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The Town Cemetery.

We have often heard it said that a town cemetery is a true index to the people making up the citizenship of the town or community in which it is located. If this be the case, our cemetery is, and should be, a reproach to our people, as it, in the main, a perfect picture of neglect. The weeds in the summer, are allowed to grow at will on and around the larger part of the graves of our loved ones, and now, with the icy winds of winter sweeping over it, it presents an appearance calculated to bring tears to the eyes of the onlooker. Quite a lot of money has been expended for marble and granite to mark the last resting place of our and your loved ones but even the shafts, tablets and markers lend an air of loneliness to the little city of our dead. The fence surrounding it a wreck, the gate-ways have long since been abandoned, and now, (we are sorry to say it) there are two hard beaten paths wending their way by the graves made, in a large measure, by the students of our schools. This should not be allowed. Some time ago, Mr. W. G. Todd made an effort to raise money enough to buy a neat wire fence with which to enclose the cemetery, and met with some success, but the funds in hand, so far, are by no means adequate to the task. The object of this little article is to try to arouse enough interest to get, at least, a creditable fence sufficient to keep thoughtless pedestrians from making paths through it, and then, in the spring, let us get busy and make our burying ground a place of beauty. The Democrat is ready, willing and waiting to do its part, and urges everyone interested to send in their contributions at once, either to W. G. Todd, or R. C. Rivers, Boone. If the families who have moved away and left loved ones buried here, wish to contribute to this fund, it will be gratefully received.

Mabel News.

The box supper which was held at Mabel School Dec. 13, for the purpose of raising money for a public library was a success. The amount received being \$82.80 for which we are expecting one of the most complete libraries within the county, even the best. We wish to thank the people for their attendance and hope to repay them by loaning to them the books from the library which are expected at an early date.

Do we owe to the teachers and student body the praise for the success?

Mr. Wade Price, who has been ill with pneumonia, is improving.

Mrs. Lottie Byers of Shulls Mills visited her father Mr. Andy Greer during the holidays.

The public school closed for holidays Dec. 23 and reopened Dec. 29, thereby losing only three regular school days. Parents, have you visited your public school?

Everything was exceedingly quiet during Christmas.

THE SEVENTH GRADE.

Dr. Bingham Appointed Dental Examiner.

I have been appointed dental examiner by the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service, for the purpose of rendering free treatment to patients of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance. I will explain to patients the scope of treatment when they come for examination.

DR. L. R. BINGHAM.

Methodists to Make Big Investments in Church Properties.

The prospects are bright that soon the Methodists of Boone will have a modern church building, fully equipped for Sunday School work, and that Boone and Blowing Rock will have a new station parsonage, the two buildings to cost approximately \$30,000.

The first quarterly conference appointed a building committee composed of the stewards. A few days ago the pastor and this committee met. It was decided to give the people an opportunity to make subscriptions toward a church building and toward a parsonage, the subscription cards to be brought in or sent in on the first Sunday in February. This matter was to be presented to the congregation last Sunday, but on account of the unfavorable weather, the presenting of it was put off until the third Sunday. Each person will have the privilege of making a subscription to the church building fund or the parsonage fund, or both. The subscriptions may be made payable over a period of five years. The people will rally to this plan adequately to house the congregation, the Sunday School and the preacher and his family for the next twenty-five years or more, and the Church Extension Boards will give a good deal of help. The Conference Church Extension Board has for this year appropriated one thousand dollars on condition that we go to the church building. At the meeting of the building committee from six families there was indicated subscriptions amounting to at least \$4,650. It is suggested that until the first Sunday in February the people pray about this matter and then subscribe no more than, but as much as, they believe that they ought to subscribe. Putting this on a five year basis and including an estimate of funds from the Boards' this may reach \$30,000.

I have a respectful request to make: If you favor the large forward movement to build a church and parsonage, talk it. If you do not favor so large an undertaking at present, do not talk against it until after you attend the preaching service on the third Sunday morning; and be sure to talk to God about it.

J. R. WALKER, Pastor.

Peace at Last.

A neighbor remarked to old man Perkins the other day that the highway had damaged him more and tore him up worse than anybody he knew and he had said less about it to which Mr. Perkins replied: "Well sir, I am now 75 years old and I don't expect to live here always but in that Celestial Lodge above where the Supreme Architect of the universe presides and where I expect to make my permanent home I read that the street of the city is pure gold, but no where do I read that there will be a Good Roads Commission or county surveyor there to tear it up or make changes in it."

Training School Items.

The Training School opened on Tuesday with good prospects for the latter half of the year. Most of the teachers and practically all the students spent the holidays with home folks. Miss Todd spent a part of the time with friends in Johnson City, Tenn.; Miss Butler spent the time at the Blackburn Hotel; Prof. Greer and family spent Christmas day with parents at Zionville; Prof. Brewton wife and son went to friends in Georgia.

A number of our former students have married recently. Dr. L. R. Bingham, who recently located in Boone for the practice of dentistry, brought in a good lady from Wilkesboro; Miss Lola Wilson, daughter of Rev. L. C. Wilson, of Elizabethton, Tenn., and Houch Richards were married during the holidays; Miss Eunice Holshouser was recently married in Blowing Rock.

Mr. W. L. Holshouser of Blowing Rock, left on Monday morning for an extended visit to the

MOTOR CAR INDUSTRY SOON TO BE LEADING INDUSTRY OF COUNTRY

Already the motor car industry is only about third from the head of the list of all industries.

It is because the motor car is solving the problem both of passenger and freight traffic, and is carrying its activities into the out-of-the-way places beyond even the faintest hopes of the motor car builders.

The Nash is among the foremost because it has the perfected valve-in-head motor, along with the modern style and endurance of cars that sell for \$500 to \$1000 more than the Nash. It is built by a man that was at the head of the General Motors corporation, which during his administration, brought such cars as the Cadillac, Buick, Olds and Oakland up to their present standing, but in building the Nash automobile and devoting his entire experience and energies, together with unlimited capital, he has gone far ahead of any of his former achievements, and given to the people a car that is high in quality, and yet moderately priced. It is one of a very few that has not run up the price during the last few months.

If you would like to know this car better, call on or write H. W. Horton, Proprietor of the Highway Motor Co., Boone, N. C., or North Wilkesboro, N. C. Dealers for Watauga, Wilkes, Ashe and Alleghany counties. (adv.)

Notice of Petition For Pardon.

State vs. J. N. Pritchard.

To whom it may concern: You are hereby notified that a petition will be circulated and presented to His Excellency, T. W. Bickett, Governor of North Carolina, asking for the pardon of the above named. This the 30th day of Dec., 1919.

J. N. PRITCHARD. Elk Park, N. C.

\$50,000.00 ROAD BONDS

Watauga County, North Carolina offers for sale February 10, 1920, at 11 o'clock, a. m. \$50,000 road bonds, semi-annual interest, serial issue, 5 to 30 years. Dated Feb. 10, 1920. Payable in United States currency. Sealed bids, 1 per cent certified check required Reserve right to reject any and all bids. For further information write W. R. Gragg, clerk to board of county Commissioners, Boone, N. C.

Notice of Petition for Pardon:

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of North Carolina for the pardon of W. B. Shelton, who was convicted of manslaughter at the fall term of Watauga Superior court, 1919. This January 8, 1920.

LOVILL & LOVILL, E. A. LINNEY, Attys.

Bedsprads Wanted.

We want knotted and tufted bedsprads. Do not send n a y sprerds without first consulting some one who works for us regularly or sending a sample. We cannot accept poor work, so it will be for your own interest as well as ours to do this before sending work.—The Handwork Shop Poughkeeprie, N. Y. 11-4-4t.

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fruit growing section of California. He will be gone for several months. He was accompanied by his daughter Eunice and her husband, Cameron Williams. These young people plan to make that state their home.

NOTICE.

North Carolina, Watauga County, Town of Blowing Rock.

Be it remembered that a meeting of the aldermen of the town of Blowing Rock who constitute the governing body of said town was held at the town Hall on the 3rd day of November, 1919, when and where were present W. L. Crisp, Joe White and J. M. Hodges aldermen of the said town, and G. C. Robbins mayor of the said town, when and where the following proceedings were had:

It was moved by W. L. Crisp and seconded by Joe White and the said motion, being put by the Mayor, was carried by unanimous vote of the said aldermen that the following ordinance be adopted:

1. That it is necessary for the town of Blowing Rock to improve its said streets by purchasing land and widening the said streets, by building retaining walls, rock and concrete culverts, concrete bridges and grading and surfacing the said roads and for the construction and re-construction of the surface of said streets and highways in said town with sand and gravel, the said streets as now constructed being too narrow and badly out of repair; that it is necessary, to defray the expenses of the said street improvement, to issue bonds in the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.)

2. It is, therefore, ordered by the Board that coupon bonds, in the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) be issued by the said town and sold as the law directs to defray the said expenses aforesaid.

That the said bonds bear a rate of interest not exceeding six per centum per annum, payable annually.

4. That the said bonds be issued in denominations of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) each and shall be due and payable as follows: First bond, December 1st, 1922, and the remaining bonds due and payable on the 1st day of December of each year thereafter until the entire bond issue is paid off and discharged, bonds to bear date December 1st, 1919.

5. That a tax sufficient to provide for the payment of the principal of the bonds and to create a sinking fund sufficient to discharge the said bonds as they become due be annually levied and collected.

6. That a statement of the present indebtedness of the town, incurred before March 7th, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventeen and the bonded debt outstanding to be incurred under ordinances or other proceedings, passed, taken, or pending, exclusive of debt incurred, or to be incurred, in anticipation of the collection of the taxes herein anticipated, of the sale of the bonds and the assessed valuation of the property for the three preceding years, subject to taxation by the municipality, the said three years being the fiscal years in which taxes were last levied, be filed with the Board and sworn to by the Treasurer of the said town.

7. That the form of the bond shall be a coupon bond, signed by the Mayor of said town and the Secretary thereof, and sealed with the corporate seal of the said town, the coupons to be signed by the Mayor of the said town, the bonds and coupons to be in such form as may hereafter be determined by the Board of Aldermen of said town.

8. That the said ordinance shall take effect within thirty days after its last publication unless a petition for its submission to the voters of the said town shall be filed in the meantime with the said board as provided by law.

Passed in regular meeting by unanimous vote of the aldermen of said town on the 6th day of November 1919

W. L. CRISP, JOE WHITE, J. M. HODGES, Commissioners, G. C. ROBBINS, Mayor.

The foregoing ordinance was passed on the 3rd day of November 1919, and was first published on the 1st day of January 1919.

Any action or proceeding questioning the validity of the said ordinance must be commenced within 30 days after its first publication.

North Carolina Watauga County, The town of Blowing Rock.

Personally appeared before me this day, G. C. Robbins, who is Treasurer of the town of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, who being duly sworn, says that the present total indebtedness, of the town of Blowing Rock is nothing, no bonds having been issued by the town and no debts contracted that have not been paid.

That the total assessed valuation of property subject to taxes by the municipality of Blowing Rock for the three years in which taxes were last levied and collected is as follows:

1916:	\$154745.00
1917:	155023.00
1918:	158000.00

That the amount of bonds to be issued and now pending before the board of aldermen for street improvement, purchasing of land for widening the streets, building concrete bridges and culverts, retaining walls, etc. is fifteen thousand dollars; that the assessed value of the property in the town for

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DENTIST

OFFICE IN CRITCHER HOTEL.

OFFICE HOURS:

8-12; 1-5.

the year 1916 was \$154745.00; that the percentage, which the net increase to be made bears to said assessed valuation, is 18 per cent, that the contemplated tax levy will derive sufficient funds to pay the interest on said bonds and create a sinking fund for the discharge of the principal, as determined by law.

G. C. ROBBINS, Treasurer. Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 1st day of December 1919.

J. T. MILLER, Notary Public.

FOUND: While tearing down the Hagaman old house on Laurel Fork, Dec. 16, a grip and sack containing two pound jars of Prince Albert tobacco, six new shirts, four pair of socks and one union suit, together with tags and prices from suits of clothes to the amount of more than \$100. Also one pair of shoes. "King Arthur" brand. Owner can get same by calling on Jeff Bentley, and paying for this ad. This Jan. 1, 1920. 3t.

FOR SALE: Reefer's More Egg Tonic. Makes hens lay. The finest thing on the market today. Fully guaranteed. If not entirely satisfactory money will be refunded at once. One dollar a package. Lambuth Bogle, Rural Hall, N. C.