

R. C. Rivers, Proprietor.

THURSDAY September 5, 1907.

As the people of Watauga are just now right much interested in the establishment of one or more high schools in the county, the following letter from State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner to Co. Supt. Dougherty, may give farther light on the subject. Mr. Joyner writes under date of August 29th:

"Supt. B. B. Dougherty, Boone N. C.

MY DEAR SIR:—I am enclosing blank application for public High Schools, which you will please fill out and return at once so that it may be placed on file.

"The entire local tax in the district cannot be used for High School purposes. Primary and intermediate grades must be provided for first. Part of the local tax, if that tax be sufficient, may be set aside for High School instruction, and so much of it as is used for that purpose may be counted as a part of the funds of the \$250 or \$500 required to be raised by the district. Not less than \$250 must be raised by the district for High School purposes exclusively, either by local tax or private subscription before the State Appropriation will be available. The minimum amount from the State appropriation for a public High School is \$250. and the maximum \$500.

"I presume that it is your purpose to apply for two \$250.00 schools, as your county, under the first apportionment, would be entitled to only the \$500 for High School purposes.

"High School certificates will not be granted complimentary. Yours very truly, J. Y. JOYNER, Supt. Pub. Inst."

**Fifth Sunday Meeting.**

The next Fifth Sunday meeting will convene with Pleasant Valley Baptist church on Friday before the fifth Sunday in Sept., 1907. The introductory sermon will be preached by Elder Wellington Swift—alternate, J. W. Trivett.

The topics for discussion are:

1. Should Baptists preach their distinctive views?—Elder John F. Eller and W. S. Farthing.
2. The Scriptural design of baptism—Elder J. H. Farthing, A. Roten and Smith Hagaman.
3. Popular objections to Baptist principles and practices.—Elders L. C. Wilson, J. M. Payne and Whitfield Farthing.
4. Scriptural terms of admission to the Lord's Supper.—Elders C. S. Farthing, I. J. McGhinis and John Norris.
5. Did Christ organize His church, and if so, when?—Elders David Green, Sr., Lee Fox and Lewis Farthing.
6. The Scriptural reasons for being a Baptist?—Elders John Crisp, W. J. Potter and George McGuire.
7. Are all the able-bodied members of the church under obligations to give to the support of the gospel?—Elders David Green, Jr., J. Pritchard and Wiseman Green.

Your committee recommends that the brethren all study these subjects whether they have been assigned a subject or not, and all come prepared to make good speeches and let's try to make this one of the best meeting we ever had.

William Cannon, J. V. Hagie, H. N. Oaks, H. D. Gwyn, G. W. Trivett, Committee.

The comet, which is now visible in the eastern sky and has been for sometime, from 2:30 or 3 o'clock until sun rise, is said by astronomers at the United States Naval observatory to be a new one entirely, and has been named in honor of Mr. Daniels of the Princeton College Astronomical department. They say the Daniels' comet grows brighter daily and appears as a fourth magnitude star.

**Amantha and About.**

The revival at Henson Chapel closed Aug. 29, having continued 18 days. It was a remarkable meeting. Rev. W. T. Carner, of the Creston circuit, did most of the preaching in old style Methodist fashion and fire. The church got awake and went to work. The big Sunday school at Henson for the past four years began to bear fruit. There were 58 conversions and reclamations, and 29 names have been added to the church. Others will join.

Maest Seminary opened Aug. 28th, with 55 students. Others are coming at once. The new building is complete and all is painted, presenting a beautiful appearance. No finer school property is to be found in any county. Miss Margaret Henley, the accomplished music and art teacher, is now at the Jamestown Exposition, but expects to be at the Seminary this week to take up her work. Prof. W. E. Goldring, the new principal, is proving to be our intelligent, enterprising educational leader, and the Seminary looks to him for larger things still.

Mr. John H. Bingham has sold his beautiful home and farm to Mr. Lee Osborne, of Ashe county, and will give possession this fall or winter. We hope Mr. Bingham will hang on to some other nice place on Cove Creek and not leave us entirely. He is an enterprising public spirited citizen that this section cannot spare.

Speaking of schools, Cove Creek Academy comes in for its portion of praise. Here is a nice new building, painted and papered, with a neat partition, making it a neat cozy and comfortable school building.

But does everybody know what Valle Crucis is doing for education? They have at a big sacrifice to their best citizens, built a magnificent, modern school building, painted it, and furnished it with patent desks. A fine platform for a stage, big folding doors, separating the primary department from the main hall, two cozy cloak rooms—all make this a thing of beauty and utility. All honors be to the enterprising fathers who exercise sensible foresight for their children!

On last Friday in Durham, little Ethel Homer, only four years old, was killed by an automobile driven by T. Edgar Cheek, assistant cashier of the Citizens National Bank. She breathed for 15 minutes after being struck, but her skull was crushed soft and there were two ugly cuts on her face. Her father was sitting at the time on the jury that was trying a negro for his life and was not allowed to go the crazed mother. Judge Council who presided, finally suspended court long enough for him to go and look upon the face of his dead child and then he was hurried back to the court house to pass on the issues of life or death. The coroners jury found that Cheek was driving his machine at a higher rate of speed than the law allows and it will go to court. It is true that in the lives of most of us there are great bright sunbeams but, truly, in the lives of many, yea, nearly all, there are many very dark deep shadows that fall like this one, never to be lifted.

**Asson Goes Dry.**

Wadesboro Special of Aug. 31st, to the Charlotte Observer says: After an unusually quiet election to-day prohibition went in every precinct in the county by a total majority of 603. The very best feeling prevailed among both sides, and it is believed that the result will be taken as a final settlement of the whisky question in this county. The election was held to ratify a legislative enactment, providing for a medical depository similar to that of Union county.

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**In Memory of Mrs. Nancy J. Moretz.**

Born Sept. 29th, 1861. Died Aug. 18th, 1907.

Between these dates which mark the limits of the earthly career of this good woman, she lived, loved, and labored through nearly 46 years, enduring the toils, bearing the burdens, and suffering the trials incident to human life.

Despite the hardships of life and human weaknesses of this world, she lived a good life. Converted at an early age she joined the Methodist church and ever remained an acceptable member of the same. She was married to Mr. J. Calvin Moretz Dec. 18th, 1879, and was a most worthy wife. Her seven living children rise up to call her blessed, and hold her in their hearts as one of the best of mothers. Devoted to her children, she was careful and prayerful for their earthly success and eternal salvation.

Great was her suffering in her last illness, but she bore it all with christian fortitude, and, declaring her hope to be bright for a better home in heaven, she died in perfect peace. In the absence of her pastor, Rev. N. C. Combs conducted the funeral service, surrounded by many relatives and friends who laid the casket of clay to rest on a beautiful hill close by the old homestead.

"Let not your heart be troubled, I go away to prepare a place for you." "Be ye also ready."

O. P. ADER,

Amantha, N. C.

**A Sad Commentary.**

There are more young men in the penitentiaries in this country learning trades than there are outside of them learning trades. The principal cause of this is that we are educating our young men for idle gentlemen trying to make lawyers, preachers, doctors, and clerks out of material that is needed for blacksmiths, carpenters, merchants and other honest "hewers of wood and drawers of water." It is a mistake, and a big one, to teach boys and girls to believe that labor is disgraceful, and to do nothing for a living is more becoming to society. Hang such society! It is rotten to the core and is ruining our country to-day; and there are sons and daughters who are now being educated to play "the leading lady" and "walking gentlemen" in the great drama of life, who will light out for the poor house or the penitentiary, before the curtain drops on the last sad act of the play to which they have been educated by their too indulgent parents.—Goldsboro Record.

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**NOTICE.**

North Carolina, Watauga County. G. A. Tate vs. Martitia Tate. Superior Court, Fall Term, 1907. Order to serve the process, this summons, in the cause by publication.

In this cause it appearing to the court that the defendant does not now reside in the county of Watauga, or State of North Carolina, but resides in the State of Tennessee, and that process, this summons, cannot be personally served on her in this State, it is ordered that the summons be served in this county by publishing the following in the Watauga Democrat, the only newspaper now published in Boone, Watauga county, North Carolina: George A. Tate vs. Martitia Tate. Action for Divorce, returnable at Fall Term 1907 of Watauga Superior Court. The defendant is hereby notified that an action has been begun by George A. Tate against Martitia Tate for Divorce, returnable to the Fall Term, 1907 of said court. Said court begins on the 1st Monday after the 1st Monday in Sept. 1907, when the defendant can appear and answer or demur to the complaint now filed. This July 11, 1907.  
Thos. Bingham C. S. C.  
by M. B. Blackburn D. C.

For the first time in the history of a labor bureau in St. Joseph, Mo., a woman, Mrs. Bradley Floyd, of Highland, Kan., applied for labor as a harvest hand. She contracted for a job at shucking wheat at \$3.50 a day, and, accompanied by her husband and others, started for the harvest field of Wester Kansas.

"We are paying for a little farm," she said, "and by both of us earning good wages and getting our board free this summer, we can save quite a little off the mortgage on the place.—Kansas City Journal.

The Courier-Journal and Evening Times building, Louisville, Ky., was recently destroyed by fire. Loss estimated at \$200,000.

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**BANK STATEMENT.**

Following is the report of the condition of the Watauga County Bank at Boone, N. C., in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business May. 18, 1907:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$25,619.95
Overdrafts unsecured,	371.10
Banking house	1,470.24
Furniture and fixtures	400.00
Due from banks and banks	6,740.33
Cash items	100.00
Gold coin,	1,370.00
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency.	1,099.89
National bank notes and other U. S. Notes	3,913.00
Total.....	\$41,084.51

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock	\$10,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and tax paid	1,047.47
Bills payable	3,246.00
Time certificates of deposit included in bills payable	
Deposits subject to check	26,347.54
Cashier's ck's outstanding	443.50
Total.....	\$41,084.51

State of North Carolina, Watauga county, ss: I, E. S. Coffey, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. S. Coffey, Cashier.  
Correct—Attest: N. L. Mast: W. C. Coffey, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 12th day of June 1907.  
J. M. May, Register of Deeds.

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D. Jones Cottrell

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