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## COUNTY AGENT MAKES USUAL MONTHLY REPORT

County agent Steele makes a report to the County Commissioners on the first Monday in each month covering his work for the previous month. The following is the report handed to them on the first Monday in October:

This month has been spent working with three propositions; inspecting potatoes, planning and encouraging community fairs, and assisting with the kraut factory.

It took something over a week to go to all the farms in the county where seed potatoes are being grown and dig several short sections for the purpose of examining the tubers. In each field we dug from 50 to 100 feet examining the potatoes for diseases, instructing the farmers in seed selection and grading. We have two objects in this work. First, that we make sure that we ship no potatoes as seed that are not of unusual quality; the second object is to teach the farmer to recognize the diseases show him the importance of grading and instruct him in selecting his seed so as to produce higher yield and better quality of potatoes.

After examining all of the fields it was found that about seventy per cent of them would pass certification which means that they are of a high quality and comparatively free from diseases. This seventy per cent this year will amount to a little more than 5,000 bushels. About 15 per cent, or 1,000 bushels were passed as good seed, but not quite good enough for certification. The remaining 15 per cent will be sold for eating potatoes as they did not come up to the high standard of perfection that we were striving to reach.

There is a good feeling among the farmers in regard to this work. Many of them have said that whether or not they grew seed they had learned enough about growing potatoes to repay them for their efforts and expense.

The Eastern growers this year wanted to buy 30,000 bushels of our seed which shows they are pleased with the small shipments they have had. I believe that there is a great future for this business and should every farmer in Watauga County raise seed potatoes we could not supply the demand in North Carolina, not to mention South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

I have been doing what I could to encourage and help the communities that are to hold fairs this fall. We believe these fairs are going to do a lot of good and they will open the way to other work in their respective communities. The Community fairs are to be held at Stony Fork, Cove Creek, Elk and Windy Gap, four communities in which I have heretofore done practically no work. The feeling in regard to these fairs is good. The people believe that these fairs are worth while, that the effect upon the old and young will be worth the effort.

The county Commissioners are respectively invited and urged to attend as many of these fairs as possible.

Some time has been spent this month acting as mechanic in the kraut factory. The Association hired a man in Virginia to come and put up the machinery, but when he failed to show up someone else had to do the work, and the county agent seemed to be the only available man. I feel like I have spent too much time in starting off this proposition to allow the factory to stand still while the cabbage are bursting.

The factory is now running and has manufactured about eighty tons of kraut to date. They have filled a little over three tubs and there are six yet to be filled. Before this is done the first tubs will be soured and emptied, and the filling will begin again. The Association plans to make 600 tons this year. The sales are coming up to expectations.

The manufacture of kraut is having a good effect upon the cabbage market. It is not only holding some of the cabbage and thereby preventing the market from being glutted but they are grading the cabbage and sending to market only the very best. The merchants are telling us freely that we are giving them the best cabbage we ever bought. We hope by this method to make Watauga cabbage more famous than they are at present, so that the merchant and the consumer will demand Watauga products rather than the low grade products from other sections. The farmers outside the Association are profiting by the fact that we are

## GAP CREEK NEWS

(By W. A. Watson, Local Correspondent.)

Mr. W. G. Greene purchased at public auction the Dr. T. J. Call residence and 30 acres of real estate, the purchase price being \$3,335.00, he being the successful bidder.

Camille the elder daughter of Mr. "Bud" Watson recently ran off with one Will Raby. "Bud" thinks they have gone to Gaston county and he will use every effort to get his girl back and have Raby punished.

Dr. J. B. Hagaman of Todd was on Gap Creek looking after his patients and vaccinating to prevent the spread of diphtheria in this locality.

Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Call have recently moved from their home at Hopkins to North Wilkesboro where they will make their future home.

Mr. F. L. Wilcox has recently taken a position in the store of his father G. G. Wilcox at Boone.

Mr. D. L. Stanbery recently visited his brother L. C. Stanbery but has returned home at this writing.

Mr. Charles Triplett was seen at Deep Gap Store recently on business.

Mr. R. A. Wellborn has recently purchased a small tract of land from Alfred Watson on Cross Ridge section.

Married recently Mr. Lee Jordan of Stony Fork to Miss Bessie Watson of Virgil.

A colored chef has arrived at the railroad camps at Deep Gap by the name of John Fitzsimmons to put out better eats for the railroad crew who are trying to locate a route through this famous Gap to some point in Tennessee.

W. A. Watson will this season ship chestnuts out all over the east and south to his customers who buy the chestnuts by mail. If you have any chestnuts to sell see him, as he is buying them at good prices.

Miss Thelma Church the 13 year old daughter of Mr. L. H. Church was taken sick and expired within a few hours. Interment was made at Gap Creek Baptist cemetery.

Rev. J. B. Cannon and a party of other members of the Lutheran Church attended a conference at China Grove passed through en route to their respective homes a few days ago.

Mr. Claud Watson while out for a spin in his new Dodge car ran against a large rock near the Wilkes Line and badly damaged the gas tank. It was laid up in the garage while for repairs.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Wilcox made a business trip to West Jefferson and on their return came by Reno to pay his brother Mr. O. S. Wilcox a short visit.

Mr. W. D. Lookbill is building a new residence. It looks like a little mansion nestled among the beautiful hills from a view in the lowland.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wellborn visited at the home of Alfred Watson last Sunday.

## AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

The social given to the students of the Training School Monday night was a success. Everyone seemed to enjoy the occasion.

The Senior B. Y. P. U. elected new officers last Sunday night. Mr. Dula of the Training School was elected president.

Let us remember the prayer service Sunday night of this week.

Our revival meeting is to begin next Monday night at 7:30 p. m. Rev. W. R. Bradshaw is to be with us.

The pastor will fill his regular appointments at Blowing Rock next Sunday.

Withholding enough cabbage from the market to prevent a depression in prices. We hope they will appreciate this advantage and join the Association so as to also get the advantage of the graded product.

All indications are that this project will bring into the county this year through the Association from \$30,000 to \$50,000. The additional prices received for cabbage by farmers outside the Association by reason of the fact that the manufacture of kraut will tend to prevent the market from being glutted are probably greater than that received through the Association, but of course there is no way to estimate this advantage. If half the cabbage growers in Watauga County were organized, with a kraut factory large enough to handle the surplus so as to prevent flooding the market, this organization would have a good deal to say in establishing the price.

JOHN B. STEELE

## North Wilkesboro District Missionary Conference—Boone, October 4th and 5th

### Program

EVENING SESSION, OCT. 4th, 7:30 O'CLOCK

Song	By Choir
Hymn	
Devotional	Rev. G. C. Brinkman
Address of Welcome	Mrs. McG. Anders
Response	Mrs. D. L. Lowe
Solo	Mrs. O. L. Hardin
Address	Mrs. C. C. Weaver
Quartet	

MORNING SESSION, OCT. 5th, 9 O'CLOCK

Hymn	
Devotional	Mrs. Bennett
Young Peoples' Hour	Mrs. C. C. Weaver
How to Attain the Honor Roll	Mrs. G. C. Brinkman
How to Conduct a Mission Study	Mrs. W. P. Horton
Social Service Discussion	Mrs. A. A. Sherman
Belle Bennett Memorial	Mrs. John Steele
Children's Hour	Mrs. I. T. Johnston
Our Task	Mrs. W. L. Winkler
Solo	Mrs. Hendricks
Noon Devotional	Mrs. C. C. Weaver
Adjournment	

1:30—AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional	Mrs. M. T. Smathers
Report of Delegates	
Round Table Discussion led by Mrs. C. C. Weaver	
Adjournment	

## THE WORTH WHILE CLUB

The Worth While Club met Friday September 21st with Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hartzog. A very interesting and instructive program was rendered. The study of the wild flowers was taken up. The different varieties of golden rod were taken up and readings on each variety were given by Mrs. A. R. Smith, Mrs. Smith Hagaman, and Mrs. James Winkler. Mrs. Weeks read an interesting article on the ironwood Mrs. Henson read an article on "Old Mountain Flowers". After the program our president informed us that it was time for the election of officers. The following officers were elected. Mrs. L. L. Bingham, President; Mrs. J. M. Moretz, Vice President; Mrs. J. T. C. Wright, Secretary. Each member present made some remarks of appreciation of the efficient service of our retiring president, Mrs. Hartzog. She has given much time and thought to the programs and has made each meeting very interesting as well as instructive.

A very unique wild flower contest was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Henson won a dainty prize for naming the largest number of wild flowers represented.

Delicious refreshments were served.

Mrs. J. B. Cannon will entertain the Club at its next meeting.

## TO THE REUNION OF OLD VETERANS — GREETINGS.

Your committee on obituaries submits the following:

We find that eight of your number have answered the roll call during the past year and have gone to their long homes.

And while we would not undertake to deal with each in a personal way, we are pleased to call attention to the life work of Co. E, 37th Reg. Simon Spull, Co. E, 37th Reg., Calvin Davis, Co. D, N. C. Cavalry, Wm Blair Co. E, 37th Reg., C. J. Cottrell, Co. I, 58th Reg., J. J. Henson Co. D 58th Reg., Solomon Young and Wm. Justice, who have crossed over the River. It was the devotion of such men to the cause of their country, and a cause which was dear to their hearts, that has made North Carolina illustrious in war.

And no less has it been such men who have given their lives to the up-building of the State in times of peace.

And to bring the matter closer, it has been such men who have labored hard to build a foundation in Watauga County upon which future generations might build.

While we realize that the county has sustained a great loss in the death of these true men, we bow in

## STONY FORK HAPPENINGS

Stony Fork, Oct 1.—A number of the people of the community met at the church Saturday afternoon and did some work on the grounds which greatly improved the appearance of the place. The cemetery was cleaned off and also a part of the church yard which had grown up in weeds. Some of the rocks in front of the door were moved. A little more work will be done on the yard later, and then it will be seeded with lawn grass where there is not already a good sod of grass. The trees were trimmed, and one tree was removed. Underneath the church was walled up with rock and new steps were built. One has only to watch the folks on Stony Fork to see that they thoroughly enjoy doing things. They are planning some other improvements to be carried out soon.

A number of our people attended services at the "Grave Hill" yesterday afternoon. At the beginning of the service the story was told by Rev. Jim Greene of how Mrs. Lindy Greene who died some years ago, on her death bed requested that he should hold services at her grave once every year. This he has faithfully done. Some seats have been placed there, and nearly two hundred people were assembled in the little mountain-top cemetery Sunday afternoon to honor the memory of this good old lady who lies buried there.

Mrs. Mamie Greene who has been seriously ill for some days went last week to Statesville to consult the doctors there. She was accompanied by her husband, Mr. Millard Greene, his sister, Mrs. Coffey, and her brother Mr. Watson. The party returned the last of the week, and Mrs. Greene is now spending a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watson on the Boone Trail Highway.

Mrs. Annie Lemley of Fleetwood has been spending a few days with relatives here.

Mr. Sherman Wellborn our county commissioner, has gone to Boone today to attend the meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Greene and small son Master Earl, Master Wayne Carlton, Messrs Finley Carlton and Carl Welsh spent the week end visiting relatives at Lenoir and vicinity.

submission to the will of a Heavenly Father. And this body now in session extends its sympathy to the relatives in the loss of these our comrades in peace as well as in war.

Respectfully submitted.  
E. M. GREER  
J. W. HORTON  
GEORGE ROTEN  
L. C. WILSON

## BUSINESS SECTION OF BLOWING ROCK ALMOST COMPLETELY DESTROYED

Five Business Buildings Destroyed in Blaze Originating in Lentz Store at 12 o'clock Last Night Postoffice Among the Buildings Burned

## LOSS PARTLY COVERED BY INSURANCE

According to advices reaching Boone late this morning, a large part of the business houses of the town of Blowing Rock are in ashes, as a result of a fire thought to have originated in the Lentz store building at about 12 o'clock last night.

The Lentz Store, a large general mercantile establishment, which was totally destroyed including all the contents is said to have been covered by insurance. The H. C. Hayes store building was destroyed, but practically all of the stock recovered Young's Cafe an entire loss, as was the Episcopal reading room and exchange building. Some of the current records were recovered from the postoffice which is otherwise a complete loss.

The loss has been estimated at from \$50,000 to \$100,000. With the exception of H. C. Hayes & Co., and the Martin Drug Store, no insurance is believed to have been in force.

The city of Blowing Rock may be expected to rise from the ashes phoenix-like within a short while, as plans for building operations are under way today, and it may be expected that the new business section will be bigger and better than ever before.

## IT HAS BEEN WELL SAID THAT "MURDER WILL OUT"—LIKE WISE SO WILL MARRIAGE

Information which we regard as thoroughly reliable has just reached this office that our highly esteemed townsman, Mr. William R. Lovill and Miss Lucy Graybeal of Johnson City, Tenn. were married in Knoxville on the 8th day of September. We have not seen much of Mr. Lovill recently however news of this interesting event kept coming in from many sources, until today, a gentleman in whom we have the utmost confidence, came in and vouched for its absolute correctness; so we are glad to give to our readers the authentic news of the happy event.

Miss Graybeal is the daughter of our good friend Mr. W. B. Graybeal of Washington College, Tenn. who was for several years a highly respected citizen of Watauga county. Miss Graybeal comes of splendid parentage and belongs to one of the best families in Western North Carolina and is a lady of culture and refinement, and is the possessor of many rare attributes of Christian character, which unmistakably, marks her as one of North Carolina and Tennessee's loveliest of women. Indeed for Miss Graybeal we must say she is a real woman, a rare jewel. Mr. Lovill (or Will Lovill as he is most commonly known) is widely known throughout Western North Carolina and East Tennessee; he is a lawyer of great

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Greene and little Miss Ruth spent a few days in North Wilkesboro last week.

There will be a community meeting at the school building next Saturday night to make plans for the Community fair, the date of which has been set for October 20th. Every member of the committee is urged to be present. The teachers of the school wish to ask as many of the patrons as can come to do so, as there are some plans relative to the school that they wish to discuss.

## QUALLS HARDWARE STORE HAS CHANGED HANDS

The Qualls stock of hardware owned individually by Mr. J. L. Qualls, changed hands last week, his son Mr. Ed. Qualls and Mr. A. F. Dixon his brother in law, of Lincoln, being the purchasers. The same building will be used. Mr. Qualls, Sr. we are told, will now turn his attention more exclusively to the hotel business, and will make some right extensive changes on his property, the Commercial Hotel, which has grown quite popular with the traveling public in general, as well as tourists.

ability, and as an advocate before a jury is conceded to be one of the ablest and strongest in North Carolina; he is a fine fellow, and a valued citizen.

To these splendid people we desire here and now, to extend our most hearty congratulations, and to join with their hosts of friends in wishing them all the happiness that can possibly come to mortals here below, as well as that their lives may be long upon the earth.

## AT THE TRAINING SCHOOL

A reception was given to the teachers of the Boone Public School and the teachers of the Appalachian Training School by the Parent Teachers Association at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hartzog on Tuesday evening of the 25th from seven to nine thirty. The first part of the evening was taken up with games and contests which kept all so employed that no time was left for even a dull moment. Delicious refreshments were served consisting of ice cream and cake which all seemed to enjoy greatly. The teachers greatly appreciated this consideration on the part of the Association.

The work at the Training School is moving on in an unusually energetic manner. Classes are well organized and the work is being pushed forward. A faculty meeting is held each Tuesday afternoon in which some phase of teaching is discussed which is helpful to all. The number enrolled at this writing is 275, about 70 of whom are in the Normal department. Recreational teams are being organized that all students may have healthful exercise. Work on the new administration building is moving on well and the walls of the gymnasium are being built at a good rate indicating that this building will soon be enclosed.

A. M. DOWNUM

After several weeks visit to relatives and friends in Watauga Mrs. J. C. Puffham and daughter Mrs. E. P. Marshall, and little son have returned to Washington, D. C. Mrs. Marshall going on to Santa Maria, Cal. to join her husband.

Miss Bertie McNeil accompanied Mrs. Marshall for several months in California.

## "THE UNITED STATES AND THE DAY OF JUDGMENT"

is the subject that will be discussed at the Episcopal Church by Dr. Orrin R. Jenks, president of Aurora College Aurora, Illinois.

Everyone is invited to be present at 7:30 and hear this noted man. He is a very consecrated and fine speaker.