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ROAD WORK GOES FORWARD RAPIDLY

Two Bridges Completed on Lenoir-Hickory Highway—Other News From Lenoir and Caldwell County.

Special to the Democrat.

Lenoir, N. C., Dec. 10.—The two big concrete bridges in the suburbs of town on the Lenoir-Hickory highway and the Lenoir-Wilkesboro highway are completed. Work on the highway is going forward rapidly. The Lenoir and Wilkesboro highway has been graded and almost completely topped to the Wilkes line, with the exception of a two mile link out of town which is now being graded. The highways situated as they are, running through a vast tract of land owned by Mr. T. H. Broyhill, and the budding streets intersecting them points toward a big development in east Lenoir in the near future.

Mr. S. F. Horton of Cove Creek High School attended court here for several days last week.

Several of our Caldwell pastors are attending the Baptist state convention which meets in Raleigh this week. Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Tyree, Rev. J. C. and J. L. Tougue and Rev. Elvino are among the number.

Prof. B. B. Dougherty was a welcome visitor in Lenoir Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larkin Farnell of Beulah Fork are visiting friends and relatives in Lenoir and Patterson. They anticipate buying a home in Caldwell near Lenoir.

Mr. A. R. Barlow made a business trip to Boone Tuesday.

The school children and the parents of the Lower Creek neighborhood likewise the teachers of the graded school were royally entertained at a "get acquainted party" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Boldin last Thursday evening from 8 to 10 o'clock.

The rooms were thrown en suite and very lovely on the occasion with the Christmas foliage in green and red.

Masters Ralph Boldin, Marshal, Milton and Lee Powell greeted the guests on the porch and escorted them to the door where they were met by Mr. and Mrs. Boldin, Mr. Tougue and Mrs. E. H. Kerby.

Miss Ruth Boldin, Lucy White, Daisy Barlow and Winnie Powell assisted in the cloak room, while Mrs. A. R. Barlow introduced the teachers and parents.

Miss Bender sang two beautiful solo and was ably assisted in a number of selections by Miss Kirkpatrick and Mr. Merritt, the latter also accompanied Miss Bender with the saxophone, all of which was greatly enjoyed.

Mr. Spuring and Master Ralph Boldin delighted all with some amusing stunts.

Misses Ruth Boldin, Lucy White, Daisy, Scottie Sue and Olive Barlow served delicious hot chocolate, sand wiches, leaf and angel food cake. Favors were bouquets of beautiful pheasant vine.

About thirty-five guests enjoyed this lovely occasion.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10 a. m.
Preaching 10 a. m. and 7 p. m.
We extend a cordial invitation to all to worship with us.

The pastor preaches on the "New Birth" Sunday morning, the third in a series on "the fundamentals of the Christian Religion."

The original pledge cards are being sent back to the ones who pledged. This is not sent as a "dun" but as the property of the owner, and if the pledge has been paid, well and good, but if not and it can be, it will meet a great need. No further effort will be made by this church to collect these pledges, and if any mistake has been made by the Treasurer he will correct it if you will take it up with him.

The three circles of the Baptist church held their first meetings last Monday as follows:

Circle No. 1, with Mrs. I. G. Greer at 2:30.
Circle no. 2 with Mrs. J. Frank Moore at same hour.
Circle no. 3 with Mrs. E. S. Coffey same hour.

"30"

The feller who is afraid of being wrong once in a while will stay right where he is.

NEWS FROM THE COVE CREEK SCHOOL AND VICINITY

The play "The Little Clothopper," given in the school auditorium by local talent for the benefit of the Henson chapel church was a success, and very much enjoyed by all. The proceeds amounted to something over \$47.00.

Misses Winnie Thornburg and Gertrude Bundy and Messrs. John O. Ellington and Frank P. Hill of the school faculty spent the Thanksgiving holidays at their homes in Dallas, Jamestown, Clayton and Newberry, S. C. respectively.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Deal and Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Dugger have gone to Florida for the winter months.

S. F. Horton attended court in Lenoir this week as a witness in a suit brought against the Boards of Education and Commissioners by Mr. John M. Tuttle for salary due him.

The Cove Creek High School girls defeated the Boone girls in an interesting game of basket ball with a score of 16 to 10. The game was played Tuesday on the local court.

Paul Bingham, son of Dr. G. D. Bingham, suffered a rather serious accident a couple of weeks ago when a runaway horse ran into the car he was driving. He was cut right badly about the neck and face but he is now able to be back in school and his cuts are healing nicely.

A box supper held at the school building on last Saturday night was a great success. The proceeds amounted to \$125 and are to be used for the benefit of the Willowdale Baptist church.

Of interest to their many friends was the marriage of Mr. Clark Swift to Miss Maggie Phillips. We extend our congratulations.

Mrs. Mattie Johnson has accepted a position at Heaton in Avery county as teacher in the public schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bingham, Mrs. Luther Bingham and Mr. Bunch of Statesville were week end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bingham of Amantia.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Mast of Sugar Grove died last Sunday and was buried on Monday. We extend sympathy to the bereaved parents.

Mr. Don J. Horton was taken to the hospital on Monday for a serious operation. His many friends here hope for him a speedy recovery.

GRAPE VINES NEED PRUNING SAYS COUNTY AGENT STEELE

Now is the time to prune your grape vines. It should certainly be done either during December or January as late pruning causes bleeding and lack of vitality to the vine.

There are several systems of pruning and training bunch grapes. The important factors are, first, to grow and train the prominent part of the vine according to the method that is best allowed and second, to prune so as to renew the fruit bearing wood each year. The fruit is normally born on shoots of the current year arising from wood of the previous year. Therefore pruning consists:

1. Of leaving:
 - a. Strong healthy canes arising from points conforming to the system of training.
 - b. Other parts for the production of wood for the next year. (short spurs on the arms from which the fruiting wood may be grown.)
 - c. Spurs and canes for replacing and shortening arms that need removing and correcting.
2. Of cutting out:
 - a. All new wood not needed for above.
 - b. All dead diseased and weak wood.
 - c. Suckers and sprouts from around the crown.

JOHN B. STEELE,
County Agent.

HOW TO BE POPULAR

Boost your country and your business.
Boost the people in your town;
They will thank you wise and witty,
And you gain a wide renown.

Now's the time to do your boosting
Do not wait tomorrow's dawn;
In the grave you may be roosting,
All your boosting chances gone.

The many friends of Mr. Ed Luttrell will be glad to know that he is proving from the near fatal auto accident chronicled in last week's paper.

TRUSTEES OF LEES-McRAE HOLD MEET

Make Change in the School Year—Girls Serve Supper to Visitors—New Building for Orphanage.

An important change in the school year of the Lees-McRae Institute Banner, E. K. was made at a meeting of the trustees of the Edgar Tuft Memorial Association held at the school last week. When the school was founded by Mr. Tufts he adopted the summer and fall school term. The school opened in April and ended in December. Under the new plan adopted by the trustees, the school will open in September and close in May.

Among the trustees of the Concord Presbytery who attended this meeting were Rev. E. D. Brown, China Grove; Professor Francis Hood, Davidson College; George W. Hall, Hickory; J. H. Beall and Rev. A. A. McLean of Lenoir. The trustees were accompanied by J. T. Pritchett, J. A. Bush, Jr. and C. D. Gaire, elders and deacons of the Lenoir First Presbyterian church, who were guests of the school during the meeting of the trustees.

The trustees, visitors and other friends of the college were given a supper by the girls of the institution. This was served in the dining room of the Rock House, a community house built several years ago by the school.

Aside from the change of the school year, other matters coming before the trustees was the report of the hospital. This has been in operation for some months and has filled to need as an addition to the school and in community work. Another important matter was that of some additional buildings being planned for the Grandfather Orphan Home.

ROLL CALL SUPPER AND EPISCOPAL MEET AT VALLE CRUCIS

On Wednesday evening December 3, some seventy people sat down to supper together in the dining room of the Mission school at Valle Crucis. They were, with a very few exceptions, all communicants of the Episcopal church gathered there to answer to the roll call which is to be from this time on an annual event. After the supper and roll call other members and friends of the church joined the company and took part in the meeting which followed. This meeting was the cap stone of a series of weekly meetings held at different homes throughout the missions in and near Valle Crucis during November. The object of these group meetings was to study the problems before the whole church and the responsibilities of the individual members, as presented in a book entitled "My Father's Business." Considerable interest was manifested at these meetings as was testified at the closing mass meeting.

The rector, the Reverend J. P. Burke, was host at the supper and presided at the meeting. It was expected that the Rev. Harding Hughes of Greensboro would be present and make an address but owing to car trouble on the road he did not reach Valle Crucis until midnight. Lacking him, the program of the meeting consisted of prayers and hymns, and brief addresses by the rector and others, and informal reports by the treasurer of the mission and the treasurer of the new church building fund. The rector also made a report of the financial conditions of the mission and presented a budget for the next year.

The spirit of the gathering brought home to those present a sense of the value and joy of unity and the possibilities of cooperation.

SEVENTH GRADE EXAMINATION

If teachers will let me know how many copies of seventh grade examinations you will need and what day you expect to give the examinations I will forward them.

SMITH HAGAMAN,

County Superintendent

The state department has opened branch office no. 6 at the Watauga County Bank for the sale of auto and truck license. The bank will also take your application for title.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gragg left on a business trip to Asheville Sunday evening, and have not yet returned.

ASK COMPLETION OF HIGHWAY NO. 69

Wataugans Ask Commission to Finish Road Leading from Jefferson to Newland.

Quite a number of citizens of Watauga county left for Winston-Salem Tuesday afternoon to go before the State Highway Commission at a meeting that was held in that city yesterday.

The delegation was headed by the Board of County Commissioners, Senator-elect John E. Brown and Representative I. G. Greer of Boone, while the Shulls Mills, Valle Crucis and Foscoe sections will be largely represented. They go before the commission in the interest of the completion of project no. 69, leading from Jefferson to Newland and the Linville Improvement Company is making a hard fight for the road to go via Shulls Mills, Foscoe, Linville while it is understood many citizens lower down on the river are strongly in favor of the route via Banner Hill and on to Newland. The road is a much needed one, and we should be highly pleased with either one. What we want is the road completed.

CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING SAID TO HAVE COME TO STAY

Raleigh.—That cooperative marketing in North Carolina is a success and that it has come to stay many times already and to continue to grow in its present fields and in others, is the opinion expressed by George R. Ross, chief of the North Carolina Division of Markets, who recently returned to his office here after attending a meeting of the Eastern Carolina Produce Exchange at Mount Olive.

Mr. Ross says that even the most pessimistic of doubters would be convinced supporters of cooperative marketing if they had witnessed the same sights he did at the meetings, which was called for the purpose of having the members sign another three years contract of three years expiring this year.

According to Mr. Ross the Eastern Carolina Produce Exchange, operating in the community of Calypso and Mount Olive, met with a loss during its first year of existence. This loss or deficit, he says, was due to some expense that was not necessary the latter year which must good and successful enterprises experienced in their infancy but profit by later. There was a surplus of several thousand dollars in 1924, the third year of their contract and date of expiration, the chief explained and this was distributed to the members.

"When it was announced that the contract of the members with the exchange had expired and it was time to sign for another three years," asserts Mr. Ross, "every member present showed his faith in the future of the co-operative marketing plan by signing another three year contract and carrying away with him a blank form on which to enlist a new member."

"I feel that this is a sign that the co-operative plan is working well in North Carolina and that the farmers themselves are beginning to realize that co-operative marketing is their real salvation of demands for their crops of increased volume."

CHILDREN CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEEDY

A very thoughtful and beautiful Thanksgiving service was arranged by the public school teachers in the town of Boone.

The children were each asked to bring some article of food which might be distributed to the needy. You never saw such quantity and variety as the children piled in—corn potatoes, beans, apples, meats, all kinds of canned goods etc.

These goods are being distributed to widows and orphans as they are needed.

"I was advised if I wished to be lucky," remarked the Egin man, "to throw a penny over the bridge the first time the train crossed running water. I did it, but the string nearly got entangled when I was pulling it up again."—Bristol Times and Mirror.

Duke Makes Gifts Totaling 40,000,000

Following are the highlights of the \$40,000,000 gift recently made by James B. Duke, multi-millionaire and industrial developer for educational and benevolent purposes.

The founding of a vast educational institution in North Carolina to be known as the Duke University.

A gift of \$5,000,000 to be set aside immediately with which to buy land for a site and buildings which to equip the institution with preliminary buildings.

A principal of \$10,000,000 to be created as a trust estate, three fourths of it including Mr. Duke's power holdings among other securities.

The income from the endowment fund to become a maintenance fund for the university, and for other worthy institutions in the Carolinas.

A certain percentage for orphan asylums in the Carolinas.

A certain percentage for the erection of Methodist Episcopal churches in the rural districts of North Carolina.

A certain percentage for a maintenance fund for these churches.

A certain per cent for the pensions for superannuated Methodist Episcopal ministers in North Carolina.

A certain percentage for Davidson College.

A certain percentage for Furman university at Greenville, S. C.

A certain percentage for Johnson C. Smith university at Charlotte.

A certain percentage for hospitals in the state.

A certain percentage for deserving charities.

PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

The meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association on Friday December 6, was unique indeed. It was held at the same hour when Dr. Alexander of Columbia University was speaking in the auditorium of the Training School. We had never entered into such competition before. Furthermore our principal speaker was attracted away by a distinguished educator from New York.

Notwithstanding this fact and the rainy afternoon, the meeting was good and well attended.

On short notice the third grade had assumed the responsibility of entertainment. With the exception of a well prepared drill their entire program consisted of impersonation in history stories learned in their regular class work; Columbus, Ponce de Leon, Sir Walter Raleigh, Virginia Dare, John Smith, Pocahontas, Miles Standish. This school has certainly solved the problem of history teaching in the third grade.

MANY VISITORS TRAINING SCHOOL

Basket Ball Season Now in Full Swing—Other Items from the School and Town.

(James M. Downum)
Rev. M. B. Wansley, pastor of the Methodist church, attended chapel at the Training School one day the past week and conducted devotional services.

Something rather unusual for this season of the year, a thunder shower is on during the writing of this with some display of electricity and of wind.

An interesting and closely contested basket ball game was played Friday night between the Training School team and the one from Crossnore, which after first one and then the other being ahead, resulted in a score of 26 to 28 in favor of Crossnore.

The Training School was glad to welcome some distinguished visitors the past week. They were Dr. H. T. Hunter, President of Callowhee Normal and Industrial School; Dr. Thos. Alexander, formerly ten years Professor in Peabody College but now Professor in Columbia University, and Dr. James E. Hillman, Director of Certification in our State. They all came in on Thursday afternoon and Dr. Hunter remained until Friday afternoon and made a most entertaining talk at chapel exercises. Dr. Alexander was given a special period in the afternoon and spoke most helpfully on the preparation of teachers for their work. Dr. Hillman remained until Sunday morning and on Saturday at chapel gave the audience a rather minute detailed description of the State Board of Education and its work.

All of these distinguished men seemed deeply interested in the workings of our school.

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FISH HATCHERIES NEAR COMPLETION

Five Hatcheries Soon Will be Ready for Alotment of Eggs, 325,000 of Which Come to Watauga.

A. K. Dixon, of Trenton, chairman of the Fisheries Commission who has been in Raleigh, according to the News and Observer, states that the five hatcheries which the state is establishing in different parts of the state are nearing completion. There are three trout hatcheries, one in Haywood county near Balsam, one in Watauga County near Boone, and one in Alleghany county near the Roaring Gap. Of the two bass hatcheries, one is located near Marion and the other near Fayetteville. The hatchery near Marion has been named the Pete Murphy hatchery in honor of the late Murphy hatchery in honor of the House of Representatives.

The Fisheries Commission, Mr. Dixon stated, has just placed an order with the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries for about a hundred thousand rainbow trout eggs and with a private grower in Pennsylvania for five hundred thousand brook trout eggs.

These eggs will be distributed as follows: One hundred thousand rainbow trout eggs to the Pete Murphy hatchery, 100,000 in a mass hatchery, but no eggs are arrangements for the other two trout also; 500,000 brook trout eggs and 250,000 rainbow trout eggs to the Morrison hatchery; 200,000 rainbow trout eggs and 125,000 brook trout eggs to the Watauga hatchery; 200,000 rainbow trout eggs and 12,000 brook trout eggs to the Roaring Gap hatchery.

Shipments of eggs will begin early in December.

When the hatcheries get under way, Mr. Dixon says, they will produce their own eggs and the expense of getting them from other places will be avoided.

MEAT CAMP ITEMS

At this writing we are having a heavy east rain. However we shant grumble about the weather as we have had an unusually beautiful fall.

Mr. N. E. Meretz with J. R. Miller made a business trip to North Wilkesboro Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Wilson of the Chestnut Grove school attended Sunday school at the Baptist church here Sunday.

There has been quite a bit of sickness in the community for a few weeks. We think it is most likely flu in a light form.

Mr. Peffcoat filled his regular appointment at the Lutheran church on Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. Proffit spent Saturday night with her son W. H. Proffit of Sand.

Miss Ola and brother Mr. George Main of Tamarack were visitors on the Creek Saturday and Sunday.

FOSCOE HAPPENINGS

Your correspondent is back on the job. All the Foscoe folks are well and well killing hogs and making sausage is going on now.

The Rev. Eber Gragg preached one of his good sermons here Sunday which was enjoyed by all present.

Miss Alena McCain and Miss Minnie Coffey just returned from a five weeks visit in the eastern part of the state, reporting a nice trip.

Mr. J. D. Coffey and family are on a two weeks visit at Blowing Rock.

Mrs. Charlie Cole and Mrs. H. Brinkley visited relatives on Cove Creek last week.

Mrs. McCain spent Saturday and Sunday in Blowing Rock with her brother Sheriff Young.

Mr. Ronda Davis and Noah Chuch of Todd came over to take part in Miss Virginia Coffey's birthday dinner. We all had a good time. The cake was one of the finest ever seen.

Mrs. Woodie of Shulls Mills and Mrs. Walters were served dinner with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Byrd Sunday. All that have visited this home know what a good table she keeps.

We feel grieved about the death of that good woman Mrs. Patrick, and sorry indeed about Mr. Ed Luttrell getting hurt so badly. We are hoping he will soon recover.