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Happenings In and About Blowing Rock

Interesting News of Past Week From Famous Resort Town

Blowing Rock, June 1.—The report that Highway No. 17 between Blowing Rock and Lenor would be closed on June 1 and re-opened June 15 as a completed road cannot be confirmed here.

Although the report came from apparently reliable sources, Carson Keys, engineer in charge of the work, said he had no orders that could be construed as meaning that the road would be closed.

District Highway Commissioner Alex Hines of Winston-Salem was asked by mail to confirm or deny the report, but, apparently misinterpreting the query, he replied merely that the highway crews are making the best possible speed to complete the work.

Since that part of the work which caused the greatest interruption of traffic has been completed, and since the roads would have to be re-routed if the road were closed, it is considered improbable that such orders will be given.

Two of the negro convicts at work on Highway No. 17 engaged in a brawl at the camp near here Sunday and one of them slashed the other so seriously with a knife that a physician had to be called. It was said that the injured negro will recover.

All the poles for the Blowing Rock telephone line have been set and linemen were busy this week stringing the wires. Another week will be consumed in this work, it was said at the construction camp here and the installation of the exchange is expected to begin as soon as this work is completed.

It was said positively at the Green Park golf course by Foreman Hartley last week that the work of remodeling the course will not in any way interfere with early season play. The workmen will not bother the players, Mr. Hartley said, and the players will not bother the workmen, but they will use the old greens and tees until the new ones are ready for play.

Golfers already here have said that the new greens and tees are the best they ever saw, and that the new course should compare favorably with any in the south.

The box supper and dance held here Saturday evening to help raise funds for the Watauga Legion post's Fourth of July celebration brought in \$43, it was said by Sterling Hartley, who was in charge. Miss Beulah Wooten was voted the prettiest girl present at the supper, and she cut the cake. Many visitors were present at the dance which followed in the town hall.

Mayview Manor was opened for guests Wednesday of this week. The annex, which has been open since May 15, has been doing a thriving business since that date.

Several lively week-end parties registered at the Blowing Rock hotels Saturday night and Sunday. Two of the largest parties were from Asheville.

One at the Martin cottage was composed of Frederic Sale, Miss Eleanor Murfin, Miss Anne Westfall, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Westfall, Miss Mary Westfall, Jack Westfall and Jimmie Westfall.

Another Asheville party at Green Park was composed of G. E. Bishop, D. P. Watson, Miss Simpson and Miss E. Ganes.

T. W. Littler of Richmond, Va., was host to a party that spent the week-end at Green Park hotel. His guests were Mrs. E. Monroe of Charlotte, Miss Peggy Lavender of Abingdon, Va., Miss Allen Bailey of Clinton, S. C., and C. E. Saver of Abingdon, Va.

A Knoxville party at the Martin cottage was composed of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moore, William H. Moore, Jr., Miss Elizabeth McClellan and George M. Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Alvin Johnson, Dr. and Mrs. Joe T. Smith and Mrs. Tom R. Barry made up another Knoxville party that spent the week-end at Mayview Manor annex.

Other week-end visitors here were the following Charlotte people: Mrs. L. A. Dodsworth, Mrs. E. L. Kessler, Miss Mary Kessler, Mrs. J. C. Mc-

TWO ARE KILLED IN ELIZABETHTON STORM

Mrs. Andy Lewis, 55 and her infant daughter were killed as a result of the hot and rain storm which visited Elizabethton, Tenn., Monday night. The house in which the victims lived was washed away, the husband, a tinner, being saved by clinging to the branch of a tree. The body of the baby has not been recovered.

Plate glass in the windows of most of the stores in the business section of the town was smashed by the terrific hail. Insurance companies have estimated the loss to property at from \$100,000 to \$250,000.

COVE CREEK HAPPENINGS

Sugar Grove, June 1.—Plans are going rapidly forward for the new school building for this district which was voted at the special election on May 10. It is hoped that the building will be ready for use at the beginning of the fall term.

John R. Horton is home for a few weeks' visit with home folks. He has been in Cleveland for several months. Miss Blanche Horton is also home for the summer vacation from Meredith College.

Miss Grace Hurst has taken a vacation with the Fashion Shop in Boone for the summer.

Miss Annabel Bingham is in Knoxville, Tenn., working in the office of the National Boy Scout association.

Mrs. S. F. Horton had as her guests recently her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Funder and also her sister and brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hartfield, all of Witke Forest.

Of interest to the community was the recent marriage of Miss Mamie Horton to Henry Mass.

The B. Y. P. U. of Cove Creek Baptist church presented a very interesting play at its regular meeting Sunday night. The Epworth League of Henson Chapel also rendered a special program at the same hour.

On Monday evening, May 30, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Horton had as their dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. James Mast, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Sainburn, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Horton, Mr. John Horton and Miss Winnie Thornburg.

Miss Margaret Reeves is visiting her sister, Mrs. William T. Payne. Quite a number of young people from this community will attend the summer school at the State Normal this summer.

Mr. A. M. Banner has donated a beautiful site for a Baptist parsonage near the church here. Plans are being made to erect a dwelling in the near future.

Extensive improvements have been made within the last several weeks in the appearance of residences on Cove Creek. Almost a score of homes have been painted and other improvements made.

MISS GLADYS BROWN TO WED LATTER PART OF JUNE

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Brown, of Blowing Rock, announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Gladys, to Mr. R. B. Lee, of Greenville, N. C. The marriage will take place the latter part of June.

STILL CAPTURED

One night last week, Deputy Sheriff E. R. Osborne, of North Fork township, sighted a still in the Thomas settlement, at which were three men. He being alone, hid away to get help. On his return he found the place deserted and the woman had disappeared with the operators. However, they did find the furnace still hot, on which was a sixty-gallon still. They destroyed a large amount of beer, barrels, sugar and mash. The plant had the appearance of having been in operation for some time.

B. R. Bynum, of Raleigh State College football player, was instantly killed and two companions injured when the automobile in which they were riding was overturned on the Winston-Salem-Greensboro highway Monday.

Appalachian Normal has Auspicious Opening

Some six hundred students were registered at the Appalachian State Normal Tuesday for the first session of the summer school. The task of registering was not complete. Prof. Greer stated Wednesday morning that in all probability there were eight hundred present at the opening. And they continue to come

Will Be Dedicated Sunday



ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, BAILEY'S CAMP, N. C.

Sunday To Be Great Day for St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church at Bailey's Camp

Sunday, June 5, is to be a red-letter day for the St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran congregation at Bailey's Camp near Blowing Rock. For a number of years the scattered Lutherans of that section worshipped in a little house some distance west of where the beautiful new mission church is now located. These faithful people were served for some years by pastors in connection with the local Synod of Ohio.

Following the relinquishing of services by that synod there was an occasional service held by pastors in connection with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Tennessee, such services being held only on the fifth Sundays of each month during the summer season, until 1915 when the pastor of the Watauga Mission, the Rev. N. D. Young, began to hold services on every fifth Sunday throughout the year and on the 28th of October, 1922, proceeded to organize the now existing congregation under the name of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran congregation of Bailey's Camp, taking its name from the hunter who years ago broke the trail in this section of the mountains.

Rev. N. D. Young having resigned as pastor, Rev. H. W. Jeffcoat assumed pastoral charge in July, 1923. In the summer of 1924, Mr. Jeffcoat, assisted by his daughter, Miss Cora Pearl, organized a Sunday school with 41 persons enrolled. In the summer of 1925, Mr. J. D. Sherman, a financial student, helped with the work.

Through the influence of the Watauga Board of Missions, were turned to the state's point and an appropriation of \$5,000 was made for the erection of a house of worship. With the cooperation and liberal aid of the faithful little band, authorized by the Women's Board and many loyal and interested friends of the cause, the congregation was enabled to complete a neat and well equipped house of worship, costing approximately \$7,000.

Through the interest of the Watauga Synodical church officers in the gift of a lightning plant, enabling the congregation to hold services, young people's meetings and the like.

Fiddlers' Convention Here June 17 and 18

A fiddlers' convention in which fiddlers of national reputation will participate is the plan of Watauga Post No. 130, American Legion, to help defray expenses of the Fourth of July celebration here.

The convention will be held in the courthouse auditorium on the evening of June 17 and 18 at 8 p. m. Contests for fiddlers, banjoists, bands, clog and buck dancers will be on the program.

Already one fiddler of national reputation has written to the committee in charge to learn the conditions of the contests. The committee in charge of the convention consists of Charles L. Younce, Wilson Norris, J. C. McConnell, J. B. Taylor, Leonard Wilson, all of Boone, and S. M. Hartley of Blowing Rock.

Parts of the body of Lee Bishop, white, were found near the C. C. & O. railway tracks at Forest City recently by some women who were picking dewberries. They found a man's hand and part of his jawbone. Later other parts of the body were found which were taken to Spartanburg.

Wilmington, May 29.—Fire of undetermined origin late this afternoon destroyed the Babies hospital on Wrightsville sound. Sixteen babies undergoing special treatment at the time of the fire were carried safely from the burning building by nurses, doctors and volunteers.

Monday about 700 Winston-Salem Masons with their families chartered a special train over the Southern railway and went to Oxford for a day at the Masonic Orphanage. The guests were royally entertained by the officials and children of the institution.

MISSSES MAST INJURED BY LIGHTNING STROKE

Misses Jeanie and Bonnie Mast, daughters of Wiley Mast, were seriously injured when lightning struck their home at Brushy Fork during the thunderstorm at 2 o'clock Monday morning.

Both girls were rendered unconscious by the shock and badly burned, and Bonnie was still in a somewhat conscious condition Tuesday. Dr. J. M. Hodges, who was called immediately after the accident, said both girls would recover, but Bonnie would have to be kept quiet for some time.

The lightning is believed to have struck the telephone wire first, for the wires were burnt down fifty yards from the house and made so brittle that it could be broken with the fingers. Elsewhere, where one wire crossed another, they were electrically welded.

The home was badly damaged. A large hole was torn in the roof, two whole windows were torn from the walls, a door was torn out, siding was stripped from the house, and the contents of rafters were scattered fifty yards from the building. The stove in the kitchen was scattered, glass was broken, and the floor for a radius of 500 yards.

Dr. Hodges, after viewing the results of the accident, said it was a wonder that any members of the family were not instantly killed.

NEW PASTOR COMING TO ADVENT CHURCH SUNDAY

Next Sunday the Boone Advent Christian church will receive its new pastor, Rev. L. B. Sherman, of Lake City, Va., who will serve the church during the summer season. Rev. Dr. Sherman is very highly recommended and the church considers it a very fortunate in securing his services for even so short a time. The local church has been without a pastor since the death of Rev. R. N. Baldwin.

REV. A. P. HICKS TO OCCUPY BAPTIST PULPIT SUNDAY

Rev. A. P. Hicks, who recently accepted a call to the pastorate of the Boone Baptist church, arrived in town Monday afternoon, accompanied by his wife and two children. They are occupying the parsonage. Rev. Mr. Hicks will preach his first sermon as pastor of the church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The public is invited to hear him.

AMERICAN LEGION WILL HOLD SESSION FRIDAY NIGHT

The regular business meeting of Watauga Post No. 130, American Legion, will meet in the Legion hall Friday night, June 3rd, at which time the program for the Fourth of July celebration will be completed. All ex-servicemen are urged to be present.

Washington, May 30.—America's war dead were honored today by President Coolidge on behalf of the nation and with the nation. As in past years, Mr. Coolidge attended the Memorial Day exercises at Arlington national cemetery given under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic, offering "the affectionate regard of honor and acclaim" for the soldier dead of all wars, and placing a wreath of lilacs on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. In the Marine amphitheater which was unprotected from rain, the evening clouds overhead, the president spoke to the assembled representatives of patriotic organizations, calling upon the nation to give its respect to the living defenders of America, along with "reverence with the dead." He dedicated the armed forces of the United States to the preservation of peace.

Memorial Day holds a unique position among our national holidays. Christmas commemorates joy; today commemorates sorrow. Thanksgiving is the day of the homecoming, when smiling faces greet each other; today is the time when the home recalls the vacant chair, the warrior who bore his country's cross and did not return from the conquest. Independence Day is our day of defiance, when we beat the drum and with the screaming life proclaim to the world that our nation is guarding herself, but today amidst the silence of the flower-strewn graves, we look back through the haze of the tear drop upon the struggles and the sorrows of the past.

Yes, we Americans need a Memorial Day, a time to bring forth the memories of past struggles. This is a busy world in which we live and our nation is the busiest nation of the age, and in the intense struggle for future achievements, we are proud to forget the past; the cost of our liberties; the price paid for a surviving democracy; the cross of those common heroes who fell for our country's life and welfare. So let us march on this day to the silent graves and place your wreaths and flowers, or in silent prayer remember those who sleep in foreign soil in order to traffic our busy nation to see how great, how noble to die for one's country. Let us today do honor to

Impressive Memorial Service Held Sunday

World War Soldier Dead Honored at Methodist Church; Sermon by Rev. Woxley

The American Legion, Legion Auxiliary and war mothers cooperated in paying loving tribute to the war dead of Watauga county at the Methodist church Sunday morning in observance of national Memorial Day.

A large banner containing the names of those who were killed during the World War, and in the service, and those who have passed since, was turned over, the pallbearers, contained twenty-nine names. A large number of Legion and Auxiliary members and persons of honor made the impressive service, occupied from seven to the middle part of the church. Patriotic music was rendered and Rev. M. B. Woxley, pastor of the church, delivered an able and impressive sermon, which received the cooperation of an audience that filled the sanctuary.

During the day the graves of all service men who lost their lives in the World War were decorated by members of the Legion and Auxiliary.

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