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MAY BEAUTIFY THE BOONE TRAIL

Chamber of Commerce Takes Action in Regard to Planting Flowers and Shrubs along Trail.

At the Chamber of Commerce on Saturday night the question was brought up about planting ornamental trees and shrubbery along the Boone Trail from Tennessee to the Wilkes County line. Prof. B. B. Dougherty said that he had an offer from Mr. W. W. Stringfellow a former citizen of the county to assist in this by furnishing shrubbery at a very low cost. The Chamber manifested considerable interest in this fine idea and asked Prof. Dougherty to write the fact to Mr. Stringfellow and President Gragg agreed to get in touch with Mr. E. C. Robbins at Linville in regard to the trees and shrubbery for the purpose. Mr. W. H. Gragg, Professors Dougherty and Downum were appointed a committee to look after this matter and it was suggested the schools on or near the Boone Trail and any citizens who are interested along the highway who will take up the work of setting out the shrubbery in certain sections will correspond with the committee in regard to the matter. This is a very fine idea to make the Boone Trail Highway through the county beautiful by planting these ornamental trees, shrubbery, and hardy flowers, such as roses, etc. on each side of the highway from Tennessee to Wilkes so that the people will know that they are in Watauga county by the beauty that surrounds them as they drive through.

Who will help? Write us at once. Yours for beauty, J. M. DOWNUM, Secy.

THANKSGIVING DAY FINDS BOONE FOLK LIBERAL

Thanksgiving day in Boone was very appropriately observed. Services at the Methodist church at 10 a. m. and at the Baptist church in the evening. The banks and some of the other business houses of the town were closed for the day. At the services at the Baptist Church a collection was taken for the Thomasville orphanage amounting to \$256.00. One lover of the cause (we will not give his name) gave \$100 of that amount, then brought \$5 to the Democrat for the Grandfather Orphanage. On Friday the editor of this paper took a collection for our mountain orphanage that amounted to \$85.25 which has been sent in. And the best part of it was that not a person was asked to contribute who failed. A gentleman residing in a town not a thousand miles from Boone, was in town Monday, and referring to the generosity of the town remarked: "It is not fitting for a man to say anything about his home town but I believe Boone donates more than the merchants in my town trade." It may be that way.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

On Friday after Thanksgiving the Friday Afternoon Club was delightfully entertained by Mrs. J. D. Council.

The program and the entire afternoon's entertainment were so arranged as to bring all present into the atmosphere of Thanksgiving. A unique feature of the program was a Thanksgiving poem composed by Mrs. D. D. Dougherty. The article on "The Turkey as the United States National Bird on Thanksgiving Day" brought out an interesting piece of history, revealing the fact that the turkey gobbler instead of the eagle came near appearing on our National seal. "The First Thanksgiving" was read by Mrs. J. A. Sproles.

A short business session followed. A committee was appointed to confer with the standing committee of the Worth While Club relative to the much needed work on the town cemetery.

Mrs. J. F. Hardin, one of the clubs most highly esteemed members, being seriously ill, the club voted to express its sympathy by sending carnations. During the social hour Mrs. F. A. Linney assisted the hostess in serving a delicious salad course.

Besides the club members Mrs. Lyons of Kentucky and Mrs. Woosley shared Mrs. Council's hospitality.

The next meeting of the club will be with Mrs. M. P. Critcher.

THANKSGIVING DAY OBSERVED—OTHER ITEMS OF NEWS

A recent basket ball game between the young ladies team of the A. T. S. and the young ladies' team from Elk Park resulted in a score of 15 to 22 in favor of the Training School team.

The public school boys of the town played the Cove Creek public school and lost to the latter by a score of 25 to 9. Boone's regular team played the team from Elizabethton Tenn. on Thanksgiving night and the score stood 44 to 29 in favor of Boone.

Thanksgiving day was observed in Boone in a very appropriate manner. Religious services being held in the Methodist and Baptist churches at the former at 10 a. m. and the latter at 7 p. m. Good congregations were present, especially considering the very rainy day.

Offerings were made at both places for the respective orphans at the Children's Home and Thomasville Orphanage.

The furnace at the new administration building of the Training School was fired up on Thanksgiving day for the first time to try it out, to see whether it would prove satisfactory, and the opinion of those in charge was that it stood the test well.—J. M. D.

NEWS ITEMS FROM PENDLEY

The good people from Bradshaw and Pendley served a public dinner on the grounds at the Pendley school on Thanksgiving Day. At 11 o'clock Pastor Watson delivered a sermon which was followed by one by Pastor Beach. Mr. Will Storie then asked for the origin of Thanksgiving Day. This was satisfactorily answered by Mrs. Lona Cook, teacher from the Bradshaw school. Mrs. Cook had arranged a short program. Five of her little girls and two boys had appropriate recitations; Little Miss Evalina Bradshaw carrying off the laurels. Miss Mamie Coffey of the Pendley school with her sweet voice repeated the 23rd psalm. After this came the dinner. A more bountiful well-cooked dinner would be hard to find. Then just everything good to eat—and in such quantities—beef and pork and chicken cooked in every conceivable way, and overtopping all was a huge chicken pie made by Mrs. Millard Coffey. Cake, pies, jellies, pickles, and honey in unknown quantities. The variety was so wonderful and all just ate, and ate until they could eat no more. It was good to be there. Such splendid behavior—while all chatted and talked together, not even a loud laugh was heard.

Mr. G. L. Storie who recently moved his store to Mulberry is moving back.

Mr. Dove Lowe Triplett who has been ill for so long with typhoid fever is improving fast.

Mr. M. Coffey is building an addition to his house.

Mr. Milton Coffey has moved to Aho.

Mrs. Wm. Beach has gone to spend the winter with her daughter Mrs. Nelson.

Mr. Avery Nelson of Lenoir was a visitor to home folks at Thanksgiving. He thinks of moving back soon.

The farmers here are busy shucking corn.

Mr. Tom Watson is building a new barn for Misses Mary and Nelie Robbins.

Mr. Cloyd Church after gathering in his fine crop has gone to Bolie's saw mill to work.

Galax gathering is quite an industry here. The bronze leaves bring 40 cents per thousand and so it pays to gather them.

CORRESPONDENT.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF BUSINESS

1. Handle the hardest jobs each day. Easy ones are pleasures.
 2. Do not be afraid of criticism. Criticize yourself often.
 3. Be glad and rejoice in the other fellow's success—Study his method.
 4. Do not be misled by dislikes. Acid ruins the finest fabrics.
 5. Be enthusiastic. It is contagious.
 6. Do not have the idea that success simply means money-making.
 7. Be fair and do at least one decent act every day in the year.
 8. Honor the chief—there must be a head to every business.
 9. Have confidence in yourself.
 10. Harmonize your work. Let Sunshine radiate and penetrate.
- Contributed.

I. G. GREER MAKES BIG HIT IN JEFFERSON, N. C. SPEECH

Ira T. Johnson in Ashe Recorder. Delivering what one man pronounced the best speech he ever heard in the Ashe county court house and what many pronounced the best educational address heard in Ashe since the days of Aycock, Prof. I. G. Greer of Boone stirred his audience Saturday Nov. 17th and sent his crowd away thinking.

A snow storm came over the mountains about dawn and blew away a large part of the effects of the widespread and faithful advertising done by County Superintendent J. O. Goodman. But in spite of the weather, about fifty school committeemen responded to Supt. Goodman's invitation. A sprinkling of teachers and several other citizens completed the crowd.

The Lost Province band warmed the crowd while the coal in the stoves sizzled and the wind howled outside. Professor Greer showed that he was cast in heroic mold. He drove a flivver over from Boone and went to the bat soon after his arrival.

Principal Jones of Jefferson School directed the crowd's attention to the importance of service in his devotional exercises. Jim Goodman introduced Mr. Greer. Catching his crowd with humorous stories at which he is an adept, the speaker piled illustration on top of facts, added logic for a sauce and eloquence for a chaser.

Speaking directly to the school committeemen, he divided his address into three parts—first, the requisites of a school committeeman; second, how a committeeman may serve his community; and third how to make a school system more democratic.

The speaker urged moral character in teachers and committeemen. He showed how school committeemen can encourage worthy boys and girls, and emphasized their duty to help make their communities clean.

It was in the third part of his address that Mr. Greer especially challenged the thought of his hearers. Strongly advocating the county-wide school plan, he moved his audience to applause. "Every dollar of property in Ashe county ought to stand behind the education of every boy and girl in the county," he declared.

While this plan of making the entire county a special tax district to lengthen the school term to eight months in every district will meet with opposition, some honest, and some from the usual crowd who oppose every progressive step, Mr. Greer's exposition of it produced thought that will bring fruit. It is a pity that every school committeeman in the county could not have been present. Every voter should have heard the address. By such blows as Greer struck Saturday public sentiment is moulded, and an intelligent public sentiment will demand welfare work, a county demonstration agent consolidation of schools wherever practical, and soon, the county-wide school plan. This is as inevitable as that day will follow night. Honest but mistaken opinion politicians who fatten on ignorance, false ideas of economy, selfishness, stinginess, all will hinder.

But Jim Goodman says he means no backward step will be taken in Ashe.

Attorney W. B. Austin closed the meeting with a brilliant speech that emphasized the duty of school committeemen in solving the problems that confront the county and in raising the standard of school work in the county.

HOUSE WILL BE BUILT OF SAWDUST

Hoquiam, Wash.—The first house in the world to be built entirely of sawdust goes to Hoquiam.

A mill near there has a process by which sawdust is molded into all kinds of building materials, including planks, beams, boards, lath and shingles.

The material is waterproof, sound-proof, grained like natural wood, and can be stained or painted.

BOX SUPPER

There will be a box supper at Maple Springs new school house at Sands, Saturday night Dec. 15th. The proceeds to go on finishing the school house. Ladies, married or single, will please come and bring a nice box.

J. W. BYERS, Teacher.

TRUCK LOAD OF WATAUGA PRODUCE TO THOMASVILLE

Early last week the members of Laurel Creek Baptist Church and Sunday School collected a truck load of apples, potatoes cabbage and other good mountain products and sent them to the Thomasville orphanage as a Thanksgiving offering for the inmates of that great institution. The load was valued by the authorities there at \$65.00, and the body has the distinction of hauling their load farther than any ever delivered there by wagon or truck. The good people did well and their example could so easily be followed by others, not only to that, but other orphanages in easy reach of us, and let us hope that hereafter it will be done.

ITEMS FROM THE APPALACHIAN SCHOOL

There are two Sundays in the month when the Methodist and Baptist churches do not hold services. On the first Sunday the Baptists do not have services and the Methodists on the second Sundays. On the past Sunday the good Baptist people in large numbers attended the service at the Methodist church to hear two excellent sermons by Rev. Woosley. This fine spirit of harmony should prevail everywhere as it does in Boone.

The Chamber of Commerce met on Saturday in their usual meeting and after a short talk by President Gragg they elected for the next six months the following officers: W. H. Gragg, President; Dr. Mc. G. Anders Vice President; J. M. Downum, Secretary; G. P. Hagaman, Treasurer and as a board of directors, J. F. Moore, Smith Hagaman, E. N. Hahn B. B. Dougherty, and M. P. Critcher. J. F. Moore, W. G. Hartzog and E. N. Hahn were appointed as a committee to have the fence put up around the court house as the commissioners had furnished the money.

It was agreed that President Gragg should write the authorities of Wilkes County about putting up a sign on the lines between the two counties, and Prof. B. B. Dougherty was to consult the authorities of the state of Tennessee about such a sign on the North Carolina-Tennessee line, on the Boone Trail Highway. As the surveyor of the proposed new railroad has asked President for any suggestions from anyone, E. N. Hahn Smith Hagaman, and M. P. Critcher were appointed as a committee to offer such suggestions as he might want and might seem proper and helpful.—J. M. Downum.

FOSCOE NEWS

Mr. Emory Greer of Zionville passed through town the other day wearing the same old smile.

Mr. W. H. Byrd who has been in bad health for some time is much improved and is able to be out again.

Our school is progressing nicely with two of the best teachers in the county.

Mr. D. P. Wyke is a hustling merchant. He has had his Christmas line in for some time.

Mr. Charlie Cole and wife have returned from a visit to his brother, Mr. Preston Cole in Ashe county.

Mr. Henry Brinkley went up the river, thinking he would catch a fat possum for Thanksgiving, but failed. He roused a big fat fox and ran him to Foscoe. The women were all frightened, thinking their children would be molested, but fortunately he bothered none except Mr. Wm. McCain's.

Mr. Joe Wagner returned Sunday with his little son Ralph who has been in the hospital at Johnson City. The little boy is much improved.

Mr. Henry Coffey of Blowing Rock visits Foscoe quite often. There must be some attraction for him.

The patients in the hospital at Shulls Mills all seem to be improving.

There has been a "Camel" roaming around Foscoe from Hampton, Tenn. We fear he means some mischief.

Mr. Gentry from Johnson City is to preach at the new church Saturday night and Sunday.

There will be a box supper at the Foscoe School house Friday night December 7th. The proceeds go for the benefit of the poor. Girls, bring your boxes, and boys bring a pocket full of money and have a good time. Everybody invited.

Question: Did King David write all the book of psalms? All who can answer this question answer it in the Democrat.

OFFICERS SEIZE THIRTY FIVE GALLONS OF "SHINE"

On Tuesday night one Mr. M. W. Kap of Potter Town, in a Packard car of the model the company was turning out some fifteen years ago, was apprehended by Prohibition Agent Ralph Bingham, at or near the River Bridge on the Boone Trail. His car was searched and the officer found about thirty five gallons of corn whiskey. The prisoner and his outfit were brought on to Boone and he was given a hearing before United States Commissioner John W. Hodges, and in default of a one thousand dollar bond he was placed in jail, where he still remains. Yesterday morning Policeman W. R. Green made a thorough search of the surroundings where Kay was captured and found two and one half gallons more, raising the amount to 37 1/2 gallons. The car is held by the officer and the liquor was poured in the street in front of Commissioner Hodges store.

Angus Church was also captured with five gallons near Deep Gap. Mr. Hodges bound him over to court and as he could not fill a \$500 bond he is in jail also.

WORTH-WHILE CLUB WILL CLOTHE ORPHANS

The Worth While Club, the members of which are ever on the alert for something to do that will entitle them to the name under which they are laboring, have agreed to clothe two of the little girls at the Grandfather Orphanage for the winter, at least. A list of their needs was sent to the Club by the matron, and good warm clothing, shoes, etc. have already gone forward. Could anything be more worth while? Another organization of ladies in the town under the name of the Friday Afternoon Club are doing work that is commendable. These are entirely separate from the ladies' church organizations which are working year in and year out untiringly for their respective church organizations. The ladies of the town, through their organizations, are certainly potent factors in its uplift and well-being there of. They are to be congratulated upon their splendid achievements.

BLOWING ROCK NEWS

Rev. Mr. Huggins was a visitor in the Methodist Sunday School last Sunday. He made a very interesting talk on the Sunday School lesson which was appreciated very much by all present.

Miss Annie Lee Crisp teacher in the Hudson High School was a visitor with her parents here Thanksgiving day.

Miss Nabel Williams a teacher at Banner Elk spent the week end with home folks here.

Miss Minnie Day spent Thanksgiving day at her home near Bamboo. Miss Day is one of the town's highly esteemed teachers.

Miss Mary Chester the little folks' much loved teacher visited Mrs. A. M. Critcher last Sunday.

Miss Lena Hartley after spending the summer in Virginia has returned to Blowing Rock to spend the winter.

Mrs. Annie Hollar after spending a few months in Greensboro has returned to Blowing Rock where she will visit home folks before joining her husband in Marion, N. C.

Mr. Thomas Coffey, Jr. visited home folks here Thanksgiving day.

The boys pulled off a big Thanksgiving hunt. They went to catch a bear. We have not learned why they didn't.

Mr. Grover Robbins and family visited in Lenoir last Sunday.

Herbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hayes, spent Thanksgiving with his parents. Hubert is a high school student.

As the old year passes away let us all remember to pray for loved ones that roam without love and home.

As the New Year comes let us fight whiskey and rum, the curse that blights youth and destroys peace and truth.

Christians, all help us to pray for our boys that are away. Jesus keep watch with me; keep us all near thee.

Tom Tarheel says: The farmer who does not study his business is like the prehistoric animal which could not adapt himself to changing conditions and life passed him by. Standing still is stagnation.

LADIES CLUB PLANS BIG IMPROVEMENT

Worth While Club Launches Program of Progress—Comprises Civic and Charitable Undertakings.

The Worth While Club held its regular bi-monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. D. J. Cottrell Nov. 30. The house was beautifully decorated with potted plants.

After prayer led by Mrs. G. P. Hagaman the following business was transacted:

Cemetery improvement was discussed and a definite plan of action decided upon. A committee was appointed to see those in charge of the cemetery for permission to build a fence around it. A vote was made to ask the Friday Afternoon Club, the Chamber of Commerce and all other organizations or persons interested in this movement for their cooperation. The Club has some money and plenty of work promised towards the building of the fence. It was voted to have an entertainment at the home of Mrs. J. M. Moretz immediately after the holidays to obtain some more money for this work.

It was voted to have a Christmas tree for the children in the county home.

Prizes for the competitors in the composition contest were decided upon. The Chamber of Commerce has very generously given two dollars to each of the winners in this contest. The Worth While Club will add three dollars to this sum, making a total of five dollars to each winner.

The club voted to help the Chamber of Commerce with its movement to beautify the court house lawn. If the Chamber of Commerce will fence in the lawn by March 1st the Worth While Club will furnish the flowers and shrubs.

A circulating library for the town was discussed and held open for a future meeting.

A letter from Mrs. Hall of Mount Airy was read. Her words of praise were much appreciated by the club. Mrs. Hall will be president of District number two of the Federation of Clubs after May 1, 1924.

The Club will study home economics following the course and programs furnished by the Federation.

Another item of business was discussed and held open until the next meeting.

The following program was given: Quartette—Mesdames Cicero Greer, F. M. Huggins, W. G. Hartzog and George Hagaman, with Miss Ruth Cottrell at the piano. Origin of Thanksgiving day—Mrs. J. C. Cook; Thankfulness—Mrs. J. T. C. Wright Poem, Thanksgiving—Mrs. A. L. Cook; A turkey contest was enthusiastically entered into by all present. Mrs. F. M. Huggins won the prize, a beautiful Turkish towel.

Delicious refreshments of fruit salad, coffee and candies were served by the hostess, assisted by her daughters Misses Ruth and Ruby.

The next meeting of the club will be with Mrs. Roby Hayes Dec. 14.

GRANDFATHER ITEMS

The ball game between the Foscoe and Grandfather school boys was a very interesting one, the score being twenty five to twenty eight in favor of Grandfather.

The box supper at the Grandfather school house last Saturday night was a nice success, a good sum being raised.

Mrs. Carrie Fox has been sick for some time but she is now improving.

We are having a good school at Grandfather. The attendance is very large. Our teachers are Mrs. Crettie Hodges, Mrs. Birdie Moody and Mr. Russell Henson. They are three of the county's best teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Minnick of Johnson City were pleasant visitors at the home of Mr. J. L. Fox last Sunday.

Mr. B. S. Gragg and daughter Miss Pearl have been very low with pneumonia fever for the past two weeks, but we are glad to know that they are getting some better.

Mr. Isaac Johnson at Roan Mountain, Tenn. was a week end visitor at the home of Mr. H. H. Berry.

Mr. Burgin Gragg of this section while working at a skidder on Boone Fork last Saturday was caught with some logs and badly hurt.

Miss Cora Lee Taylor of Tennessee has been visiting friends and relatives here for the past two weeks.