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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

BLOWING ROCK

The Blowing Rock service club held its regular meeting last Thursday with Mrs. Harry Martin at her home on Main Avenue. Plans for a regular clean up day was discussed by the club, asking every citizen inside the corporate limits to gather up and remove all rubbish and unsightly junk from their premises and all vacant lots, asking them to place it near some street or road where a truck can get it and the club will have it moved away June 20, this being the date decided upon for the clean up campaign. The club will give \$5 to the children divided into prizes of from \$1.50 to 75c for the largest piles of trash near enough any street or road that a truck can pick it up. The next regular meeting will be held with the president of the club, Mrs. Harry Martin, June 12.

Dr. Dulong and family from Charlotte spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Panella at the Critcher apartments.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanes of Charlotte have taken rooms at the Critcher apartments.

Misses Lula and Edith Jameson of Roanoke, Va. arrived in the city on Monday and have taken rooms in the Hob Noh and will spend the summer in Blowing Rock.

Mrs. John Boogher and daughter Mrs. Stone, Misses Ethel and Eloise have arrived in Blowing Rock from St. Louis, Mo. They will spend the summer at their handsome home on Boogher Heights.

Miss Annie Ward to the delight of her many friends has returned from Valle Crucis where she has been in school the past winter.

Barber Hartley who has been confined to his bed is improving.

MEAT CAMP

(For last week's issue.) Rev. L. A. Wilson filled his regular appointment at the Baptist Church on upper Meat Camp last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Manley Moretz after having been at Bristol for some few weeks returned to his home here last Friday. Glad to see him back.

Mr. A. W. Hodgson went on a business trip to Jefferson, W. Jefferson, Warrensville and other points in Ashe last week.

Three gentlemen who the writer supposes to be connected with the Vick Chemical Co. of Greensboro are on the Finley Bald at this writing. We are informed that this property is in the ownership of the above named folks, and we hope they are here for the purpose of improving the property.

Mrs. Cook of Mount Pleasant, N. C., representing the Woman's Missionary Society of the Lutheran Church, talked to the Mt. Zion congregation on Monday afternoon last.

Mr. Leonard Wilson of Boone attended services at the Profit Grove Church last Sunday.

Misses Edna and Eleanor Moretz and Verlie Wineberger spent last Thursday night at Rev. H. W. Jeffcoat's of the Mount Pleasant vicinity.

Mr. Eugene Moretz made a business trip to Boone on last Monday.

Mr. Edward Moretz is somewhat indisposed at this writing. We hope he will soon recover.

Owing to the unusually cold weather the farmers may have the planting of corn to do again. It seems as if the seasons are consolidating to that of winter.

Postmaster W. D. Farthing of Boone was on Route No. 2 last Wednesday with Mr. Houck informing all box holders to move their boxes to the right side of the road. This of course will be more convenient to the carrier.

Mr. George Main of Tamarack was a visitor here last Sunday. Everybody of this section are invited by officers of the Wide Awake Community club to be present at their meeting to be held at River-view school house on next Thursday.

Let's go.

Listen Wataugan! Hold up your end. Subscribe to the county paper.

DEEP GAP

Mr. A. F. Nichols of this place has recently established himself in the mercantile business and bids to the public for their trade. He says he is going to sell goods so give him a trial. He will treat you right.

Mr. B. T. Taylor of Stony Fork came over last Sunday driving an Essex car fresh from the sales room. Mr. Taylor believes in progress and evolution in everything even to transportation facilities. The car certainly looks nice and is made up to date in every particular.

The estate of the late W. P. Welch has been allotted and divided among the heirs at law which contained over two hundred acres. This property lies at Deep Gap and is valuable property indeed.

We are all looking to the day when this property will be developed with a summer resort hotel and a village which will spring up overnight.

The N. & W. Railway prospects look very encouraging for this section as it seems that some day not very far distant that a standard road will circle Deep Gap and swing on and join their main line at Bowie, North Carolina.

This project will put Deep Gap on the map and then something will happen in a big way, if promoters will only get busy by starting the ball rolling. Here's hoping. Rah! rah!

A good many people from this section attended the county singing at Mount Vernon last Sunday. The writer paid his respects for a short while at that place and then turned in to Boone to find the town practically deserted. It seemed that the people had turned out en masse, and we think they must have gone to Mt. Vernon by the way the crowd looked to us.

The Watson sisters and their chum Miss Hinshaw are in the vicinity at this writing. They are our teachers at Rocky Point for the current school term.

We are glad indeed to have them and congratulate them and our committee in procuring their valuable services for our school.

We have been told that they believe in doing things, and we are glad to welcome them with extended hands for all the good they will have done here when their term ceases.

Mr. W. A. Watson the insurance man has been indisposed for a week or more, and if you expected a call from him this gives the reason for the delay.

If you are not protected you should see him.

BLUE RIDGE

(For last week's issue.) Rev. Hampton filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Mr. A. H. Dula is at Baltimore taking treatment at Johns Hopkins hospital and reports that Capt. Lovell of Boone, N. C. is getting on nicely. Mr. Dula is enjoying the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Moore who have shown him unusual kindness for which he is thankful.

Quite a number of the people went to Blowing Rock last Sunday.

Mrs. M. A. Wright is visiting her brother J. G. Coffey of Foscoe.

Mr. Roby Coffey's were visitors here Sunday.

Mr. Commodore Church is working at Blowing Rock.

Mr. Alfred Church caught two ground hogs some time ago. They will now follow him just as a dog.

OLIVE DULA. Many other counties now want to begin the cooperative carlot shipment of poultry. The success attending the efforts of county agent John V. Arrendale in Macon county is attracting attention in the other mountain counties.

MRS. RIVERS LAID TO REST FRIDAY

Wife of the Editor of the Watauga Democrat Passes Away Like a Little Child Falling Asleep.

Boone, May 30.—Mrs. R. C. Rivers, wife of Col. R. C. Rivers of the Watauga Democrat was buried today before her marriage she was Miss Fannie Jurney, daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. P. C. Jurney of Olin, N. C. She was born January 7, 1861 and was therefore a little over 63 years of age.

Mrs. Rivers had been sick for a number of months and practically helpless, but was courageous and sweet spirited through all of her affliction. Her thoughts seemed to be for her husband, two sons and one daughter, and for her many friends rather than for herself. For the past few weeks it has been evident to her friends that she was growing weaker and could not long endure the struggle. She herself seemed to realize that the end was nigh, but quietly, peacefully and resignedly she viewed the coming of the shadows knowing that as she did it would soon be replaced by a glory that would be eternal. Thus she remained until the evening of May 27 the evening of her passing, when she quietly fell asleep as does a little child in its mother's arms. Her husband tells your correspondent that at the end there was not the least struggle or even the twitch of muscles, but simply breath growing shorter until she sweetly slept.

Mrs. Rivers joined the Methodist church in early childhood under the pastorate of the late Rev. B. L. Wood thus being a faithful and consistent member of the church and an earnest Christian for more than fifty years. Her only daughter says that she never heard her mother speak a harmful word of any person, and her sorely bereaved husband and children feel that no better woman, wife or mother ever lived. All who knew her loved her and feel that her loved ones are right in their high estimate of her.

Her funeral which was somewhat delayed until her son should arrive from the west was held in the Methodist church at nine a. m. today being conducted by the pastor, Rev. M. B. Woosley, assisted by Rev. F. M. Huggins, pastor of the Baptist Church, and her body rests in the Boone cemetery and no one doubts but that her soul sweetly rests with her Savior in God's other land just over the river, awaiting the coming of her bereaved loved ones and other friends.

J. M. DOWNUM.

PLAN COMMUNITY FAIR EARLY THIS SUMMER

Raleigh, N. C. May 30.—"Farmers and farm women of North Carolina are now more than ever before using the community fair as a means of measuring progress and as a source of inspiration for greater individual and community development," says J. M. Gray, Assistant Director for the Extension service for the State College of Agriculture. "To make these fairs what they ought to be plans should be definitely made not later than June. This means an organization with duly elected officers and committees that will actively push the work assigned to them."

Mr. Gray states that probably one of the most essential matters at the beginning of a movement for a community fair is the preparation of a well planned premium list. This list need not carry cash premiums but should be a well organized premium list. "The most successful way to prepare this list," says Mr. Gray, "is for a small committee from each community fair in the county to meet with our county home and farm agents and work out a composite premium list for the entire county. By following this method advertising space can be sold to local business concerns to pay for the cost of printing and distribution of these premium lists. "Another matter of prime importance for making the fair the great success is to plan at this time for exhibits by the farmers and farm women. Just remember that the time to think about exhibits of hay or strawberry preserves is when you are making hay or strawberry preserves. If you want to help with these exhibits your farm or home agent will be glad for you to call them."

KU KLUX KLAN BURNS FIERY CROSS

Invisible Empire Undoubtedly Has Local Foothold—No Estimate as to Strength Made.

One of the most awe-inspiring sights ever seen in this section of the country was the flaming cross burned on the Lovill pinnacle overlooking the city last night, emblematic of the presence of the Ku Klux Klan in our midst. As near as an observer in town could ascertain the fiery symbol of the Invisible Empire towered near 30 feet above the ground, and the reverence with which this token of a local organization was viewed by our citizens, spoke louder than words the general consensus of opinion regarding the "Klucker." Many ideas are being advanced, some for and some against but as to the strength so far reported in the county no estimate can be made.

OLD FOLKS' DAY AT FAIRVIEW

(For last week's issue.) According to their usual custom last Sunday was old folks day at the Fairview Methodist church. After the sermon by Rev. J. M. Griggs of Todd N. C. the pastor T. G. Williams announced that Uncle Wash Norris was going to treat the children, and all over 55 years of age. Soon two large baskets of fine red apples were being given out, and this was not a surprise to the children as Uncle Wash had been playing this trick on them before. After the apples were distributed we all felt like children too, and the good ladies of the community spread a most sumptuous dinner on the green grass beside the church, and everybody became beneficiaries to this splendid treat. If you are looking for kind and hospitable people in the vicinity of Fairview you will find them.

After dinner the people returned to the church for the vening service which consisted chiefly to what the older people call an experience meeting. It was very pathetic and consoling to hear a number of aged brethren whose heads were white with the snows of many winters, give a retrospective account of their past experiences, and re-affirm their faith in God and in the Christian hope. The last speaker was Uncle Wash Norris, who is 93 years of age and one of the most highly respected christian gentlemen to be found in our county. Uncle Wash, leaning on the back of his chair said, "Eighty years ago there was only one church in all this mountain section, and that was Three Forks Baptist church. The Methodists and Lutherans held their services in school houses at that time I remember distinctly eighty years ago being at a meeting at Three Forks church and after a minister by the name of Shell had preached a sermon, they sung that good old familiar song, "When shall I see Jesus and reign with Him Above?" While they were singing this beautiful song my father and mother were converted to the Christian religion, and when I come to die, if I am in my right senses, I will ask that this good old song will be sung as I pass away."

Some men are chilled by the snow of age, their thoughts are darkened by the approach of night; not so with Uncle Wash. His sun is going down full orb'd and lustrous!

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

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Then came the feast of good things when the hostess served a course of frozen fruit salad with ice tea and other accessories, followed by hot coffee and the most tempting as well as decorative strawberry short cake.

Mrs. McGuire and Miss Suttle were guests of the club.

After exchanging books which the club members are enjoying, the guests departed with many expressions of appreciation for the pleasurable afternoon.

The club will meet next time with Mrs. J. D. Rankin.

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About time now to begin arranging for the big picnics, barbecues, and other summer outings. While doing so don't forget the State Farmers Convention at the State College on July 23, 24 and 25. This will be the biggest gathering yet attempted at the College.

Feeding the pigs liberally this summer will make them less costly this fall and it might cause them to be in condition to sell on the high market in September, suggests W. W. Shay, swine extension specialist for the State College.

LARGEST CROWD EVER AT SCHOOL

Appalachian School Popular Mecca for Down State Teachers—Boarding Accommodations Only Limit.

The Appalachian Training School possibly had the most auspicious opening in its history on Tuesday morning.

We have had no official report from the school, but we are told that the housing capacity of the entire plant is taxed to the utmost, and that many of the private homes and boarding houses in the little city are now accommodating student boarders to their full extent. The registration is going on today and it is not possible to even approximate the crowd present, but we will say that it will no doubt go to several hundreds. The popularity of the school together with other unexcelled advantages always insure large attendance.

TENNESSEE ANGLER HAS LUCK IN WATAUGA WATERS

Col. Z. A. Robertson of the Globe Realty & Auction Co., paid Boone a visit Monday and Tuesday of this week.

The Colonel, an experienced disciple of Isaac Walton, and one who has given every known specie of the funny tribe a hot chase in various climes, tells one of the Democrat's reporters that no adjoining counties or State can furnish more thrills for the fisherman than Watauga Co. While here Col. Robertson took 17 pounds of beautiful bass from the dam of the New River Light and Power Co., the largest of the number weighing 5½ pounds.

"Fish stories" are a very common article and the man who tells one is very apt to arouse the skeptical to remark of disbelief, but the "kernel" had the goods on him and we saw them with our own eyes.

But let's quit talking about fish and get down to the real story. The Globe Realty & Auction Co. is opening a new street in town, Howard Street by name, and are offering the choice lots along it at public auction Saturday June 14. To use the term which can be seen in their ad on another page, "another child has been born" and those who participate in the wonderful offerings being made by them, will surely be blest. To invest money in property here in this wonderful climate can mean nothing more nor less than four fold returns. Boone, the beautiful, Boone the land of unexcelled educational advantages, you are a town among towns. The opportunity to invest in property of real worth is here. Remember the date Saturday June 14.

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