion Day" will be observed.

Epworth League at 7 p. m.
Wednesday prayer service at 7:30 p. m., choir practice following.
Preaching at Blowing Rock, 7:30 p. m. by the pastor.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION HOLDS MEET AT BLOWING ROCK

The eleventh annual session of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of the Three Forks Association met on September 18 with the Blowing Rock Society in their beautiful new church.

A progressive spirit was shown throughout the meeting. Aside from the regular routine of the union the special features of the morning were the inspiring address of Mrs. Wesley N. Jones of Raleigh and the annual sermon by Rev. Walter Wilson of Boone. Mrs. Barlow Superintendent of the Caldwell union also added much to the interest of the meeting.

The new program being launched by Southern Baptists for the year 1925 was discussed in the recommendations of the executive committee and also by Rev. F. M. Huggins who urged for the program the loyal support of every woman in the association.

Mrs. D. F. Horton, who by her faithful and efficient service as Superintendent of the Union in the Three Forks Association for the past eight years, has been largely responsible not only for the organization of the union in the first place but for its continued growth, presented her resignation.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. G. P. Harbom of Boone, Supt.; Mrs. Nan Johnson of Cove Creek, Assn. Supt.; Mrs. J. D. Rowe of Blowing Rock, Superintendent of the Mission Study; Mrs. Len Cook of Boone, Superintendent of Personal Service; Mrs. F. M. Huggins of Boone, Superintendent of G. M. Society; Mrs. G. W. Grier of Boone, Secretary.

The Union is indebted to the Blowing Rock Society for unlimited hospitality extended and for the success of the meeting in every way. Next year the meeting will be held with the Bethel society sometime in August.

MRS. I. G. GREER, Secretary.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB NEWS

On Friday afternoon from three to five o'clock Mrs. H. W. Horton was hostess to the Friday afternoon club at her home in Daniel Boone Park.

The home was beautifully and artistically decorated with cut flowers carrying out the color scheme of gold and black.

The president, Mrs. M. P. Critcher presided over the meeting. An interesting business session was held, the election of officers for the ensuing year being as follows: Mrs. F. A. Linney, President; Mrs. D. D. Dougherty, vice president; Mrs. M. B. Wootley, Secretary; Miss Annie Stanbury, Reporter. The following program was then rendered: Mrs. A. E. South beautifully played "I Traveled"; Mrs. C. L. Hacin sweetly sang "God for the Gambler" and Mrs. M. B. Wootley skillfully played "Love's Pleading" after which Mrs. D. D. Dougherty gave several readings from "Betsey Dags"—Bruce Barton. At the conclusion of the program all took part in the gold and black cat contest in which Mrs. E. S. Coffey was the successful contestant, she being awarded a lovely hand-made guest towel.

The hostess assisted by Mrs. M. P. Critcher served a delicious salad course with coffee and sandwiches, followed by angel food cake and cream, crystallized ginger and salted almonds—here also the color scheme was carried out.

Mrs. M. B. Blackburn was the only guest of the club. The evening was so pleasantly spent that five o'clock came all too soon, and all departed pronouncing Mrs. Horton a charming hostess.

The next regular meeting will be at the home of Mrs. W. L. Winkler on October 3.

Mrs. R. K. Bingham, the week before she left to spend the winter at her home near Johnson City, delightfully entertained the Friday Afternoon Club. The home was attractively decorated with golden rod and marigolds.

Ideas in needlecraft were exchanged and the usual sewing much enjoyed.

The hostess, assisted by her sister Mrs. Joe Cook, served refreshments, most delicious and appetizing. The members of the club, one and all regret Mrs. Bingham's departure but hope for her return in the early spring.

IN NAME AT LEAST

Ike: "Vereller you go over da world you vill find Jews."
Pat: "Faith, and Oi wouldn't say that. I never heard of a Jew at the north pole."
Ike: "Oh, is dot so? How about dot guy Iceberg? He's no Presbyterian."

SHE DOES

Feminist: "We believe that a woman should get a man's wages."
Married Man: "Well, my wife does."

NEWS ITEMS FROM THE APPALACHIAN SCHOOL

Miss Ruth Coffey, former director of music at the Appalachian Training school left for Bristol on the 17th to take advanced work in the Virginia Interment College.

Mr. W. H. Gratz of Boone is in Florida for a few weeks on business.

The old Council house which is on a lot where the new hotel is being built, is being torn down. This is the oldest building in Boone, having been built in 1830, 94 years ago.

And though it has been built so long almost every piece of timber in it is as sound as when built. There is too much more lumber in it than is usual and of a larger size, the smallest studding four by four inches and the smallest joists about three by ten inches. An older building stood on Green Heights west of this one and it was torn down some years ago. This house was built by Ransom Hays and the Council house was built by Jordan Cornwell. These two men gave the first land on which the town of Boone is built. These men were the original owners of the land. Mr. Cornwell owning the land on which the Daniel Boone cottage was built at the time that Mr. Boone camped here. A well preserved ledger was found in the old Council house and is being preserved. The writing is plain and also very legible.

The following distinguished members were at the school for last week: Hon. D. E. Giles, Chairman of the State Senate Appropriation Commission; Hon. Walter Murphy, Chairman of the House Appropriation Committee; Dr. A. T. Allen, State Superintendent of public instruction; Mr. Hill of the Auditor's Department and Mr. Jewett of the Budget Commission.

These gentlemen looked over the buildings that are being put up and went to the new power plant being put in and expressed themselves as well pleased with the work done. The school authorities were glad to have these excellent men at the school and hope they will return. Dr. Giles made a splendid talk to the student body.

J. M. DOWNUM

BLOWING ROCK GETS A NEW POSTOFFICE BUILDING

The following special from Blowing Rock to the Lenoir News Topic will be of local interest:

People here are rejoicing that the inadequate postoffice facilities for this place are soon to be remedied. Since the fire last October which destroyed the postoffice building and a number of business places here the postoffice has been kept in the old bank building which is inadequate and inconvenient for the work. Postmaster Robbins has been untiring in his efforts to secure better quarters but not until last week did he get a proposition that was acceptable to both the postoffice department and the party making it. Mr. R. S. Reinhardt, who recently bought some lots at the intersection of the Boone and Wataugassee roads has contracted to erect and equip an entirely new and exclusive postoffice building at that point. The lot is well adapted to the site, as it fronts on both roads or streets and has ample room for the building, with side and rear entrances. The building will be 25x50 feet, one story high, constructed of stone and built with a view to facilitate the handling of the mail and the prompt serving of patrons. It will be equipped with the very latest word in postoffice equipment, call and lock boxes etc. and will be ample in size to take care of the future growth of the place and business. Mr. Reinhardt is to be commended for his public-spirited action in the matter as the rental he will receive will not pay legal interest on his investment. But he has the interest of Blowing Rock, where he maintains his handsome summer home, at heart and wishes to do something nice for the community. The materials are now being assembled for the building and the contract let for the fixtures and the plan is to have the new quarters ready for occupancy by Dec. 1.

CONSISTENTLY REPUBLICAN

(The Durham Herald.)
Speaking of political consistency West Manland plantation, Maine, takes first prize. Four years ago there were 47 Republican votes cast and no Democratic and this year the vote was 48 to 0 in favor of the same party. The Republicans seem to be able to hold their own there at least and then some.