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RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions Adopted By The Parent Teachers' Association and Chamber of Commerce of Boone, N. C., In Joint Session August 14th, 1923

WHEREAS, the present public school house in Boone district is, as every patron knows, entirely inadequate to the present needs of the school. The school has outgrown the room; children are crowded to suffocation in at least two of the rooms; sufficient ventilation is impossible, and the roof is leaking badly. It is further almost impossible to heat the building in winter sufficiently to give any sort of comfort to the children. These conditions, taken as a whole, have grown to be well nigh intolerable.

AND WHEREAS, pending appropriation for the erection of a building on the site purchased from Mr. J. F. Harlin, the legislature of North Carolina passed an act providing a fund to be used as a practice or observation school by the Appalachian Training School. This general plan was endorsed by the Board of Education of Watauga County, and the school committee of this district was instructed to co-operate with the authorities of the Training School in procuring grounds, planning buildings, and working out details in general for the erection of the building.

AND WHEREAS, we are informed that no definite action has yet been taken in the premises.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Parent Teachers' Association, the Chamber of Commerce, and the patrons of Boone public school, in mass meeting assembled, do hereby request and urge the school committee of this district to immediately confer with the authorities of the Training School and find what steps are contemplated, what grounds can be procured, and enter heartily into co-operation with the Training School in procuring adequate and suitable grounds and such other things as are necessary to insure a speedy carrying out of the purpose and spirit of the law. And if from any cause suitable grounds, adequate to the needs of the growing population of the district cannot be had either from failure to obtain enough land or to agree on price of same, then the said school committee are asked to go before the Board of Education and demand of them that they provide a suitable building for the children of the district as the law provides.

AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. W. O. Roten, of Iowa, a native of Watauga county, will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday at 11 a. m.

The church recently voted to extend the use of the building to an Evangelist for an evangelistic meeting. It is understood that this meeting will begin Sunday night. This meeting is not under the auspices of the Baptist Church.

Next Sunday the letter to the Association will be read to the church. It is hoped that all members of the church may be present for this service.

Sunday School at 10 a. m.; B. Y. P. U. at 7 p. m.; Prayer meeting at Thursday 8 p. m.

You are invited to attend these services.

F. M. Huggins, Pastor.

IN THE INTEREST OF CHURCH GOING

Sunday hours 24
For Sleep 8
For church (morning & evening) 2
At one's own disposal 14
Baptist Church.

Usual hours—Usual services.

F. M. HUGGINS, Pastor.

ROAD OPEN

The Democrat is glad to announce that the road from Boone to Blowing Rock (project 17) is again open and will remain so possibly until the last of the month. It seems that its closing was absolutely unavoidable, on account of the heavy construction work going on, but it has been a very great drawback to Boone this summer. The visitors to Blowing Rock who have been so anxious to come to our town now have the opportunity, and those of our town and county who have business over the road can be accommodated.

SCHOOL AND TOWN NEWS

On Saturday afternoon Messrs. Carl Beach and Frank McGhee, both of Boone, had a narrow escape when they ran over a high embankment near Banners Elk and almost completely wrecked their automobile, but only slightly injured the two young men.

Memorial services in honor of President Harding were held on Friday afternoon in the Methodist Church in Boone the town and the Appalachian Training School students united in the service in such a manner as to make it one of the best services held here recently.

The County Sunday School Convention for Watauga County was held at the Methodist Church in Valle Crucis on Saturday and Sunday, August 11 and 12, and was well attended a large part of the county being represented by delegates from eight of the twelve townships.

The commission for establishing a Fish Hatchery spent several days the past week looking over a number of places near Boone with the view of locating the proposed enterprise. A decision will be reached some time later as to where the hatchery will be located. The commission went from here to Marion.

Quite a number of interesting exercises were given at the chapel of Training School the past week which the students greatly enjoyed.

President Dougherty went to Johnson City, Tennessee, on business the first of the week.

Prof. J. D. Rankin went to Salisbury on Monday to visit his mother who is sick.

Prof. Downum returned from a two weeks' vacation spent at his home in Lenoir.

The Masonic Picnic held in Boone on Saturday 11 was very largely attended and a goodly sum was realized for the Oxford Orphanage. The speaker for the occasion was Ex-Governor Alfred Taylor, of Tennessee, who delivered a great address. Also on Saturday night Mr. Taylor delivered his noted lecture "Up Salt River" to a very large and appreciative audience. All who heard Mr. Taylor were greatly pleased as well as being informed by his great effort.

J. M. DOWNUM.

Rev. H. W. Jeffcoat has accepted the work in the Watauga pastorate and is now at work in the field. He and his family are living in the new parsonage at Mt. Pleasant, having moved last Wednesday and Thursday.

Many people of the community and parish assembled at the parsonage on Wednesday afternoon to welcome and to extend greetings to the pastor and his family.

Nothing spoke louder than the collection of supplies for the pantry that were left in the kitchen. Supper was also prepared.

The pastor and his family wish to express their grateful appreciation for these kindnesses and the many other expressions of thoughtfulness on the part of the good people of the parish.

MT. PLEASANT NEWS ITEMS

Uncle John Moretz and his wife, Aunt Mary, attended services on last Sunday at Holy Trinity Lutheran church on Gap Creek and visited at the home of Mr. Virgil Moretz.

Rev. Jeffcoat preached at Holy Trinity Lutheran church on last Sunday. This was his first sermon at this place.

Mr. Tom Moretz visited relatives in this section last Sunday.

Mr. Hamp Blackburn with a group of men is grading the road from Mt. Pleasant Lutheran church down the big hill. This length of road was in bad condition. We hope the road authorities will at an early date put gravel on the road from the Boone Trail to the county line, and put it in shape to be traveled at all times.

Misses Winnie and Virginia Moretz attended services at Holy Trinity, Gap Creek, on last Sunday.

Master Wilbur Jeffcoat is spending several weeks with his grandfather.

Miss Cora Jeffcoat and Miss Winnie Moretz left Tuesday for Statesville, where they will attend the annual convention of the Woman's Missionary Society of the N. C. Lutheran Synod. They will probably return Saturday.

MERCHANTS OF CITY EXPECT LARGE CROWDS TRADE WEEK

The following business men of Boone have joined together in a very earnest effort to have a six days special sales period at each of their stores or other places of business. By careful reading of the special advertisements carried by these merchants in this issue you will find that all are making suitable price concessions for this period. The trade-week idea has spread far and wide, but as this is the first attempt on the part of the business men of this town it is to be expected that crowds will throng to Watauga's metropolis during the week of August 20-27 to enjoy some time with us and at the same time get into a closer business relationship with our people. Come and get acquainted, especially with these who are offering you special inducements.

Watauga Furniture and Lumber Co.
Davidson Department Stores
T. Hill Farthing
S. C. Eggers & Company
G. C. Wilcox
Boone Garage
Boone Drug Company
Cash Grocery Store
Boone Clothing Store
Greene & Bingham
Qualls' Hardware Store
D. J. Cottrell
Boone Hardware Company

A LETTER FROM T. L. BLALOCK

Dear Friends:

Just a few days ago I arrived home and it is a joy to be with my parents for a short while. I shall be here during most of the month of August. Then, I shall be busy visiting associations and churches which have requested me to be with them.

Good news comes from our workers on the field, but the bandits are rife in their section. Pray that God may help them from all harm.

I trust you are taking the Fore-runner which will keep you informed about the work generally. We shall be glad of any suggestion of criticism of the paper, for we want to make it the best possible and we are printing it for God's glory and His alone. It is yours as well as ours, so may we request that you pray for it and speak out about it and lend your help whenever you can.

Never was there a time when there were so many uninitiated Churches among Baptist. As I have so often said the saddest Chapter in Baptist Missionary history is that on those churches who are doing little to

spread the Gospel to those yet in darkness. Pray with me that these may somehow become enlisted and that even from among them God may give us missionaries.

Never in the history of Mission work was the need of wholly surrendered missionaries so great as now, in spite of the disturbed condition in China the doors are open wide for the true missionary. The earnest preacher who talks the story in love cannot but have converts there now.

"Therefore, said he unto them the harvest truly is great but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth laborers into His harvest." (Luke 10:2). These words of Jesus are to you and to me. Brother what are we doing about it? Jesus said pray for laborers, are we doing it? This is the only way to get them. God forgive us for our half heartedness in this while our fellowmen go on without the Gospel.

I hope to see you sometime and somewhere while at home. God bless you and yours.

Yours in His service,
T. L. BLALOCK.

ANNUAL MASONIC PICNIC GRAND SUCCESS

The Picnic held on the fraternity grounds in this town on last Saturday was well attended, despite the fact that heavy showers kept vast crowds away during the earlier part of the day. However a few minutes before the hour for the beginning of the festivities, the clouds broke away, and multitudes gathered about to hear the address by Ex-Governor "Aif" Taylor of Tennessee, who for the past sixty years has been a member of the oldest Masonic lodge in East Tennessee. His address was a very fitting and timely one and was delivered in that characteristic manner that has endeared the Taylors to the hearts of all Tennesseans, and Southerners in general.

The dinner was the sort that only the good ladies of Watauga can produce, and all those that hungered were fed abundantly.

At night Governor Taylor delivered his famous lecture "Up Salt River" to a good and appreciative audience. Special music was furnished by Miss McCauley's class of the Training School and the people were not asleep when the day's activities were finished.

The total gross receipts amounted to some more than \$550.00 which when some outstanding obligations have been met will go to the Oxford Orphanage.

CAMP NIMROD TRIPLET

The members of Camp Nimrod Triplet No. 1273 called to meet in Boone at the Boone school building on Thursday and Friday Sept. 6 and 7, 1923 at 10 o'clock a. m.

1st. Call to order by Capt. E. J. Hanks.

2nd. Religious exercises by Chaplain Wilson.

3rd. Address of welcome by Prof. J. D. Rankin.

4th. Roll call.

5th. Appoint committee on Memorials.

6th. Wives of the departed comrades united to meet with the Reunion, Friday, September 7, 1923.

A full program for the Reunion will be present on Thursday, Sept. 6, 1923.

Capt. E. J. NORRIS,

By W. W. Presnell,

Adj. of Camp.

COMMUNITY FAIR

Monday evening, August 6th, several Cove Creek citizens met to organize for a Community Fair to be held in October. After talks by Mr. Steele, S. F. Horton and others, the following officers were elected:

J. S. McBride, President.

A. D. Wilson, Vice-President.

Scott Swift, Sec-Treas.

D. F. Horton, Pres. Field Crop Com.

W. Y. Perry, Pres. Orchard and Garden Committee.

J. B. Horton, President Live Stock Committee.

Mrs. J. S. McBride, President of the Pantry Committee.

Mrs. H. C. Mast, President of the Cooking Committee.

Miss Grace Sherwood, President of the Sewing Committee.

John Duggar, President of the Mechanics Committee.

Members of above committees to be appointed by their respective Presidents. The entire Cove Creek section is invited to come in and help make this Fair a success. Another meeting is called for Monday, August 13th, 7:30 p. m. at the school house, are wanted to help complete the organization and lay plans for the work.

*SCOTT SWIFT, Sec.

THE STATE FAIR

(By Dean C. B. Williams, in Charge of County Farm and Individual Exhibits)

Crop Exhibits)

This year, the State Fair, which will be held during the week beginning October 15, is offering very liberal premiums for county, community, individual crop and crop products exhibits. The occasion will afford a rare opportunity for those interested in the advancement of the state to set forth the agricultural resources of the different counties. To those who send excellent exhibits carrying valuable lessons in profitable farming an unusual opportunity will be offered to win premiums.

A NEAR CONFLAGRATION

At about 5:30 Monday evening, the alarm of fire was sounded through Boone, and within a short while the larger part of the population was assembled at the O. K. barber shop under the Boone Drug Company's store, and but for timely action it is hard to say what the result would have been. The fire originated in the pressing room which adjoins the barber shop the gas tank exploding and spreading fire throughout and adjoining rooms. But by the use of fire extinguishers, which, fortunately were close at hand, the flames were soon extinguished. Still considerable damage was done. The machinery in the pressing room was quite badly damaged, as were several suits of clothes; the windows were crushed, while the barber shop was possibly the heaviest loser. The large plate glass mirrors extending along one side of the room, were shattered while the chairs and other fixtures were quite badly hurt. The loss is estimated at from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

HARDING MEMORIAL SERVICE

Available to a proclamation of the President and the Governor of North Carolina, a good number of our people closed their places of business on last Friday and attended the Union Memorial Service at the Methodist Church.

Messrs. Roy Green, E. S. Stiffey, and Prof. D. H. Dougherty read beautiful tributes to the memory of the late President, touching upon his work and his high sense of duty in the present emergency, and expressing what a sturdy duty ready to be a chief executive.

The opening prayer was made by the Rev. F. M. Huggins, and the singing of the late President's favorite hymn was directed in a most impressive way by Miss Clara McCauley, closing with the "Star Spangled Banner" followed by prayer and concluded by Rev. W. A. Starbury.

varying from \$500.00 downwards.

As something near ninety per cent of the income of farmers of the state is from the growth of crops, directly or indirectly, if a display of the agricultural resources of the state is to be made, farmers and others interested in farming of the different sections of the State should see to it, if their counties are to be properly represented, that the list from their counties is sent to the state fair in October. It will pay you and your community to do so. If all will heartily join in the 1923 Fair, will stand out as the greatest exposition of agricultural resources of the state ever seen in Raleigh.

As North Carolina ranks high in total value of crops produced among the states of the Union, let's show to the people of the state and of the world generally what we have and can do in the growth of crops of excellent qualities. Effort put into sending worth-while exhibits to the fair will be in the interest of the public good. No county or community can ill afford not to have a good exhibit of the best products of its soil at the state fair this fall.

More than \$4,500 is being offered North Carolina farmers for county, community, farm and individual crop exhibits.

Bring some of the very best of the tobacco, cotton, corn, clover, soybeans, cowpeas, hay and other crops you may be producing, have a good and profitable time, and secure cash prizes that will be well worth your effort. Indications are that the fair is going to be a big one. Everybody connected with the fair is bending his efforts as never before to have it surpass all previous records.

WHAT COULD POOR DAD ANSWER

"Pa," began Willie, "it says here in the book, 'A man is known by the company he keeps.'"

"Well, if a good man keeps company with a bad man, is the good man bad because he keeps company with the bad man, or keeps company with the good man?"

"Why-er-of course—Hark! Isn't that your mother calling for you to go to bed?"



REV. NORMAN H. CAMP

Noted Divine of Chicago, who will begin a series of meetings at the Baptist Church on August 19