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News Items as Reported From Rural Watauga

Interesting News Items as Reported Each Week by Our Correspondents in the Several Sections of the County

RIDDLES FORK NEWS

Mr. Troy Norris went to Todd with a load of cross ties Saturday.
Mr. W. H. Miller made a business trip to Riddles Fork Saturday.
Mr. T. J. Tugman went fox hunting this last week.
Mr. Noah Church spent Saturday night with G. G. Stephens.
Mr. Paul Adams and brother was at their grandfather's T. J. Tugman's last week.
Mr. Ben Wellborn moved to Mrs. D. C. Ragan's farm last week.
Mr. W. R. Davis who is attending the A. T. S. visited home Saturday and Sunday.
Mr. Hugh Norris made a trip to Todd Monday.
Miss May Church visited at the home of Mr. L. L. Cole Sunday.

COVE CREEK NEWS ITEMS

The school was fortunate last week in having a number of visitors for chapel exercises. Mr. L. C. Wilson on Tuesday, Mr. Uriah Farthing on Wednesday and the Civil War Veterans Fife and Drum Corps on Thursday. The program given by the fife and drum corps, Mr. Enoch Swift, Mr. L. D. Miller and Mr. George K. O. A., all veterans of the war between the states was especially interesting and thoroughly enjoyed. Several patrons and friends of the school were present and some short talks were made.
The W. M. U. Society of the Cove Creek Baptist church is meeting weekly now for the study of stewardship and missions. Miss Theodosia Watson is teaching the class.
Misses Reeves and McMillan spent the week end at their homes in Alleghany and the Mouth of Wilson.
Mr. James M. Horton has returned to Cleveland after a few weeks visit to his home at Vilas.

FOSCOE NEWS

This has been the coldest winter I have ever seen. The good women of Foscoe got a move on and have been making quite a lot of quilts for next winter. Mrs. John Presnell has made 75 quilts so far, so you see we have industrious girls over in our part of county.
Mrs. E. C. Moody writes her mother, Mrs. Carrie Walters, that they haven't had any winter at all in the state of Washington.
I can say amen to Mr. W. H. Watson. Hope he will write every week. We could not get through the long winters if we could not get the Democrat.
Mrs. Wesley Coffey has been a very sick lady and we hope she will soon be better.
Miss Eva Mae Coffey left Sunday to visit her sister in Johnson City.
Several from here went to Boone to attend court.
Mr. Joe Wagner returned but to our great disappointment didn't bring back any wife.

BLOWING ROCK NEWS

Blowing Rock is a busy place now days getting ready for the big rush of summer tourists. Biggest boom here that has been in the history of Blowing Rock. Everybody is building that can and those that can't build are remodeling. The battle cry is to make more room for the people that are coming to beautiful Blowing Rock. Here is welcome for everybody that comes to our town.
The last week's sick list are all on gaining ground. Mrs. George Blar has returned from the Hickory hospital where she has been for treatment. Her condition is much better.
Mrs. Pat Pendley has returned to her home at the Watauga Inn after spending some time in Washington D. C. where she visited friends.
Miss Annie Lee Crisp spent the week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Lee Crisp returning Monday to her school work in Hudson, N. C. where she has been teaching in the graded school the past winter.
Mrs. Gray Boynton is visiting her husband in Charlotte.
Mr. and Mrs. Larnie Hollars have taken light housekeeping rooms in the Walters Apartment House.

We are informed that Mr. Tipton Greene and family will soon leave Blowing Rock for a better position in Caldwell county. Very sorry to see the good people go but we know that they will soon come back. No one leaves Blowing Rock to stay.

RUTHERWOOD NEWS

Mr. W. G. Brown has purchased a fine pair of mules.
Mr. W. B. Day made a business trip to North Wilkesboro Saturday.
Mr. George Greer had quite a singing at his house on last Wednesday night.
Mr. Nile Brown's children have been right sick but are better at this writing.
Miss Pansy Green was a visitor at Mr. George Greer's on Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. John Watson visited their sister Mrs. John Watson on the Gap Creek.
Sunday School opens at Laurel Springs April 6th. Everybody invited to come.
Messrs N. C. and M. D. Brown have installed a grist mill at M. D. Brown's gridding on Friday.
Just a few people went to Boone today on account of court.
Mr. Arlie Brown made a business trip to Virginia last week.
Mr. J. B. Clawson has been hauling hay from Meat Camp last week.
Mr. Andy Stone and two sons are cutting extract wood for Mr. J. Greene.
Mr. Odis Watson and family have moved to the R. S. Walker house.

MEAT CAMP NEWS

Rev. I. A. Wilson preached at the Proffit Grove Baptist church last Sunday, a large crowd being present and the sermon being a forceful one.
Mrs. Rosa Woodring has been a very sick woman but we are glad to say she now seems improved.
Owing to the drifted snow the rural carrier from Zionville has not been to Meat Camp but one time since the tenth of this writing. He said he could not come back until the snow was melted or moved.
It's up to the road men to manage the snow as we can't expect the carrier to venture in dangerous places for the sake of a few pieces of mail.
Mr. Ralph Moretz of Boone spent the week end in the community.
Miss Lily Pennell of the Rich Mountain section visited her sister Mrs. Emory Bryan during the week end.
Mr. Hubert Jones of Sands was on Meat Camp last Saturday and Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wilson spent Saturday night at the home of Mr. Willie Proffit.
Mr. James South of Tamarack attended services at the Baptist church Sunday.
Messrs Ivan Moretz Paul and Lon Greene left last week for some point in Virginia.
The equinox storm was a very bad one here, consisting of snow, rain, hail, thunder and lightning.
On account of the conditions of the roads and of the bad weather there are very few from this community attending court, only those having the most important business.
Messrs George and Frank Main of Tamarack attended services here Sunday.
Several of the young folks of this community were entertained at Mr. Clay Miller's on last Saturday evening.
Webster in his dictionary defines River as a large stream. Of course this is correct from the aqueous standpoint, but I think there is another definition that is correct. Rivers is the name of a class of people who have worked since 1888 to help Watauga to be a better place in which to live. They are still planning and working to that end. Of course the more circulation their paper—the Watauga Democrat has the more it can help Watauga to grow. Don't you think that you can well afford to help Watauga to prosper? Why, of course you can. All right, subscribe to the Democrat and be a real Wataugan.

ITEMS FROM THE SCHOOL AND TOWN

Interesting News Notes from the A. T. S. Town and Community by Regular Correspondent

Court is in session in Boone this week with Judge Webb presiding. Prof. O. L. Brown, formerly of the Training School but now attending Emory University is visiting his people here for a few days. He leaves this week on his return to school. He conducted chapel exercises at the A. T. S. on Friday.

A very unusual thing even for Boone is the fact that it has snowed or sleeted or both for the past five days, beginning March 20 and continues to this hour. It has been below the freezing point for several days, the trees have been covered with ice most of the time and is still on the mountains, which makes a beautiful picture indeed. All this Equinoctial storm the scientists to the contrary notwithstanding.

Some of the Congressmen are insisting that the people of Western North Carolina need to get busy if they want the proposed national park established in this section of the state. Why not at once?

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Early in the morning hours of the day he seemed to rally and was that by his family and friends present at his bedside that he was doing nicely, that he was on the turning point and would get better as the slow hours passed.

He passed to the great beyond like one going to sleep.

May he rest in peace. He was a good husband and an ideal father and leaves a wife and nine children by his last wife to mourn his loss. By his first union there are four children, two sons and two daughters who survive him.

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A CENTENARIAN IN WATAUGA

Throngs of Friends will Celebrate the Birth day of Riley Greer, 100 Years Old April 3, 1924.

(W. A. Watson Local Correspondent (Special to the Democrat)

On the 3rd day of next April there will be held a birthday celebration of Uncle Riley Greer at the home of his son Thomas near Rutherford, six miles east of Boone and six miles west of Deep Gap in honor of this aged gentleman to commemorate the anniversary of his 100th birthday.

Uncle Riley, as he is called, can tell you with a marked degree of certainty of the times when he grew up and he remembers the past history the same as a school boy does now, but his education came from the great School of Nature, and her wonderful works which unfolded all sealed mysteries as he made this span of life white reaching this grand old and remarkable age which not one in ten thousand ever live to reach according to statistics and life tables.

Uncle Riley is the father of Thomas, Larkin and Elijah Greer who are making great preparations for the coming occasion.

"I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears; Behold I will add unto thy days."

It seems as if the above prophecy spoken to the withered old man is true until this day.

Every citizen of Watauga County and at large are invited to be there on the date mentioned for the celebration. It will doubtless be long before you will have another opportunity of attending such an occasion, so come one and all.

JERRY WATSON DIES SUDDENLY

Special to the Democrat.

On the 24th inst. at 1:00 Jerry Watson who had been ill with pneumonia suddenly died. The end came quietly and without a moment's warning.

Early in the morning hours of the day he seemed to rally and was that by his family and friends present at his bedside that he was doing nicely, that he was on the turning point and would get better as the slow hours passed.

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Superior Court Adjourns 23 Criminal Cases Tried Civil Docket continued

JUDGE WEBB WINS PLAUDITS OF WATAUGANS

Civil Calendar Continued Until Special Term to Be Held in June

Twenty Three Cases on State Docket Tried in Two and One Half Days—Complete Proceedings

Despite the unusually bad March weather a large number of the people of the surrounding territory were on hand Monday when Watauga Superior court convened, to hear the Judge's charge and see the thing start off in good shape. Judge Webb presided.

Perhaps because he himself is a western North Carolina man, unusual numbers heard him charge the grand jury. Among other routine instructions the jurist slipped in the theory that the smartest men in the world are in the mountains of this section, and that "it is eminently fitting that up among the sturdy oaks and the towering poplars should grow the mightiest and best of men." The charge was most comprehensive and complete, covering every phase of the criminal law, and brought forth more favorable comments than any charge delivered in a Watauga court for many years. Really the people here "fell in love" with the Judge. A man of mighty intellect, firm without a trace of cruelty, as immovable in his convictions as these eternal hills of his, and meeting out without fear or favor, justice tempered with mercy. It may have been that his peers have held courts here, but it cannot be remembered when a greater man has been sent to decide the fate of those few who have been so unfortunate as to violate the laws of the country. We do not intend to leave the impression that Judge Webb is the man who "lets you down easy." He does not. He deals with offenders firmly, yet at the same time carries out the true spirit of the law, which is to presume that all men are innocent until their guilt can be established. He looks upon offenders as human beings, not as mere victims. He wants them to have a chance if they are worth it, and it is generally predicted that this term of the Superior court has done more toward breaking up lawlessness than any previously held here. The people here love Judge Webb, and are looking forward to the day when the great and good man shall return. Twenty three cases were disposed of on the criminal docket in two days and a half. The usual time consumed on a docket of this size is five to six days.

On account of the terrible condition of the cross-country roads the civil calendar was continued as a whole, and will likely be disposed of at a special term which will be arranged for some date in June.

Court adjourned yesterday at 12 o'clock. Following are the complete proceedings:

L. M. Bingham, assault with deadly weapon. Judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Coy Triplett, violating prohibition laws. Judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Arnold Story, nuisance, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Sam Greer and Dewey Yates, disturbance, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Jim Welch, liquor case, fined \$25 and cost.

J. M. Foster, drunk and disorderly. Judgment suspended on payment of cost.

L. R. Bingham, assault with deadly weapon. Judgment suspended on payment