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COVE CREEK FARM BOYS ON VISIT TO NATIONAL CAPITL

Thirty Students of Agricultural Class Enjoy Beauties of Shenandoah Valley. Accompanied by Howard Walker, Teacher. Will Leave Washington for Trip Home Next Saturday.

Accompanied by their teacher, Mr. Howard Walker, thirty students of the agricultural class at Cove Creek High School left Sunday in trucks for a tour through the Valley of Virginia to Washington, D. C. A short stop was made at Natural Bridge Sunday afternoon, and the travelers spent the night at Endless Caverns tourist camp, where their tents were pitched and cooking was done in the open.

A letter from Mr. Walker describes the beauties which the Cove Creek lads are enjoying in "Nature's Wonderland":

"Monday morning the boys have just gone through the Endless Caverns. These caverns have an interesting history. The guide told how they were discovered. On October 1, 1879, two boys, with their dogs, chased a rabbit up the slope of a hill pasture on the farm of Reuben Kirmle, four miles south of the town of New Market. The rabbit disappeared under a heap of rocks, but when the boys removed these they found instead a great shaft opening into the hillsides at a steep downward slant.

"The discovery led to ever deeper explorations, which revealed to the daring what seemed like a boundless treasure-house of marvels. Creeping through low passages by the dim light of candles, reaching out in the dark to find themselves on the brink of some great chasm—in danger often, but always in wonder and delight—explorers worked for a long time seeking a terminal to the winding channels and vast underground chambers. But none could be found so the place was named 'The Endless Caverns,' and still holds that title."

The tourists reached Washington Monday morning, pitched camp and are now touring the capital city. They will remain there until Saturday when the trip home begins.

Those making the trip are: Carl Henson, Ray Farthing, Joe Bingham, Charlie Mitchell, Jack Henson, Hensel Stokes, Roy Rominger, Cline Walker, Howard Love, Eleanor Hodges, Paul Phillips, Henry Rowe, Harry Rowe, Raymond Farthing, Wheeler Farthing, Cecil Harmon, Joe Banner, Marvin Deal, Henry Wilman, James McBride, Clay Haworth, Robert Thomas, James Henry Horton, Kermit Reece, Vaughn Reece, Ben Horton, Ned Mast, Howard Goodnight, Dolphus Adams and Howard Walker.

Reunion of Prominent Families at Valle Crucis

A reunion of the Shull, Mast, Taylor, Baird and Horton families will be held on Saturday, August 20th at Valle Crucis, N. C., according to an announcement made Monday by a committee in charge of the annual event.

All relatives are invited to come, and those living in a reasonable distance are requested to bring baskets of food. Speeches, music and other features of entertainment will be enjoyed during the day.

More than three hundred members of the five families reside in Watauga, besides those who have scattered to other states. The reunions have been held in Kansas and Missouri for the past several years, and it is expected that more than a hundred persons from these states will be present at the Valle Crucis meeting. A complete program of activities will appear in the Democrat, possibly next week.

Avery County Youth Is Given Essay Award

(Avery Advocate)

With the crowd gathered and the prize of a gold cup and a \$100.00 check awaiting him at the courthouse, young David Odum, unaware that the day of presentation of the William Randolph Hearst prize for the best essay on Washington's Farewell Address, was called for and found hoeing corn on his father's farm. An auto brought him to Newland where he was honored by many citizens of Avery County.

Young Odum won this first prize several months ago in an essay contest sponsored by the Atlanta Georgian when his essay on "Washington's Farewell Address and the Lessons to Be Learned from It" was adjudged the best of over 100,000 sent in from all the Southern states.

The presentation was made by Haden Burke, Taylorsville attorney, after he had made an interesting and understanding talk to, and in behalf of the boy and his accomplishment.

The contest was open to all persons under 21 years of age in the South.

Upshaw For President



Wm. D. Upshaw former Representative from Georgia, a stalwart dry, is the presidential nominee of the Prohibition Party.

CONGRESS CLOSES AFTER PASSING RELIEF MEASURE

First Session 72nd Congress Ends Shortly After 11 P. M. Saturday; Final Day Crowded with Activity. Home Loan Bank is Cause of Delay. Needy Gets No Relief from Congress at this Session.

Washington, D. C.—Congress adjourned sine die at 11:28 o'clock Saturday night, after a thirteen and a half hour session of turmoil within the capitol and scenes unparalleled in American history without the building.

While the finishing legislative touches were being put on the \$2,000,000 jobless relief bill, with the Glass-Borah \$1,000,000,000 currency expansion rider, 5,000 ragged veterans milled about the plaza in a death march demand for the cash bonus.

Hoover Not Present

Nearly an hour before adjournment, President Hoover abandoned plans to go to the capitol and sign the bills later under a decision of the Supreme Court.

Shortly before the President's decision was announced, a crowd of 100,000 marchers led by Urban F. Dowd, "Mr. Zero," massed in front of the White House. Ladoux and three others were arrested and quiet was restored, after a brief tussle.

Senate Quite First

The Senate adjourned at 11:14 o'clock. The House, which had been in recess, immediately convened, prepared to pass the adjournment resolution, thus ending the first session of the 72nd Congress.

It had passed the \$2,122,000,000 relief bill.

It had passed the home loan banking bill with the Glass-Borah currency expansion rider after a long deadlock.

The end approached shortly after 9:30 o'clock when the House finally surrendered in its opposition to the \$995,000,000 currency expansion amendment and votes 120 to 114 to accept the Senate bill.

Measure Signed

Speaker Pro-Tempore McDuffie of Alabama then signed the measure and it was sent to the Senate where Vice-President Curtis affixed his signature.

With passage of the \$2,122,000,000 substitute relief bill by the Senate, a bitter row over the administration's home loan bank bill delayed the wind-up for hours.

The relief bill conference report, adopted by the House yesterday, went through the upper body without a record vote, despite opposition to the House provision requiring full publicity for all Reconstruction Finance Corporation loans.

Relief Bill

The relief bill as finally enacted provides:

An increase of \$1,800,000,000 in the resources of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Provision for \$600,000,000 for relief loans to states, to be distributed according to need, but no State to get more than \$45,000,000.

Provision for Reconstruction Finance Corporation loans of \$1,460,000,000 to states, municipalities and public corporations for self-liquidating public works.

The bill contained also the controversial feature requiring full publicity for all loans of the R. F. C., including those to banks.

LARGE ONION YIELD

Mr. W. D. Lookabill, of Deep Gap, perhaps has broken a local record in the production of onions. He reports that from a plot of ground 14x109 feet he harvested an exact twenty-five bushels of potato onions. A terrific hail storm did considerable damage to the growing plants before the bulbs had completely developed, or the yield would have been larger, says Mr. Lookabill.

Eight hundred ten birds in nine poultry flocks of Caldwell County returned a profit of 11 cents each from eggs during the month of May.

WATAUGA PUPILS TRANSPORTED AT A MINIMUM COST

More Than One Thousand Pupils Are Taken to Schools of County at a Cost of \$7.34 Each Per Year, Records Show. Average Cost in State is \$10.85. Economies Enable Board to Return \$3,000 to State.

More than one thousand pupils were transported by motor conveyance to the several consolidated schools of the County of Watauga last year, states County Superintendent Smith Hagaman, at a cost of \$7.34 per pupil per year. The average cost of transporting students over the State is \$10.85 per pupil, and since Watauga is located in the mountains where transportation costs must be relatively high from natural causes, it is felt that the Board of Education has set more or less of a record in reducing the cost \$3.51 per child below the average for the State.

Fourteen buses operated during the last school year, taking care of the students from about twenty schools, it is stated. All buses are the property of their respective drivers and contracts are let to the low bidder on the several routes. Economies affected this way, and through other sources of general expense enabled the Board of Education to return to the State \$3,000 unused funds after all the teachers of the county had been paid their full salaries. It is stated that only one bus, a dilapidated Model T affair, is owned by the school board, and is only used on occasions. There has been a steady saving since purchase and upkeep of the motor units has been transferred to the contractors.

State Facts

North Carolina, according to recent information from the State superintendent, now transports more children to school than any other State in the Union, and at a cost of about half per pupil of the next State down the list. There are 230,416 children riding to 1,170 schools at an average cost of \$10.85 per pupil. Yadkin County transports the children at \$6.81 while the cost in Transylvania is \$5.54.

North Carolina stands third in number of buses, 4,240, headed only by Indiana and Ohio. The State-wide network of 58,870 miles of road is exceeded by Indiana, with North Carolina second and Ohio third.

In 1914-15 six vehicles were operated in the State and carried 247 pupils, and in 1919-20 150 motor vehicles carried 8,000. The number now being transported represents about one-fourth of the total enrollment in North Carolina's schools.

COLLETTSVILLE ROAD OPEN TODAY

Project to Be Completed Within a Few Days. Described as the Best Road in Caldwell. Council Inspects New Highway.

Lenoir.—Traffic will be permitted to pass on the Collettsville-Warrior Highway Thursday morning unless unforeseen complications arise this week, Assistant Engineer E. F. King announced here Monday.

A top-dressing of the Olivette-Warrior stretch is all that remains of the ten-mile project, he said, and the corps of workmen expect to complete that detail within the next two days. The road will be closed until the top dressing can "set," he said.

District Engineer J. C. Council, of Boone, inspected the road last Saturday and was well pleased with the project. The road has several new bridges, a number of changed routings, elevated curves and excellent shoulders. It is paved to a distance of 18 feet wide and is considered the finest road in Caldwell County.

Traffic to Brown Mountain Beach popular resort for swimming, and to Edgemont is expected to be increased materially after the new road is opened.

Until the entire route is opened, traffic may reach the Olivette section by following the Greasy Creek road from West Harper avenue. Another entrance to the Brown Mountain Beach road is via Hartland and Adako.

Planing Mill Property Has Changed Hands

The Boone Planing Mill property, real estate, buildings and machinery, has been purchased by Mr. Rufus Green of this city, and while the consideration was not made public, it is understood that when the plant was established it represented an investment of about \$19,000.

Mr. Greene states that he will likely place the plant in operation again, and that perhaps at a later date a new industry will be launched. However all plans are tentative and there is no information to be given out at this time.

4-H Club Girl Champions at White House



The four style-review winners in the 4-H Club show at Chicago last year are now enjoying the national tour then awarded and are here shown with President Hoover at the White House. Left to right: Mary Markley, Mass., Annette Yonkelowitz, Ill., President Hoover, Helen Thomas, Ohio and Louise Morgan, Ga.

BONUS ARMY TO HANG ON AT CAPITAL UNTIL CONGRESS CONVENES IN WINTER

Washington, D. C.—Restless under white-heat sun rays that beat mercilessly through cracks and gaps in their ramshackle huts, thousands of World War veterans who came here demanding a bonus yesterday shouted their determination to stay and greet Congress when it meets again in December.

Meantime, leaders said, the full force of their influence would be thrown into an effort to force officials here to call a special session of Congress to provide aid for the

destitute ex-soldiers and their families.

In the great Anacostia camp groups of ragged veterans gathered to discuss their plight. There was general discouragement that Congress had adjourned without acting on their plea for a bonus, but stubborn determination to remain until they are paid.

"Congress slipped out on us," they chorused. "But it will be back. And we'll be here to greet them unless something is done for us."

EXPECT ANOTHER SALARY SLASH FOR EMPLOYEES OF N. C.

Teachers Will Get Another Reduction. Council of State and Advisory Budget Committee Will Discuss Matter at an Early Date. May Withhold a Part of Salaries Until Next Year.

Additional salary reductions ranging from 12 1-2 to 20 per cent. for North Carolina school teachers and an average of 20 per cent. for state employees was proposed at a joint meeting of the Council of State and Advisory Budget Commission.

At a meeting held at the Budget Bureau, addressed to department heads, pointed out first quarter allotments will be on a basis of approximately 69 per cent. of appropriations by the 1931 legislature. It added: "It will be necessary to further reduce all expenses, including the cost of personnel."

A 20 per cent. cut in the salaries of State employees would reduce their salaries to a basis of 64 per cent. of what they were for the 1930-31 fiscal year. The 1931 legislature voted a 10 per cent. cut and the Budget Bureau later reduced them by 11 per cent.

Last year's allotments for the departments totaled \$5,400,000, and the Budget Bureau memorandum said it will be necessary to reduce this amount by \$1,000,000.

There has been no reduction in school teachers' salaries, which consume approximately \$13,000,000 of the \$15,850,000 six-months school fund, since the 10 per cent. reduction authorized by the 1931 legislature and under the 1931 law the Budget Bureau is forbidden to further reduce them.

But in the present crisis, it was pointed out by an authority, the plan has been suggested that 12 1-2 to 20 per cent. of teachers salaries be "withheld" until the 1933 legislature convenes next January. That session, it was said, could order the cut to be made retroactive or provide money to make up the amount "withheld."

Drastic reductions in teachers' salaries may be prevented, it was said, by not allotting the \$1,275,000 extended term school fund. This money will not be spent until the 1933 General Assembly has convened, and if it is withheld the next legislature could provide for it or approve the action.

MATNEY MEN CULTIVATE LARGE ACREAGE OF BEANS

Howard Edmiston, of the Matney community, was in Boone Thursday, and told The Democrat man that he and Stanley Baird are cultivating seven acres of stringless beans this season. The first planting is now ready for harvesting and, despite an unusual infestation of beetles, the yield is fairly good. During last week the young men planted an additional two acres for the late market.

ERNEST JOHNSON DEAD

Ernest Johnson, 33, died almost suddenly at his home in the Laxon community on Monday, and although there is no definite information as to the funeral, interment was in a community cemetery at 4 o'clock on Tuesday. Surviving are two brothers and two sisters.

Deceased was a son of the late Andy Johnson, and was a veteran of the World War. He enlisted while a mere boy, and had suffered with tuberculosis since his discharge.

SCHOOLS OPEN IN MANY DISTRICTS OF WATAUGA

All Six Months Schools Are Now Running, and Only Four Remain to Open First of September. Some Open Week Late Because of Conflict with Work of Teachers in College. Progress Made.

The six months schools of Watauga County, with the exception of four, are now operating and reports coming to the office of County Superintendent Smith Hagaman indicate that the attendance thus far has set a new record in many cases 100 per cent. of the eligible pupils being present each day.

The major part of the schools opened on Monday, the 11th, while the remainder opened Monday of this week, when the teachers had finished their work at the summer term of the Teachers College in Boone. It is worthy of note that every teacher employed in the public schools of the county has had college training.

The schools at Boone, Blowing Rock, Bethel and Cove Creek will begin about the first of September, it is said. These institutions enroll more than 1,700 students or about 45 per cent. of the public school children of the county.

Health Nurse Here

Miss Beam, school nurse from the State Board of Health, is here, and is making the rounds of the schools of the county. She entered upon her duties Tuesday and will make it a point to inspect the eyes, ears, throat and teeth of the students, and will give special attention to any who may show signs of undernourishment. She will visit every school in the county during her stay here.

The nurse's duties will include an investigation of the 26 authorized midwives of Watauga County, and she will give such instruction to these practitioners as may be found necessary.

Preachers Conference To Meet at Mt. Vernon

The Baptist Pastors Conference of the Three Forks Association will be held at the Mount Vernon Church Monday, July 25, it was announced by Rev. J. A. McKaughn Wednesday.

"What Is a New Testament Revival?" will be the subject of an address by Rev. P. A. Hicks; "How to Experience a New Testament Revival," Rev. R. H. Shore; "How to Continue a Revival in a Local Church," I. G. Greer. All these topics will be open for discussion after the principal addresses have been delivered.

Lunch is to be served upon adjournment at 12 o'clock.

CHANGES LOCATION

"Barber Bill" Hodges, who for the past several months has been in charge of the Sanitary Barber Shop in the Watauga Drug Company building, last week moved back to City Barber Shop, which he managed for several years. Mr. Hodges takes the place of Lewis Reece, who recently disposed of his interests in the business and moved to Beaver Dams.

BLOWING ROCK RESIDENT DIES

James Hollar 23-year-old Blowing Rock Man, died suddenly on the 10th, and burial was on the following day. Meager reports did not bring any detailed information.

MILES LOVE KILLED IN GUN BATTLE ON BEECH MOUNTAIN

Nathan and Daniel Presnell Acquitted of Murder Charge by Magistrate Chauncey Moody. Tragedy Took Place Early Thursday Morning Near Avery County Line. Deceased Described as Dangerous Man.

Miles Love, 49, of the Beech Creek section, was shot and killed early last Thursday morning by Nathan and Daniel Presnell, father-in-law and brother-in-law respectively of Love. The fatal affray took place in a secluded region of Beech Mountain near the Avery County line.

The Presnells were arrested immediately following the shooting by Sheriff L. M. Farthing, and given a hearing before Magistrate Chauncey Moody at Sugar Grove. Following a plea of self-defense and the introduction of substantiating testimony, both men were acquitted.

Love, who is alleged to have been a desperate character, went to the Presnell home Wednesday night, so witnesses swore, to visit his estranged wife, who had been living with her father for the past several months. He is said to have cut a screen from a window of the house and was attempting to climb through the opening when Daniel Presnell was awakened. Love ran and Presnell shot at him as he left the premises.

In the early morning hours Love returned, armed with a Winchester rifle, and was making his way toward the home when his presence was noted by the two Presnells, who had spent a sleepless night watching their home. Daniel was behind a rick of lumber, according to his testimony, when the enraged Love made his appearance, with rifle in readiness. Young Presnell, believing that Love would shoot through the openings of the lumber, stepped from the shelter. As Love raised his rifle to shoot, Daniel fired two loads from a double-barreled shotgun into his body. The elder Presnell, fearing for the safety of his son, fired almost at the same time, the charge from a shotgun loaded with slugs taking effect in Love's side. Dr. Jack Lova who examined the body of the victim, stated that either shot would have been fatal.

Had Prison Record

Several years ago Love was convicted of killing one of his children, and served a long sentence in State Prison. According to testimony given at the trial he fired his gun through a window of his home, missed his intended victim in a neighbor and inflicted a fatal wound on a small daughter.

At the time of his death Love was under bond to appear at the fall term of Avery Superior Court to face a charge of criminal assault brought by one of his own daughters. It is said that several years ago he beat his wife into a state of unconsciousness, and that one of her eyes was torn from its socket during the assault.

Love is survived by the widow, five children, a mother and several brothers and sisters. Funeral services were held in Avery County Friday afternoon.

Shipment of Red Cross Flour Received Here

Another large consignment of government flour has been received by the Watauga Chapter, American Red Cross, and arrangements are being made this morning to distribute the product to those who have become dependent upon charity during the current depression.

Various complaints have been made to officials of the Red Cross regarding the allotment of a previous shipment of flour, and a redoubled effort will be made to see that the supply now on hand reaches those who are actually in want. Each case will be carefully studied by local relief agencies before the applications are approved. Only those who are cultivating crops will be permitted to obtain the relief flour.

Arrangements are being made to distribute the flour on Mondays and Saturdays only.

WATAUGA REPRESENTED AT WAKE FOREST THIS SUMMER

Wake Forest.—Watauga County's representative at the Wake Forest College summer school is Mrs. Howard Gragg, of Boone.

Wake Forest has a record-breaking enrollment with a 30 per cent. increase in attendance over the past summer session, Director Daniel B. Bryan reported. There are representatives from thirty different colleges, ten states, China, Japan, Cuba and 87 North Carolina Counties. The total enrollment is 484.

Dean Bryan attributes this phenomenal growth to a moratorium on some fees which students have been allowed to defer to suit their convenience.

There is a total of 34 professors and some ninety different courses.