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## The Motorcade To Winston-Salem

Mr. Hanes Hears Delegation and Promises to Improve Boone Trail as Soon as Possible

The Democrat is indebted to a member of the party that journeyed down to the Nicotine Village last Friday for a conference with Highway Commissioner Hanes in re the Boone Trail highway.

On Friday morning, October 7, a motorcade, sponsored by the Boone Citizen Club, composed of about 10 or 12 cars, carrying between 40 and 50 citizens, left Boone at 7:30 and arrived at Winston-Salem at 12:30 after the usual mishaps of flat tires and other troubles common to motor traveling. The Winston-Salem Citizen Club sent a delegation as far as Yadkinville to meet us and show us in.

The Winston Citizen club entertained us in royal style, as Winston-Salem folks can do under any condition.

The president of the Citizen club, Mr. Harry Grimsey, had charge of the meeting and had a number of short, happy talks by members of his club, together with the Kiwanis and other clubs of that city. The Boone club responded with talks by Prof. I. G. Greer and Mayor W. R. Gragg.

The main purpose of the motorcade was to see Mr. Alex Hanes, member of the state highway commission from this, the seventh district, in the interest of speeding up work of making Route No. 60 from North Wilkesboro to the Tennessee line a fit thoroughfare for travel. The Winston Citizen club had arranged an appointment with Mr. Hanes for our committee to see him.

Mr. Hanes attended the luncheon meeting and gave us a very interesting hearing. Mr. Hanes is one of the leading business men of Winston-Salem and a very busy man, having extensive business affairs of his own to look after. But very generously gave us a hearing and promised to do all the aid possible in getting the road finished with some kind of permanent finish as soon as the money was available.

Work is to begin soon on Route 60 from Boone west toward Cranberry by way of Vitas, Valle Crucis and Banner Elk, to make this route an all-year-round road, giving us connection to Elizabethton, Johnson City, Bristol and Knoxville in Tennessee and also giving us a direct connection with Asheville and other points in the west and southwest of the state.

This is a very important connection and we are grateful to Mr. Hanes for his interest in this part of his district and it is evident that he is doing all in his power for us.

North Wilkesboro and Mountain City had a delegation present at the meeting which showed very keen interest in common with ours. We can always depend on our neighboring towns to lend a helping hand when it comes to things pertaining to the public good. A fine spirit of co-operation exists throughout this whole mountain section of the state, east, Tennessee and southwest Virginia.

The Boone Citizens are behind any and every movement that tends to help their fellow citizens and the county at large. We believe there is no better civic organization.

We extend to the Winston club our sincere thanks for their courtesies while in their city, and ask them to reciprocate and see how well we can entertain them. Although we are small folks and in a small town we challenge any one to show more hospitality according to our ability.

After all, we pronounced the motorcade a successful affair and hope to reap a harvest as a result.

## \$200,000 for Roads in 7th District in Sept.

Close to \$200,000 was spent on construction work on the various projects for the month of September in the seventh highway district, under the direction of District Engineer Charles S. Currier, according to the monthly report given out yesterday, says the Winston-Salem Journal of Sunday. Wilkes county drew the big plum in the amount of money expended. Three projects in that county required the expenditure of the sums of \$8,618.44; \$37,255.25, and \$17,151.67.

Forsyth county had the second highest sum of money spent on its roads, Route 77, between Winston-Salem and the Stokes county line, where \$29,894 was expended.

Watauga county had two projects under way, the sums for these being \$18,548.47 and \$13,132.07, these projects being on Route No. 69.

Other projects in which Watauga county is interested are: Caldwell county, Route 17, \$11,500; Wilkes county, Route 60, \$8,618.44 and \$32,255.28.

## NO HOPE FOR NO. 60, SAYS HANES

Seventh District Commissioner Tells Boone Citizens No Funds Are Available For This Important Thoroughfare

Winston-Salem Journal, Sept. 8: Citizens from Boone and their friends who held a conference here yesterday with Alex S. Hanes, member of the North Carolina highway commission from the seventh district, and asked that highway No. 60 be hard surfaced to the Watauga capital, were informed by Mr. Hanes that owing to lack of funds the state cannot at this time build the road.

**Luncheon Given**  
The conference with Mr. Hanes was held after the Citizens and their friends attended luncheon at the Robert E. Lee Hotel as guests of the Winston-Salem Citizen Club. Members of the delegation who called on Mr. Hanes said they were courteously received by the commissioner and he expressed regret that the state does not have the money available for the project.

**Escorted Into City**  
The motorcade reached the city shortly after 12 o'clock, having been met at Yadkinville by a committee from the local Citizen club and escorted here by the committee. A motorcycle officer from the Winston-Salem police department headed the procession from Reynolds into the city.

The party went immediately to the Robert E. Lee Hotel for the luncheon. Harry Grimsey, president of the Citizen club, presided over the meeting, and the visitors were generously welcomed.

**Frank Hanes Speaks**  
P. Frank Hanes, former president of the local club, welcomed the visiting Citizens and their friends on behalf of that organization. He said Winston-Salem was interested in the movement for improving the road and was ready to cooperate. Mr. Hanes invited the visitors to return again as guests of the local club.

**Welcome Address**  
John L. Gilmer, president of the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce, welcomed the visitors on behalf of that body. The Chamber of Commerce, he said, is anxious to see the Boone Trail completed and was ready to cooperate. Mr. Gilmer invited the visitors to stop at the Chamber of Commerce and to make themselves at home while in the city.

**Aid Promised**  
John M. Brown, president of the Winston-Salem Automobile Club, expressed regret that its charter was limited to Forsyth County. Mr. Brown said the local club had succeeded in establishing an automobile license bureau in Winston-Salem, and in this way was serving the people of Boone. The club is ready to aid in any way possible, Mr. Brown declared.

**Kiwanians Interested**  
Dr. Phil Horton, president of the local Kiwanis Club, called attention to the fact that Kiwanians and Citizens are working for the same cause. Kiwanis, he declared, has always been interested in good roads and was a big factor in starting the good roads movement in this state. He pledged the support of the Kiwanis club in this project.

**Colonel Blair Speaks**  
Col. W. A. Blair welcomed the visitors on behalf of Winston-Salem. He particularly remarked that the visitors had come down to earth, and asked that the Twin City was indeed glad to have them.

"We are all neighbors," said Colonel Blair. "We have drawn a circle—we are in your circle and you are in our circle." Colonel Blair's address was an eloquent one, an address in which the spirit of co-operation and good fellowship were the keynote.

**Mr. Greer Responds**  
I. G. Greer, a member of the faculty of the Appalachian State Normal, was the spokesman for the visitors and he delivered a timely address.

A great deal has been said about the liberality and courtesy of Winston-Salem people, but not half as much as might be said, declared Professor Greer, adding that it was a pleasure for the visitors to be here.

**Grateful**  
"We are grateful to the North Carolina highway commission, and we are grateful to your townsman, Mr. Hanes, for making it possible for us to come here and shake hands with you today," said Professor Greer.

"But while we are holding out our hands in thankfulness, we want to come here today and ask that highway 60 be polished up a little," he said.

**Not Selfish**  
Professor Greer said he hoped

## Marriages and Divorces in Watauga County

Marriages Show Decrease Over 1925 and Divorces Increase by Over

Watauga county shows a decrease in the number of marriages and an increase in the number of divorces in 1926 over the previous year, according to figures received by Austin E. South, clerk of the superior court, from the department of commerce, at Washington, Saturday.

A total of 64 couples were married in this county in 1926, as compared to 71 in 1925. Divorces for 1926 increased one over the previous year when four were granted against three in 1925.

Figures for the state as a whole are as follows: Marriages, 1926, 22,001; divorces, 1926, 1,591. Marriages, 1925, 23,337; divorces, 1925, 1,576. The increase in the number of divorces was one per cent, while the decrease in marriages was 2.8 per cent.

## GAME LICENSES YIELD STATE BIG REVENUE

Raleigh, Oct. 7.—Remittances from district wardens for game licenses received up to yesterday by the department of conservation and development amounted to about \$45,000, exceeding expectations of most sportsmen in the state. Several counties reported license sales well over \$2,000 for September.

"From letters and messages received here," said J. K. Dixon, assistant director, "wardens in charge of enforcement of the law are having little trouble getting support and co-operation of the people generally in the enforcement of the game law. The policy of this department is to inform people of provisions of the law and solicit their support and cooperation in reasonable enforcement, and when wardens are convinced that parties violating the law through ignorance, are recommending that such settlements be made."

Approximately 100,000 licenses have been distributed among clerks of the court, wardens and other selling agents.

## FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

The fifth Sunday meeting of the Three Forks Baptist Association will be held with Mount Calvary church on the fifth Sunday in October, and the Saturday before.

The following program for the sessions has been prepared by Smith Hagaman, chairman:

- Saturday Session—1:30 P. M.**
1. Organization.
  2. Are evangelistic fires burning lower than formerly? If so, what can be done to rekindle them?—W. S. Farthing.
  3. Importance of preachers and Sunday school teachers making thorough preparation for their work.—W. Y. Perry.

- Sunday Morning**
1. Sunday school at 9:30.
  2. Loyalty to Baptist church and the Baptist program.—L. O. Wilson.
  3. 11 a. m.—Sermon by L. A. Hunt.

- Sunday Afternoon**
4. Is conscience a safe guide in matters of religion?—Prof. J. A. Williams.
  5. Every member canvas.—P. A. Hicks.

Only one has been assigned to each subject. This means that it is expected that there shall be a free discussion of all subjects by others present. Let your duty bestir you to attend these fifth Sunday meetings and help make them of great good.

"If we wish to be just judges of all things let us first persuade ourselves of this: that there is not one of us without fault; no man is found who can accuse himself, and he who calls himself innocent does so with reference to a witness, and not to his conscience.—Seneca.

that the people of Boone were not selfish in making this request, that their hearts were in the movement, and they wanted to see it carried through.

"We beg that number 60 be surfaced as soon as possible," he said in conclusion.

"I never thought I would see the day when the village of Winston-Salem would entertain the city of Boone, but we have reached that day and we are glad to be here," said W. R. Gregg, mayor of Boone.

Several persons were present from North Wilkesboro and also from Mountain City, Tenn. Mountain City, it was pointed out, is also intensely interested in the completion of the road to the Tennessee line.

Wilkes is especially interested, according to Professor Sisk, of North Wilkesboro, who said the people of that county were ready to co-operate in every possible way.

The delegation returned to Boone late yesterday afternoon, after attending the Forsyth county fair as guests of the management.

## WARD DAIRY BARN RAZED BY FLAMES

Fire of Unknown Origin Destroyed Valuable Property on Brushy Fork Monday Night; Loss Said to Be Heavy

On Monday night, fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the large dairy barn of Mr. T. C. Ward on Brushy Fork, west of Boone, together with the milk house, silos and complete dairy equipment. Mr. Ward estimates the blaze represented a loss of approximately \$17,000.

Sometime around 12 o'clock on the night of the fire, Mr. Ward awakened as a car stopped on the highway near his place and the only clue he can advance as to the origin of the fire, is that its occupants went to the barn in search of gasoline and ignited the structure by lighting matches. It was known that Mr. Ward operated a gasoline engine in another building and this theory is likely a good one.

Mr. Ward was the pioneer in the modern dairy field in this county, having installed the most modern equipment to be found and the barn was well appointed and sanitary throughout. For a long time he had furnished Boone with milk but sometime ago sold out this business to Mr. Tracy Council of Boone. Having decided to open a dairy business at Elizabethton, Tenn., to increase his income from this source, some of his stock had been moved there and no cows were in the barn at the time of the fire.

Mr. Ward has issued no statement as to whether he will rebuild the dairy at this place. The property destroyed was partially covered by insurance.

## NEWS OF VALLE CRUCIS SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Valle Crucis, Oct. 12.—On Thursday, October 13, the annual story of the boarding, day pupils and teachers of the Valle Crucis School for Girls enjoyed a Christmas lunch of the modern kind and an out-of-door supper consisting of "Valle Crucis Special" sandwiches and "hot dogs," cooked over a blazing bonfire, and supplemented by pickles, cookies, lemonade and toasted marshmallows. The evening concluded with group singing around the fire and a moonlight walk home. As long as the pleasant weather lasts, these little excursions will probably be a weekly feature of school life.

The Young Peoples' Service League of Holy Cross Mission held the first of its monthly socials in the dining room of the school on Saturday, October 8th. The amusements were games and dancing. Chocolate ice cream and assorted cakes were served, and everyone had a jolly time.

Miss Carrie Gudheim, one of the high school teachers, returned to her duties October 16th, having been detained by illness.

Bishop Harner arrived at the school October 10th for a visit and met with his usual enthusiastic reception.

The Rev. Thomas L. Trott of Statesville, will conduct a mission at Holy Cross church, beginning with the 7:30 service Sunday evening, October 16th. There will be services in the church at this same time and every evening during the week; others will be announced. The features of the mission will be sermons on live topics, congregational singing and a question box. Everyone who can possibly attend is cordially invited and urged to do so.

## DIC'S FIVE AND TEN STORE HAS LARGE OPENING DAY

J. E. Dice & Co.'s Five and Ten Cent Store had its opening day last Thursday and the crowds in attendance were eager to snatch the many bargains offered. So large was the crowd that two or three persons were almost suffocated in the mass.

Mr. Dice operates a chain of stores over North Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee and says business here during the first few days indicates Boone will be one of his best propositions. The store room is perhaps the most beautiful in the city and is well stocked with all that goes to make a first class "five and dime" establishment.

## MT. CITY MAN KILLED WHEN CAR OVERTURNS

News reached Boone this (Wednesday) morning of the death of Mr. Jeter Love of Mountain City, which occurred Tuesday night when the car in which he was riding overturned in that town near the home of Mr. Dick Butler. The car was driven by David Slempp who escaped without serious injury. Young Love's neck was broken.

Deceased was a son of Mr. William Love and was a cousin of Chief of Police Garland of this city. News as to the cause of the accident is not available.

## County Bonds Sold For Good Price

Issue of \$40,000 Short Term Road and Funding Bonds Brings Premium of \$385.85

What is considered the best bond sale in the history of Watauga county was made last Friday when N. S. Hill & Company of Cincinnati, Ohio, purchased the issue of \$28,000 funding and \$12,000 road bonds for the sum of \$40,385.85, a premium of \$385.85, same to bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum.

In view of the fact that these bonds are to be retired in nine years, the board of county commissioners are of the opinion that the sale is the best ever consummated in the county. The county is now paying 5 1/2 to 6 per cent on something like \$400,000 of long-term road bonds issued during the past several years.

Other bidders for the issues were Magnus and Company, W. L. Slayton and Company, Prudent Savings Bank and Trust Company and Well, Roth and Irving.

## HAPPENINGS OF WEEK IN AND ABOUT BLOWING ROCK

Blowing Rock, Oct. 12.—The Blowing Rock consolidated school has grown to such proportions that at the end of the first month it has been found necessary to employ another teacher to assist with the elementary grades. The teacher has not yet been selected. The school board is also seeking quarters for some of the primary grades, especially the fourth and fifth grades, comprising forty-nine pupils, all in one room. It is hoped that at least a part of the new building can be occupied within two months.

Fouring of concrete for Blowing Rock's sidewalks along Main street from the Yonah-stee road to Norwell's mill was started Wednesday. Bidders will be made by the contractor, Wood and Gardner of Charlotte, to complete the paving before the winter rains set in. The sidewalks will extend also on Boone street from Main to the new school building, and as much farther as funds will permit.

Excellent services, well attended, are reported during the revival meeting conducted at the Baptist church here last week by the pastor, Rev. P. A. Hicks. A strong revival of interest in church work is said to have resulted from the services.

Brickwork on the new consolidated school building will be completed next week, if nothing happens to retard the work, said the contractor in charge, E. G. Pitts. The bricklayers are now at work on the walls of the second floor. Mr. Pitts said he hoped within the next two months to have at least a few rooms ready for the classes that are now scattered all over town, but he would not promise this definitely.

## NEGROES ARRESTED HERE FOR CHARLOTTE AUTO THEFT

Willis Smith and James Taylor, negroes of Charlotte, were lodged in the county jail here Monday on a charge of stealing an automobile, which led to the capture having been made at Mecklenburg officers. The arrest was made at the Mulligan Company's construction camp on Highway 69, a few miles from Boone.

The abandoned car was here found near the Meat Camp Baptist church and a careful search in the vicinity of the find by Police Chief Garland disclosed a quantity of fraudulent equipment, perhaps valued at \$2,000 to \$2,500. The warrants issued in Charlotte, however, did not charge the negroes with the theft of anything other than the car.

An officer from Charlotte arrived yesterday and the prisoners were taken to Mecklenburg for trial.

## GRANDFATHER NOTES

Banner Elk, Oct. 12.—The non-revol of Grandfather school for the third month of this scholastic year is as follows:

First grade—Cleo McLean, Fay Barry, Clara Aldridge, Dick Town, and Jenny Aldridge.

Second grade—Addie Mae Townsend, Fred McLean.

Sixth grade—Haden Fox, Clara Jesus.

Eighth grade—Viola Gragg, Ovala Barlow.

J. L. Fox and son of this section have gone to Lenoir with a shipment of cattle.

Miss Mabel Henson spent the week-end with relatives on Cove Creek.

The children of the Grandfather school gave an interesting and helpful health program on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Edna Hodges spent the week-end at her home in Boone.

Misses Bessie Lee and Effie Joy Fox spent the week-end with home-folks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Perry and son, Clarence, spent the week-end on Toe River.

## BIG MONEY IN IRISH POTATOES

State Authorities Say Watauga Is Well Adapted to Growing of Certified Seed; Underproduction Is Only Handicap

By SMITH HAGAMAN  
Recently I had something to say about the livestock interests in Watauga county. There is now an effort on the part of a number of farmers and business men of the county to go into the growing of potatoes in sufficient volume for seed that the big buyers of our own state and other states may be attracted to our county.

State authorities tell me that recent thorough investigation has proven that no other county in North Carolina is so well adapted to the growing of high class seed potatoes as Watauga, and that all that is necessary to make this one of the big industries of Watauga county is that a sufficient amount of acreage shall be planted and scientifically cultivated and marketed.

Farmers, of course, fear an over-production, but as a matter of fact it is our under production for seed that is now handicapping the business. One big potato grower of Eastern Carolina could not find enough seed in Watauga to plant one of his fields—and we have certified seed here now.

As an illustration of what may be done in the potato business, let me call your attention to what was done near Asheville this year. Sixty acres were planted in potatoes on the Biltmore farm with some hope of growing certified seed, but on inspection they were found to be diseased and unfit for seed. The state inspector advised them to sell the potatoes on the eating market at any price they could get, and they did.

The sixty acres produced 21,000 bushels and they were sold for one dollar per bushel. The cost of seed, fertilizer, cultivation and marketing was \$6,000, leaving a net profit of \$15,000 for the sixty acres or \$250 per acre.

The man who sits about stores in winter on goods boxes and talks about hard times, says this is visionary stuff.

## REVOLUTION IN MEXICO IS QUICKLY CRUSHED

Mexico City, Oct. 10.—The government announces that the Gomez-Almada rebels have been decisively defeated and routed by federal troops in a six-hour battle, and that the revolution is ended.

Presidential headquarters announced that 3,000 federals under General Escobar routed about 1,000 rebels under Gomez and Almada Sunday afternoon in the Pezote region, Vera Cruz state. Six hundred rebels were captured and probably fifty of their number killed and a hundred wounded. Gomez and Almada escaped.

Carrying a toy car and a Chinese pig to ward off any fortune that might link over the night-stranded Atlantic, Miss Ruth Elder, "living beauty" of Lakeland, Fla., with her contract, Gen. H. J. Ryan, took off from Roosevelt Field, N. Y., Tuesday afternoon at 8:45 in a Stinson monoplane and went roaring out over the Atlantic in what is to be a non-stop flight to Paris. The expedition is to be the longest ocean flight ever attempted, 3,300 miles over water. Instead of flying around via Nova Scotia the "American Girl" will fly directly over the Atlantic lanes on which a score of vessels were crashing at the time of the take-off. The plane is expected to average 100 miles per hour.

## Little Girl Dies From Yellow Jacket Sting

The sting of a yellow jacket caused the death last Friday of Lena Gross, the five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Bryan Gross. The child was stung on the second joint of the right forefinger and immediately became violently ill. Mr. Gross was away from home at the time but her mother rushed to Boone from their home on Meat Camp, but she died during the 40-minute ride for the trip. An injection of adrenalin was given by Dr. J. H. Hagaman but it failed to revive her.

About a year ago the child was stung by a yellow jacket and almost died as a result.

Funeral and interment was at the Hines cemetery just west of Boone Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Ed Hodges.

About nine years ago, while living in West Virginia, Mr. and Mrs. Gross had a little daughter burned to death. In their sorrow, bereavement, the parents have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends.