



Pioneer Boone Citizen, Home

The Ed G. Farthing home, the first to be erected in what is now the popular Highland Park area of Boone, and which was burned

in 1935. Inset is shown Mr. Farthing, who recently observed his 83rd birthday.

Mr. Ed G. Farthing, life-long resident of Boone, who recently observed his 83rd birthday, and who worked as a building contractor during his most active years, is a son of the late J. Watts Farthing and Mrs. Farthing of Boone. He has always shown great

pride in the growth and development of the community, where he has contributed generously to all educational, religious, and other activities conducive to the welfare of the people. In the photograph, Mr. Farthing is shown on the Lewis property he had bought recently,

where he spends a lot of time, clearing and enjoying the view of Boone, the Golf Course and the creek to the south.

He mixes and mingles with the tourists, and has been described as a walking Chamber of Commerce.

Tri-County Committee Seeks Aid From Watauga

A planning committee for the purpose of furthering community-tourist relations, and already including members from Avery, Mitchell, and Yancey counties, is eager to elicit participation from Watauga citizens, announced Herman W. Wilcox, president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce.

The committee proposes to publish a four-county map of interesting regional attractions for distribution to visitors in this area; the map would be based on county maintenance

maps (which are planned to show every small road, paved and otherwise, in the county road network) and would be of special help in enabling tourists to find out-of-the-way points of interest which are not located adjoining main highways.

One such attraction, Wilcox pointed out, is Dutch Creek Falls, near Valle Crucis, which have been seen by comparatively few people due to their isolation and lack of publicity.

The N. C. State Legislature

enacted legislation this term to aid such projects. The new law provides individual counties with the power to negotiate mutually with landowners for the setting aside and supervision of certain areas as free tourist attractions. If agreement cannot be reached in any manner short of actual purchase, counties are authorized to attempt to buy such lands for this purpose.

A meeting to discuss the new proposal has been set for 7:30 p. m., October 1, at the Spruce Pine Town Hall. "We will want representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, the County Commissioners, the Soil Conservation Service and the town of Boone to attend this meet-

Tweetsie Railroad Will Operate Through October

September is here and the golden days of October are just around the corner, meaning the beginning of the full color season is near at hand.

But Tweetsie will keep chugging around her three-mile track, bringing thrills and joy to children and grownups alike until the snow flies.

Grover Robbins, Jr., President of the little narrow-gauge railroad, announced here today a schedule for operations during the months of September and October.

Robbins said the week-end operations would be on a regular scale with everything going full blast, such as the Tweetsie Village, the Tweetsie Palace with its can-can girls and entertainers, the Skiner to Magic Mountain, and, of course, the Indian attacks and train robberies on the train itself. Week-day operations will be on a limited scale with reduced fares.

Robbins said the performers, most of whom are college students, would be in school during the week and available only on week ends.

"Our facilities here will be conducive to getting photographs during the coloring season, especially along Tweetsie's picturesque three-mile long track," Robbins said.

"The fall timetable in the Blue Ridge mountains has the best coloring of autumn foliage slated to be between October 5 and October 25, but that is expected to be put forward due to the dry summer we have had. Photography fans may be able to get their scenery shots earlier than anticipated," Robbins added.

The Tweetsie operation has had its best season in history, and Robbins said the tourist attraction had a 30 per cent increase in business over last year. Last Sunday a total of 6,123 persons rode the train in contrast to 5,081 a year ago. Business in 1963 almost doubled the 1961 volume.

ing to study the plan and decide whether or not we will want to enter into the program," Wilcox said.

Mrs. Holman Rites At Todd

West Jefferson—The funeral for Mrs. Mabel Holman Wilcox, 59, of Todd, wife of Kermit Wilcox, was conducted at 2 p.m. Monday at Laurel Mountain Baptist Church by the Rev. Carroll Burkette.

Burial was in Ashelawn Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Wilcox died Friday in Princeton, W. Va., in the wreck of a Greyhound bus.

Surviving are her husband; a daughter, Mrs. L. M. Norris of Greensboro; her mother, Mrs. G. S. Holman of Todd; and four sisters, Mrs. Ruth Prince of Shady Springs, W. Va., Mrs. Mary Nell Barr of Baltimore, Md., Mrs. Mollie Davis of Durham and Mrs. Dean Wilcox of Todd; five brothers, Freeman, Roger, and Greer Holman, all of West Jefferson, Joe Holman of the army, stationed in Germany, and Jeff Holman of Todd; and two grandchildren.

Thought For Week

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The average high temperature from June through August was an ideal 72 degrees. The average low for June through August was 56 degrees.

The highest temperature registered this summer was 86 on August 4. The lowest for the summer was 41 on June 5.

Even during the hottest month of the summer, August, Blowing Rock remained cool and collect. The average high temperature for August was 74 degrees. The average low was 56 degrees.

August, 1963, was slightly cooler than August a year ago. Last year the average high was 75 and the average low was 60. The highest temperature in August, 1962, was 82. The lowest was 51 degrees.

The first freeze last year was on October 24 when the temperature reached a low of 28 degrees.

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