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ITEMS FROM THE TRAINING SCHOOL

Prominent Folk Visit School—The Second Term of the Summer School Closes.—Other Items.

W. H. Wannamaker, Dean of Trinity College, was at the Appalachian Training School on Saturday much to the pleasure of his friends. He made a splendid talk to the students, and his reception that he will always be welcomed by the school and community. Miss Mattie—Conn Baldon, representing the Zauer-Blosser Co., was also at chapel.

On Saturday evening Mrs. J. M. Moretz gave a birth-day dinner in honor of the event of Miss Cora Harriss' Birth-day. The number of acts of the splendid young lady. All candles on the cake, six, did not extinguish. The guests present enjoyed the occasion and greatly appreciated Mrs. Moretz's skilled hand and that of her daughter, Lucy, in their preparation.

A base ball game on Saturday between the Boone team and that of Bamboe resulted in a defeat of Boone by one score, the score standing 7 to 8 in favor of Bamboe.

The Church services in Boone on Sunday were rather unusual. At the Methodist Church at the morning hour Rev. W. A. Stanbury, Pastor of Grace Methodist in Wilmington and one of Boone's honored sons, preached and administered the first Communion service in the new Church and the communicants were served from the first individual Communion Set that the Church has had. This Communion Set having been given to the Church by the Young Peoples' Missionary Society, revealing on their part a deep interest in the Church. On Sunday evening Rev. Norman Camp, an evangelist from Chicago, began a meeting in the Baptist Church to continue indefinitely. Mr. Camp shows himself to be a most earnest preacher and a fine singer. The Churches are uniting in the services and it is hoped that great good will be accomplished. Mr. Camp was also at the Training School on Monday, made an excellent talk, and sang a most effective song.

Miss Jeffcoat, of Mt. Pleasant, was at the Training School on Tuesday. Miss Jeffcoat is engaged in Church and School work in Watauga County. Prof. Chambers a blind musician from Knoxville, Tennessee gave several selections at the chapel exercises of the Appalachian School on Wednesday which were of a very high order.

Miss Edith Hudson, one of the students of the Training school gave on the second two beautiful solos at chapel of the school on Wednesday much to the pleasure of all present.

The county superintendent of Cabarrus county has been a welcome visitor at the Training School for some days.

Prof. J. E. Hillman who has done such excellent work as Dean of the Normal Department of the School for the past two years has been elected Director of Teacher Training for the State. Prof. Hillman goes to his work September 1st. The State department is to be congratulated on securing him for this place and the Training School is greatly the loser for his going. Dr. Hillman has a deep insight into the work of teacher training.

The Commencement exercises at the close of the second summer term on Thursday were of an unusually interesting nature. There were several speeches of a very high order delivered on the occasion. Dr. J. E. Hillman gave a brief account of the preparation and previous work of the graduates. Dr. Highsmith of the summer faculty made a timely address. Dr. J. D. Rankin in his usual bappy style made a very appropriate address. Miss Mary Lippart Dobbin accompanied the Woodruffs to Banner Elk Monday, and spent several days visiting relatives and friends.

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PATTERSON FARM SCHOOL NEWS

"Old Hurraygraph" Writes Entertainingly of the Happenings at the School in HHappy Valley.

(By James A. Robinson)
Legerwood, August 27.—Life at the Patterson farm school for boys is happy on the way in its regular daily program—study, work and play. The recitation periods are going on smoothly, with some sixty-odd pupils. The forty-odd boarders at the school are carrying on their studies and performing their assigned tasks at farm work, before and after school hours. Their sports, in play hours, have broken out in baseball, basket ball and pitching horseshoes. The younger ones have a gay time in frolicking among themselves after they have done their sweeping, hunting eggs, and other small chores about the buildings.

With the crops laid by for some time, which are freer of weeds this year than ever before, and corn giving promise of an abundant yield. Farm work has taken on a more practical aspect, and two tractors are now turning the soil preparatory to the planting of wheat. The tractors have a great attraction for the boys, many are anxious to drive them. Mules and horses are also used, and the "Geo" and "Haw" of the young farmers are still heard in the valley. The planting of turnip seed is in progress, and several acres are being cultivated in this crop. The winter supply of stove wood is being cut and stacked on the wood yard. There is general activity all over the Patterson School farm, and the farm itself is in a better state of cultivation than it has been in years. Rev. H. A. Dobbin, the principal, is a practical farmer, and under his guidance the improvements and upbuilding of soil has been a wonderful advancement in results from fine crops. The earth seems to respond graciously, and abundantly, to his method of touching. The boys following his instructions are mighty apt to turn out to be practical farmers; and accomplish great results in the methods of farming.

The lively bunch of boys at this school are ever on the alert for game. A day or two ago, James Norman, Saborn Trott and several other smaller ones, spied an opossum in a low bush in the Chapel of Rest. They did not allow his possession to remain long at rest in that log. Proclaiming an axe they soon had him out. He was a fine specimen. He was brought to the school, just to show, and was taken to the ignes and given his liberty, until fall when the boys will go hunting for him, with Frank Cyp, or some other dog, that delights in such sport.

The Happy Valley is a favored locality for the Boy Scouts; especially the South Carolina youngsters. They know a good place to rest. A party from Rock Hill was with us week before last. Another party of seven, from York, S. C., came down Tuesday. They are house-camping for ten days or more on Mr. Tal Melton's place, a short distance down the river.

Rev. H. A. Dobbin, principal of the Patterson School, went to Asheville Tuesday to attend a meeting of the Episcopal Church Council of the diocese of Asheville. There was a full attendance, and many matters pertaining to the church and the church school were considered, and action taken for their advancement.

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LADIES OF LOCAL CHURCHES RAISE NICE SUM

The ladies of the Methodist and Baptist Churches in Boone, ever on the alert for ways or means of helping out in the church work, sold sandwiches, lunches etc. at the auction sale on Tuesday for the mutual benefit of the two denominations. Including rain insurance collected the net proceeds amounted to about \$200 which will be used to the best advantage along such lines as the ones in charge think best.

The good ladies deserve a great deal of praise for the work they have done this summer along the lines of Christian endeavor.

BOONE HAS A NOTED SCHOOL

The Appalachian Institution at Boone Although Comparatively Young Has Accomplished Much.

(Fred A. Olds.)
An interesting, though very strong state institution which in spite of its youth has wrought a great work in mountain North Carolina and been helpful in other sections, is the Appalachian Training School at Boone. Side by side there stand two buildings, one of wood which represents what used to be Watauga Academy, other of brick, being the first building constructed for the Appalachian Training School. Boone has only now begun to grow, and a score of years ago was very primitive but charming in its site in a circle of mountains and in the hospitality of its people. There was a little village school and in 1899 Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Dougherty taught, this, their salary being \$25 dollars a month, a sum which went very far in those days. There were fifty free pupils while twelve paid a trifle for special teaching.

Then something happened, for an inspiration came to the brothers Dougherty, D. D. and B. R. and they decided to establish Watauga Academy and took with them as teachers Mr. J. M. Cheek of Allegheny, Miss Maud Harris of Cleveland and Mr. W. M. Francis of Caldwell. They built the wooden school house which has been referred to and it was put in commission the first day of January 1900. At the opening there were only four pay students, all of these from Watauga, and for four months these and others who came were taught.

At this juncture B. B. Dougherty was elected county superintendent of Watauga, and served in this capacity eighteen years, going into every nook and corner of the lovely county and becoming acquainted with all its people. This gave him a great insight into the needs of the mountain folk.

In 1903 the state got a vision and decided to establish a training school for teachers at this point and there the Appalachian Training School was born. That year it was decided to make the Fourth of July a notable day and Romulus Z. Linney was wisely chosen as orator of the occasion. He made an address full of fire and thought and love for his mountain people and in the course of this address said: "Learning is the handmaid of Loyalty and Liberty. A vote governs better than a Crown." In a practical way he proved his zeal by giving five hundred dollars toward the cost of the first building for the Appalachian School. He said in his last days that he was prouder of this gift than of any other that he had ever made. Moses H. Cone, of Greensboro and Blowing Rock, whose grave is on lofty Flat Top Mountain overlooking Boone and the Appalachian school, gave five hundred dollars more. The people of the village contributed two thousand dollars and the small brick building, the first of the group, was constructed and occupied. That year a marble slab was put over the door with an inscription carrying the words of Mr. Linney which have been quoted.

In 1903 there were 273 pupils in the Training School, from seven counties, all in these mountains. The public school was also taught. Beginning in 1915, the school began to hold a summer school and then inaugurated in the State the two-term summer school. At this school it had 238 students from twenty-one counties. At the last term of the regular school, which ended in May, there were 273 students. At the two terms of the summer school there have been 648, these coming from 78 counties from the coast to the mountains.

And yet the school is only beginning the large life, for in a great degree, building have been primitive, half of them wood and the only really modern one is now under construction and will be finished in about ninety days at a cost of \$150,000, containing the administrative offices, all the classrooms and an auditorium, though the latter is only half the size it should be, for its seating capacity is only five hundred. The wooden buildings are to be torn down, and for the first time the grounds are to be landscaped, a definite place arranged for the new buildings which the State will provide, for this is bound to be a large institution, located as it is 3360 feet above sea level, and in a region where as a dear old preacher

DAN'L BOONE PARK BRINGS \$37,697.50

Sale Conducted on Tuesday by Ogden Bros. Auction Co. Greensboro, N. C. Largest of the Year.

The sale of the Judge Council property on Tuesday was quite an event in Boone. An extra large crowd was present, not only from Watauga but from several other counties as well. So great was the demand for the property that for some time lots were sold at the rate of one a minute. Every lot in the entire boundary was sold, and we take it they all went at a fair price, as the gross receipts from the sale were more than \$37,000.00, that including, of course the lots that were sold prior to the day of sale.

The company has made some money, and they are entitled to it. They came among us as strangers, but within the last six weeks they have made many friends. They have received numerous compliments from local sources as well as from the general traveling public on the expert way in which they handled the big proposition. The property was really developed to the last word as advertised, and we feel that even as they themselves prospered by the transaction we have prospered infinitely more, as the opening of this new addition to the town is the biggest one thing that has happened this season, and will necessarily be to our mutual advantage more and more as the days go by. Mr. Halladay and his associates are four-square when it comes to business, and they left this morning feeling good, and left everyone else happy also.

The names of those who purchased property in this subdivision are as follows: J. N. Davidson, Robt. N. Brooks, W. Y. Warren, A. E. Hamby, A. G. Wilcox, G. G. Wilcox, G. F. Critcher, W. B. Matthews, C. M. Austin, M. P. Critcher, J. C. McConnell, H. W. Horton, P. W. McRetz, L. T. Tatum, J. J. Hodges, R. & G. Greer, J. S. Cowles, I. T. Bingham, Chapel Wilson, Johnson J. Hayes, American Legion, Daniel Boone Hotel Co., C. M. Yates, S. A. Morris, W. F. Winkler, W. H. Gragg, Brown Lewis, Lona Moretz, R. Dob Laws, R. G. Loney, S. L. Holtzclaw, Jerry C. Nelson, R. N. Hardeman, F. M. Matton, J. P. Hodges, S. M. Ayers, Wiley Hartzog, Edward Poett, H. W. Wilcox, A. R. Smith, H. M. Groan, H. W. Jeffcoat, Geo. W. Greer, V. M. Presnell.

Mr. Chaney Moody of Sugar Grove received the new Ford automobile which was given away.

of the long ago lovingly said "God has done His most." The primitive days will end and a wider management a broader thought by the State will make the school the western equivalent of the wonderfully fine, nobly planned and built east Carolina Teachers' Training School at Greenville.

The writer makes no secret of his love for Boone, Blowing Rock, and the region roundabout, where he has been going since he was a very bappy youth in 1872. Time flies but it has never dimmed his regard. Boone is growing now, but his mind reverts to his first visit to Boone, when he drank from the well which stood in the middle of its one street, around which a lot of folks sat, talked about affairs, played checkers, ate the wonderfully fine fruit and knew only the faintest bit about the rest of North Carolina. Their only railway now goes into Tennessee and Johnson City in that state is talked about vastly more than Raleigh but highways are coming, the first one to Wilkesboro is done, and now there is a heavenly hope of a sure enough railroad into the region below the Blue Ridge. As all the highways are finished and the railway comes in from down state the tourists will be as thick in Watauga as huckleberries are in Sampson County or Mosquitoes in Onslow.

Watch Watauga cut its curls and keep your eyes on the Appalachian School, too. They are babies now, but coming right along, thank you.

This week the Watauga County Bank paid their renewal premium for Burglary insurance for the coming year. Because the vault door and walls are practically burglary proof the bank gets a very low rate of insurance.

If you are not a subscriber take your county paper at court.

BOONE BOY HURT AS AUTO TURNS

Dock Brown At Point of Death in Statesville Hospital As Result of Accident Last Thursday Evening.

On last Thursday afternoon Mr. D. F. (Dock) Brown of Boone, one of the men in charge of construction and maintenance work on the Boone Trail Highway started in a Ford automobile to a point several miles east of Boone to give some teamsters orders as to some work on a certain link of road. He was traveling at a fairly rapid rate of speed and as he started to negotiate a curve near the home of Mr. Walter Carroll about four miles from town one of his tires blew out, and he was found by Mr. Carroll soon afterwards unconscious in the road, the Ford having turned over twice without leaving the highway.

The injured man was rushed to the Long Sanatorium in Statesville that afternoon, accompanied by Dr. Mc Anderson, where X-Ray examinations revealed the fact that he was suffering mainly from a dislocation in the spinal column near the base of the skull, which of course tended to paralyze the body. The latest reports today (Wednesday) from the hospital are to the effect that his condition is practically unchanged. He has never regained consciousness, and although he has rallied a little two or three times and has taken nourishment, little hope of his recovery is entertained.

Three brothers D. A. Chauncey, and W. Hardin Brown are at the bedside, while another brother Attorney John E. Brown returned to Boone Sunday night.

Dock is one of the foremost young men of the town, a holder of valuable realty here, and his many friends are very anxious over his condition. Note—As we go to press Thursday we learn that Mr. Brown is showing marked improvement and the doctors have hopes of his recovery.

STORES TO CLOSE AT SEVEN O'CLOCK

Leading Business Men of the Town In Hearty Cooperation With the Union Revival Meetings.

We the undersigned merchants of Boone mutually agree to close our respective places of business each evening at seven o'clock except Saturday during the continuance of the Union Revival Meetings now being conducted by the Baptist Church by Evangelist Norman H. Camp.

- J. N. Davidson
- J. L. Qualls
- J. M. Moretz
- Boone Clothing Store
- Boone Grocery Store
- G. G. Wilcox
- Boone Hardware Co.
- T. Hill Farthing
- S. C. Eggers & Co.
- Henry J. Hardin
- J. P. Sagleary
- Boone Drug Company
- Cash Grocery Store
- Greene & Bingham
- Hi-Land Barber Shop
- R. M. Greene
- D. J. Cottrell
- J. C. Cook
- J. W. Bryan
- John W. Hodges

The closing of the foregoing places of business by our busy merchants, and others is indeed commendable, and should be continued by them indefinitely. When the services will close we do not know, but until then it will be impossible to do any trading after the hour named. And would it not be well for our merchants to adopt this rule permanently? It occurs to us that when they with their clerks, bookkeepers, stenographers, etc, have gone through a twelve hour grind it would be most fitting for them to close and enjoy the evening relaxing and resting after the long hours. This is done in many cities and towns and it is said to work well. Of course, on the start it will be rather awkward to both merchant and customer but that little matter would soon adjust itself. We have for quite a while had Blue Sunday laws in our town. Now we only have to get our necessary supplies on Saturday, that's all. If the merchants will close at seven-thirty it will soon become natural for their customers to do their trading before that time—Editor.

INTEREST GROWS IN UNION REVIVAL

Rev. Norman H. Camp Delivers Pure Gospel Sermons. Illustrated. Tells Story of His Life and Conversion.

The Union Revival Meetings now being conducted by Reverend Norman H. Camp, the Lawyer-Evangelist from Chicago, are attracting considerable attention. The main auditorium of the Baptist Church is well filled each night and on Sundays the annex has been opened in order to accommodate the people. Much interest is being manifested in Mr. Camp's unique and plain way of preaching the Gospel. With the aid of a large black-board he is able to make his audiences see as well as hear the Word of God.

Meetings for prayer are held each morning at nine o'clock. The business men meet at the Commercial Hotel where Mr. Camp makes his headquarters. The women meet in the different homes at the same hour. At 3 o'clock each day except Saturday a Bible Exposition is given at the Baptist Church.

Last Sunday afternoon Rev. Camp told "The Story of His Life and Conversion." It seems that he was born on a farm and raised in a small town on the prairie of Illinois. He was religiously trained and united with the church when quite young, but did not experience the power of God unto Salvation until nearly 20 years later. He graduated from the High School, the University of Illinois, and the Northwestern Law School of Chicago, practiced law for seven years in Chicago and was brought to a saving knowledge of Christ in his law office. Sometime afterwards he received a definite call from God to leave the law office and engage in the Christian ministry. He fought against it for several weeks and months but finally yielded and took a course of training at the Moody Bible Institute in preparation for Bible teaching and evangelism.

In giving his testimony Mr. Camp spoke of the verse in the Bible he believed at the time he was saved, viz: Romans 5:1 "Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." He showed the things which are between a sinful man and a holy God that must be settled before there is peace between them. These are: Sin which gives us an evil inclination; sins, thousands of them in word, in thought and in deed; the broken law of God and the penalty which must be justly satisfied; the natural enmity in the heart of man against God etc. This settlement man was and is unable to make, but God in his great love and grace has made through the death and resurrection of Christ who on the cross was made to be sin for us who bore our sins on his own body, who paid the penalty of a broken law abolished the enmity in His flesh. Now all who accept and confess Him as Savior and Lord are called righteous by God because of their faith and are put over into a new relationship with God, as though they had never sinned. It was this wonderful truth that the evangelist declared he believed when he was saved, but at the same time he saw himself as vile a sinner as ever walked the streets of Chicago. Since then old things have passed away and all things have become new.

It is expected that these meetings will continue over Sunday and all of next week. Preaching every afternoon at 3 o'clock and every night at 8 o'clock.

Next Sunday afternoon Rev. Camp will speak on a special theme as announced: "The Significance of the World War and God's Program for World Peace." The American Legion is expected to attend in a body, and the men of Boone, especially the old soldiers of all wars are cordially invited.

On next Friday night of this week the evangelist will speak on the subject: "13 Ways to Hell," and answer the questions so often asked: Was hell prepared for man? What kind of place is it? Will any man ever go there? Let the Christian people be very much in earnest and pray for such a revival as will mean "a mighty uprush from God that will save the world from its downrush to Hell!"

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Barlow of Lenoir have returned home after a few days visit to Mrs. Barlow's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Horton on Cove Creek.