

Our Railroad Prospects.

The registration for the railroad election, is moving on nicely, but the names are not yet near all on the books. Just how the election will go, is yet to be decided; but it now seems that the voting of the bonds is growing in favor daily. To be sure, there are two sides to this, as well as to all matters of a public nature, and it is a duty that every voter in the township owes to himself and family to study this proposition from every angle, and then decide what is the best thing to do. An article on the first page of this paper discusses the bonds, the interest, how it will be paid, etc., but one point we wish to impress upon the voter is what the advent of the road into the township would mean when it comes to paying the interest on the bonds. It is now almost a conceded fact that veneering and an extract plant will follow close in the wake of the railroad and now, a northern company is investigating this section, with a view of locating a furniture factory here, for the purpose of utilizing the fine forests of chestnut timber which abound in this section—second possibly, to none in the South. For this plant alone, the promoters want at least 10 acres of land, they enquiring very minutely about our school and other facilities, which are favorable. With these three plants in operation in and around Boone, it is easy to see that, with large capital invested, they alone, will pay a large per cent of the interest on the bonds, to say nothing of the great influx of people and capital which is sure to follow the railroad. And, bear in mind, that every dollar coming into township will bear its proportionate part of taxation, therefore, if we vote the bonds, the interest will take care of itself and the railroad would be a boon to our people. Think well before voting.

Last week The Democrat, in behalf of the Watauga County Chapter of the American Red Cross, started a little campaign for some pillows for the soldier boys, and the result, although nothing large, has been very gratifying, indeed, as phone messages have come to this office from ladies in various parts of the county expressing their willingness to make one or more pillows, and some of the finished product is now arriving at headquarters in Boone. The auxiliary at Valle Crucis, that can always be depended upon to do her full share when an emergency like this arises, guarantees at least 25, and probably more, and, while we have not yet heard from Blowing Rock, we feel confident that the good people composing the auxiliary there, will see to it that a full quota is sent from that point, than which there is no more patriotic section in Watauga county. It was our hope, and is still, that Watauga would furnish 100 of these little comfort pillows that will mean so much to the recipients while the cost to those who manufacture them is so little. Mothers, wives, sweethearts! wake up to the importance of this matter! The regulation size of the completed pillow is 12 x 18 inches. Phone or write this office at once just how many you can furnish, as Red Cross headquarters must know how many are going forward from Watauga. Remember, you do not have to be a member of the Red Cross in order to do this work. It is only an offering of love for the boys, and all patriotic ladies in the county are urgently requested to help out in this matter.

From Silverstone.

A three months subscription school began at this place on Monday last, under the efficient management of Miss Stella Sherrill of Poplar Grove.

Mr. J. P. Wilkerson has just returned from a business trip to Butler, Tenn., where he is contemplating buying.

Mr. F. R. Farnham motored over from Mountain City to Silverstone in his Ford some days ago when the roads were almost a solid sheet of ice. He had fine luck, however, and after spending the night at Silverstone, motored to Boone the following day.

Logging and skating seems to be the topic of the day in these "diggin's" at present.

Mr. Grady Wilson, of Beaver Dam, spent Saturday night last, at the home of his uncle, Mr. A. L. Wilson.

After an absence of 12 years, Mr. and Mrs. Ruffian King and two young sons of Southwick, Oregon, are visiting relatives and friends in old Watauga. Needless to say that their many friends are delighted to have them with us again.

Mr. Frank Hanson who has recently returned from Indiana is now at the home of his sister, Mrs. E. H. Perry.

"Little Newt" Mast has been very busy the past two weeks sledding from Mountain City to Silverstone delivering salt in this part of the moral vineyard.

After a short visit to his sister in Va., Mr. Grady Hodges has returned to the home of his parents, awaiting his call from Uncle Sam.

Mr. Geo. McGuire who has been at the home of his mother, Mrs. Margaret McGuire since Christmas expects to return to his work at Kingsport within the next few days, accompanied by his son Joe.

Mr. Thos. Wilson is taking an agricultural course course at the A. & E. College.

Mr. Robt. Perry and family have moved from their mountain home to a fertile spot in the Daisy Valley.

Mr. Thos. Eggers who has been confined to his bed practically all the time since last June, is slowly improving.

At a recent National Fair in Columbus, Ohio, Mr. John Rayfield, cheese maker for the Silverstone Cheese Factory, received as third prize for best cheese, a silver medal. Last year he received as first prize from the Winston-Salem Fair a beautiful stag horn carving set and blue ribbon.

A young lady of this place received a copy of the Saint Lucy Tribune, Fort Pierce, Fla. containing the following item which will doubtless be of much interest to the many friends of Miss Holtzclaw, who was greatly admired in Watauga:

"The meeting of the Ladies Aid Society last Thursday was rendered very interesting by the announcement by Mrs. W. W. Holtzclaw of the engagement of Miss Alma Holtzclaw to W. S. Frantz of Roseland. Miss Holtzclaw is the charming postmistress of Roseland and known as the belle of Roseland. Mr. Frantz is the leading real estate operator of this end of the county. The popularity of both the contracting parties is so great that much interest is felt in the approaching wedding."

"Snowdrift."

NOTICE.

Having qualified, as administrator of the estate of M M Mast deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are notified to exhibit the same before me on or before the 13th day of Dec. 1918, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate settlement. This Dec. 13 1917.

W W. MAST, Adm'r.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

A Duty And A Privilege.

Mr. Editor: We are to-day in a crisis. A world war rages. America and her allies are standing in the breach to stay the selfish march of autocracy and make the world free. It is an unselfish war on America's part. We are asking nothing for ourselves but the privilege of serving humanity. To this end we are giving ourselves, our powers, our resources. Many sacrifices have been already made and many more may still be required of each one of us. Our boys are making the supreme sacrifice by offering themselves unreservedly on the altar of service. It is for the rest of us to stand nobly and patriotically behind them, saying: "Go forward boys, we will not fail you," and put our words into action.

All must conserve food, some prepare special comforts for the soldiers, some can buy Liberty Bonds and many more the War Savings Stamps, some of us may be able only to stand and cheer others on to service, while about six millions more fortunate ones can serve their country and the cause of humanity just as effectively and patriotically as the soldier at the front by paying a tax on their incomes required by the new War Revenue Law, tax being paid on \$1,000 or more by single men and on \$2,000 or more by married men.

Whatever service may be ours, no one worthy the name of American citizen or of the protection of our great government will fail to stand true in this hour of testing. The eyes of our God and of humanity of to-day and future ages are upon us. We must not, we dare not, we will not fail to meet their approving smile.

America stands unique among the nations of the world in offering herself unselfishly, without remuneration, for the good of humanity. The supreme service that we can offer is that rendered unselfishly for the good of others. It brings the sweetest and most soul-satisfying joy. He who has not tasted this joy has missed the sweetest thrills of satisfaction that this life offers.

J. M. DOWNUM,

Boone, N. C.

In Memoriam.

The many friends and relatives of Mrs. C. R. Carlton of Paris, Texas were grieved to learn of her death which occurred on Nov 11, 1917 after many months of suffering.

Before marriage Mrs. Carlton was Miss Martitia Hodges, the daughter of Thos. and Mary Hodges and was raised in Watauga county. She was married to Robert Carlton who preceded her in death about ten years ago. She was a member of the West Paris Baptist Church and lived an exemplary christian life, ever ready to succor those in need or to aid in any good work. She was a devoted wife and mother and was a favorite with all who knew her. She was survived by eight children but on Dec. 11, just one month after her death, the grief-stricken home was again visited by the angel of death claiming her son Bob Jackson Carlton who had been in feeble health for some time.

On Jan. 1, 1918 our hearts were again smitten with the sad news of the death of another dear one, Mrs. J. D. Bryan of Bristol Tenn. Mrs. Bryan was also a daughter of Thos. and Mary Hodges and had lived a number of years in Watauga and the news of her death will bring sadness to many friends and relatives here, for it can be truly said of her, "None knew her but to love her, or spoke her name but in praise." She was a devoted wife and mother and a consecrated christian. She is survived by her husband and seven children.

May the memory of the pure and noble lives and the worthy examples of these dear mothers be an inspiration to the sorrowing ones left here, and may each one so live that when life's work is done, they may be permitted to meet mother again. S. R.

WHY IT IS NECESSARY TO EAT LESS WHEAT BREAD.

France, Great Britain, Italy and Belgium must now import 60 per cent of their breadstuffs, instead of the 40 per cent, which they imported before the war.

America must supply the greater part of this need. To send them the least that they can live on, we must increase our export of wheat from 78,000,000 bushels to 220,000,000 bushels.

We have already exported the whole of the surplus of the 1917 harvest, over and above the normal demands of our own population. Therefore, all exports of wheat from now forward are limited entirely to the saving made by the American people in their consumption of wheat and wheat products.

HOW YOU CAN HELP.

Have at least one meal a day without wheat bread. Use instead corn, oat, rye, barley, or mixed cereal breads.

Eat less cake and pastry. Order wheat bread from your baker at least 24 hours in advance, so that he will not bake too much. Cut the loaf of wheat bread on the table. Use all stale bread for toast or cooking.

DELICIOUS CORN MUFFINS.



Here's an old fashioned recipe for corn muffins that has recently been revived and used with unusual success in several of the larger New York hotels: To make three and a half dozen muffins take one quart milk, six ounces butter substitute, twelve ounces of light syrup or honey, four eggs, pinch of salt, two ounces baking powder, one and a half pounds cornmeal and one and a half pounds rye flour. The butter and syrup should be thoroughly mixed; then add the eggs gradually. Pour in the milk and add the rye flour mixed with cornmeal and baking powder.

WHEATLESS BISCUITS.



Parched cornmeal is the feature of these excellent wheatless biscuits. First, the cornmeal—one-half a cup—is put in a shallow pan placed in the oven and stirred frequently until it is a delicate brown. The other ingredients are a teaspoon of salt, a cup of peanut butter and one and a half cups of water. Mix the peanut butter, water and salt and heat. While this mixture is hot stir in the meal which should also be hot. Beat thoroughly. The dough should be of such consistency that it can be dropped from a spoon. Bake in small cakes in an ungreased pan. This makes 16 biscuits, each of which contains one-sixth of an ounce of protein.

How to Prevent Croup.

In a child that is subject to attacks of croup, the first indication of the disease is hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off and all danger and anxiety avoided.

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CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION.

Department of State.

State of North Carolina, Department of State.

To all so whom these presents may come, greetings.

Whereas, It appears to my satisfaction, by duly authenticated record of the proceedings for the voluntary dissolution thereof by the unanimous consent of all the stockholders, deposited in my office, that the Sands Mercantile Company, a corporation of this State, whose principal office is situated at Sands, R. 1, County of Watauga State of North Carolina, D. C. Coffey being the agent and in charge thereof, upon whom process may be served,) has complied with the requirements of Chapter 21; Revisal of 1905, entitled "Corporations," preliminarily to the issuing of this Certificate of dissolution:

Now, Therefore, I, J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the said corporation did, on the 2nd day of January, 1918, file in my office a duly executed and attested consent in writing to the dissolution of said corporation, executed by all the stockholders thereof, which said consent and the record of the proceedings of aforesaid are now on file in my said office as provided by law.

Now, therefore, I have hereto set my hand and affixed my official seal at Raleigh, this 2nd day of January, A. D., 1918,

J. BRYAN GRIMES, Secretary of State.

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Yours for trade,

J. S. WINKLER

New Years Greetings!

To my many friends and customers I wish to extend my thanks for their increased patronage through the year just closed, and wish for them the greatest prosperity possible during the year just beginning. It has been my policy in the past, and will be in the future, to handle the best goods I can buy, and sell them at a "live and let live price." In buying goods, the quality must be considered always, for sometimes the cheapest article is in the long run the most expensive.

I Handle the Best

and sometimes the price seems high, but when you consider the quality, you will find that my store is a regular mecca for genuine, money-saving bargains.

Again thanking one and all for their patronage in 1917, and soliciting a continuation of the same for 1918, I am,

Yours to serve,

M. B. BLACKBURN

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