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WILL CONSIDER PARK LOCATION

Wilkes Commercial Club Calls Meeting for Purpose on July—Would Gather at Blowing Rock.

The following letter has been sent out to citizens of North Wilkesboro and other sections of the country by the President of the Wilkes Commercial Club of North Wilkesboro regarding the location of a national park in the Appalachian chain of mountains:

"Pending the discussion of the location of a national park in the Appalachian chain of mountains, this is to suggest that a meeting be held at Blowing Rock, North Carolina on the 4th day of July 1924 for the purpose of discussing the best location for the park, in order that united action may be had in presenting this matter to the committee appointed by Mr. Work, Secretary of the Interior, chairman of which committee is Hon. H. W. Hemptle, member of Congress from Pennsylvania, for the purpose of locating this park and we suggest that you take this matter up with your club and see if the time and place is suitable, and if so appoint a committee to attend this meeting.

"It is needless to say that the location of a national park which will possibly be the only one located in this section for many years will be of almost unlimited value not only to North Carolina and adjoining states, Virginia, Tennessee, So. Carolina and Georgia but of greatest interest to all territory east of the Mississippi River.

"It will be the last word in rounding out the splendid efforts heretofore made in making the Appalachian mountains the play ground of the eastern portion of the United States.

"If you concur with us in this suggestion please advise our committee and we will be glad to offer our services, or aid you in your services in arranging this convention.

We suggest that every civic organization, together with all of the forward looking citizens be requested to attend this meeting either in person or through committee.

"Blowing Rock is a central point easily reached by good roads from Bristol, Johnson City, Asheville, or any other point in the surrounding territory.

"By scattered efforts it cannot be accomplished, but by concerted action the park will be assured. Prompt action is necessary to secure efficient results.

"Awaiting your early reply,
"yours very truly,
"E. G. Finley, President."

GRIST REQUESTS SECOND PRIMARY

Runner-up to M. L. Shipman Seeks to Settle Candidacy by Another Balloting

Raleigh, June 15.—Frank D. Grist runner up to M. L. Shipman in the race for commissioner of labor and printing, today telegraphed W. H. Nea, chairman of the board of elections, requesting a run-off primary to decide the nominee for the office. Grist's action put to an end activities among the democratic leaders of the state, including John G. Dawson, chairman of the party to prevent if possible the expense of a second primary.

With a definite request made for a second primary for the commission of labor and printing position it will also be necessary to enter on the tickets the names of Charles Ross for attorney general and Fred P. Latham for commissioner of agriculture. Both of these had indicated that they would not put the state to the expense of the second primary.

MISSIONARY TO CHINA SPEAKS AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Miss Lelia Tuttle for many years a missionary to Shanghai, China, will speak at the Methodist church next Sunday evening at eight o'clock. Miss Tuttle is a native of Caldwell county a graduate of Columbia University, and went to her missionary work from the Chair of English, Davenport College.

This is the Women's service in the interest of the Belle Bennett Memorial Fund, and a free will offering will be taken. The public is cordially invited to come and hear this distinguished missionary.

SOUTHERN'S OLDEST ENGINEER HONORED GUEST

Mr. W. R. Hodges of Knoxville the veteran railroad man is spending a few weeks with his cousin Ex-Sheriff John W. Hodges.

Having been in the active service of the Southern Railway System for fifty-two years as locomotive engineer, Mr. Hodges holds seniority rights over all others, Buster Dunn of "Memphis Special" fame being his close rival. On account of failing health Mr. Hodges hasn't taken a run for three years, but notwithstanding the snowy whiteness of his hair, he looks well. At the throttle of one of the Southern's largest and fastest engines he has taken almost millions to their destinations safely, and despite his advanced age, the keenness of his eye, gained by years of watching the glittering ribbons of steel, is most striking. We wish for the splendid gentleman much pleasure in our town, for at the end of his long laborious run his vacation should be complete.

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE SEMIMONTHLY FARM NOTES

The following comments were received between the 7th and 14th of June and give a fairly good idea as to the condition of crops in North Carolina about the first of this month.

Weather
The weather conditions generally are reported as having been rather cool with too much rain. However the conditions at present are favorable to farm work and growing crops. Most numerous reports of unfavorable weather come from the northern mountain counties. Some counties in the central coastal section report the weather as hot but showery. Recent hot days have been very favorable to growing cotton, and with continued hot weather the state cotton crop will show marked improvement.

General Conditions
Frequent complaints of high taxes and the high price of farm labor were received. Counties in the northern Piedmont and Coastal sections state that they have poor stands in most all crops and that the season is unusually late. The most frequent complaint of the farmers is the low price of farm products. A noticeable improvement in the prices of farm products however, in the past few months, should improve the situation in this respect. Crops are reported as fairly clean with few grassy fields. In this respect the average cleanliness of fields seems to be above the average. A few reports from the Southern coastal counties state that grass is getting ahead of cultivation but this is not a general complaint. In the majority of the counties the stand of most crops is fairly good. Plants that were replanted are coming up fine. Cotton farmers are expecting their worst trouble to be the boll weevil. Although some state that the crop pests are very numerous, there is little evidence of severe damage from them yet.

Small Grains
The condition of small grain at this time averages from fairly good to good. The rainy weather has caused considerable damage from rust but farmers in the principal wheat counties are in a fairly optimistic state of mind. The yield of wheat this year is expected to be about the average. Spring oats are reported as unusually good, though the winter oats are short due to freezes, etc. The majority of reporters seem fairly optimistic in regard to their grain crops.

Clover and Hay Outlook
Clover is fair to good. The stands are somewhat irregular, but the growth is good. A large amount of oats are being cut for hay for various reasons. The plants are low in growth and the fall sown crops had such poor stands that most of it is either plowed under or cut for hay. The practice of growing oats for mature hay in eastern counties is growing rapidly. The crop there is generally good.

Tobacco
Tobacco has a late growth but the stands are unusually good. It is now coming out rapidly and a good crop is expected. Of course it is late.

Cotton
Cotton is later than for many years. In many sections the stand is irregular and some replanting has been done. Chopping has progressed rap-

HUNT FOR WILKES WHISKEY KING ON

Eighty five gallons of corn liquor and 175 empty five gallon cans some of them with the odor of liquor upon them, were found in a little outhouse adjoining the kitchen of Gordon Brenton's home near Delaplaine in Wilkes county Saturday by Prohibition agents R. L. Lovelace and Randall and Kennedy.

The liquor and cans were confiscated by the prohibition officers. Benton's wife first asked the officers not to search any too closely about the premises, but seeing their determination not to leave any stone unturned she made some excuse or other and left. She was seen running through the forest nearby and that was the last glimpse the officers had of her.

Benton is known to the prohibition officials as one of the "Big Six" in the illicit liquor game. Federal agents directed from Raleigh here on a secret mission are said to have shadowed the Benton home at various times within the past several months. Officers Lovelace, the local enforcement officer on the job, has also been keeping a close watch on the premises. The raid and the quantity of liquor captured Saturday is a distinct feather in Lovelace's cap.

Lovelace was "tipped off" it was said, to the effect that Benton was at home and the officers watched the house for several hours before they swooped down upon it. The "tip" proved to be a mistake, but now with a warrant in their hands every deputy marshal in the service in this section of the state is on the watch for Benton.

Benton is said to have made what is commonly termed a "killing" in the illicit liquor traffic and is accounted one of the wealthiest men in the game. He is said to own two Lincoln cars and nine others altogether all of them Hudson and Buick speedsters except one Ford car. The Hudson speedster captured about three weeks ago with over 100 gallons in it, after a race along the Boone Trail is said to have been the property of Benton. Sylvester Sparks, a negro, was captured with the car. A white man made his escape from the car before the officers could overtake it.

PASTURES NEED CARE IN HOT DRY WEATHER

Raleigh, N. C. June 17.—Most parts of North Carolina have had cool weather this spring, with plenty of rain. Such weather is very favorable to pastures of mixed grasses and clovers and they now look fine.

But we may look for a hot dry spell almost any time, and when it comes the pastures will be ruined," says E. C. Blair, Extension Agronomist for the State College of Agriculture. "New pastures that have been grazed too heavily have not had a chance to develop good root systems. They will be the first to suffer. Older pastures also, will fail in hot dry weather if grazed too much as the tops of the plants cannot grow as fast as they are eaten off. When the pasture has been closely grazed the ground is exposed to the sun. This causes it to dry out, making bad matters worse."

"To avoid injury to a pasture in summer, first remember that an acre will not usually support half as many head of livestock in July as it will in May. Where there is a small pasture and a large number of livestock, let them graze only a short time each day. The second thing to remember is that rest will give the pasture a chance to grow. The tops will increase in size, and at the same time the roots will develop. The roots of a plant can grow only as they can receive nourishment from the leaves. Alternate periods of rest and grazing each for about two weeks, will do more than any other thing to tide the pasture over severe weather condition. To accomplish this, sow two pastures or divide the one with a fence."

Mr. Blair states that weeds are almost always found in pastures during summer. These are kept in check by mowing as often as necessary to prevent blooming.

idly, but due to the heavy growth of grass is slower than usual. In the southeastern counties grassiness is an important factor. Increased acreage is recognized.

CLUBS WELCOME A. T. S. STUDENTS

Present Registration 550 in State School—Building Activities—Other Interesting Notes.

The Training School has had the most auspicious opening in its history. With all registrations, in number 550. The Southern Desk Co. has been busy during the week placing six hundred opera chairs in the new auditorium.

The town and community have joined the school in welcoming our summer faculty and student body. On Thursday the Parent-Teachers Association entertained the teachers of the Demonstration School and on Saturday the Worth White Club gave a reception to the entire Training School on the lawns of Superintendent Smith Hagaman and Mr. J. B. Cannon.

The Republican County Convention of June 9th expressed its feeling toward the Training School by nominating Professor L. G. Greer of the History Department for the Legislature, and Professor W. L. Winkler a former teacher of the school, for the Senate.

The foundation work for the new building for the Demonstration School is in progress. This will be one of the best buildings of its kind in North Carolina.

Watauga County was represented at the commencement at Chapel Hill by James Mast, a member of the graduating class, and by President B. B. Dougherty who attended the reunion of his class—1899. All the members of the class present were housed in the old East Building at the University. Dr. J. Y. Joyner, though not a member of their class joined them in their banding.

This is one of the most remarkable classes in the history of the University. Four have been called back to the University: Dr. R. D. W. Connor and Dr. Waggstaff as professors of History, Dr. Louis Wilson as Librarian, and Dr. Abernethy as Professor of Medicine. Dr. Coker is Professor of Political Economics, University of Ohio; Dr. Veigil Jones is Professor of English, University of Arkansas; Dr. Dozier is a distinguished physician living on the Yale campus. Dr. J. Gilbert Pearson has distinguished himself in the world in the study of birds; the Honorable T. C. Bowie is a distinguished North Carolinian and so on. The University conferred 283 degrees, aside from the honorary degrees. The Appalachian boys have always stood high at the University.

After the commencement Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Mast, their son James and Mr. Dougherty came to Boone by automobile making the trip in eight hours. Mr. Dougherty thinks James is a wonderful driver.

POETRY AND POWER MIX IN THE RIVER SHANNON

Old Ireland Soon to Get Light from Famous Stream

"Where the River Shannon Flows" electric light will soon be reflected from the limpid ripples. Already the lumbering two wheel carts and the cobbled streets of the classic villages have given away to motor cars and pavements. There is no blasphemy in the coming of modern improvements, rather the contrary.

The Shannon loses no whit of its poetic traditions because it also pushes its lustrous breast against a utilitarian water wheel that brings light and power and social betterment to a people who are advancing as civilization advances.

The sacred waters of the River Jordan are harnessed to provide light and power for Jerusalem, yet Biblical history becomes no less fascinating because modern electrical genius has brought a new civilization to a country that can never be robbed of its literary traditions.

One farmer of Buncombe county is capitalizing the demand for blue grass sod. He has sold \$175 worth from a small lot and reseeded the land as fast as the sod is removed, reports his county agent.

Tom Tarheel says that he is saving that big patch of pines on the back of his place to be cropped as any other field on the place. The weed trees are to be chopped out for firewood and the mature trees to be harvested as needed for timber.

DAILY MAIL SERVICE FROM GREENSBORO TO BOONE

Mr. Henry Belk of the circulation department of the Greensboro Daily News has been in town for the past few days in the interest of that publication.

Mr. Belk tells the Democrat that beginning July 1, an automobile service will be started from Greensboro which will put the News in the hands of the Boone reader at 8:00 in the forenoon, this kind of service having been inaugurated first by the Winston-Salem Journal last year. The new service however is of vastly greater importance from the fact that besides delivering the newspaper it is a regular route for first class mail. Letters posted in Winston Salem or Greensboro before 12:30 a. m. will arrive in Boone at 8 the same morning.

From a point of mail service we have been practically isolated from this section thus far, and the management of the News in making this arrangement with the Federal government has rendered this section a signal service.

TOWN LOTS BRING THE HIGH DOLLAR

Globe Auction People Conduct First Sale of the Season. Property on New Street in Great Demand.

The auction sales of the E. N. Hahn and George Phillips Property on Saturday, conducted by the Globe Realty & Auction Co., were signally successful. The Hahn lots, located on Howard, the new Street to be opened from Water Street at the jail to the High School property, were greatly in demand, and the price received thoroughly satisfactory. The Phillips property, formerly owned by Mr. J. T. Miller, was subdivided and sold to the high bidder in record-breaking time and at high prices.

The Globe people have had a part in making things go in this section to be sure, and although they hail from a sister state, have begun to be considered a very necessary home institution. They have handled real estate the auction way in this section for several years and have conducted their business in such a satisfactory way that their services are always in demand, wherever real estate is to be sold.

Colonel Robinson acts as if there might be something further along this line ere long. Let us hope so, as to get new residents it is first necessary to sell them some property. Always glad to have the good natured realtors with us.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY DINNER GIVEN WATAUGA ATTORNEY

Sunday June 15th marked the fifty-sixth milestone in the life of Attorney John Houston Bingham. His neighbors gave him a surprise dinner. During his absence at church the neighbors and relatives erected a table in the yard; John says that it is a good thing that man is in total ignorance of some things. More than one hundred appetites were satisfied and many full baskets left. The utmost fellowship and good cheer prevailed. All of the children and the grandchildren were present. In spirit John was among the youngest one there. There has been no finer occasion in this section for a long time.

CHURCH DIRECTORY—WATAUGA LUTHERAN MISSION

Grace, Boone—Sunday School 10 a. m.; J. M. Moretz, Supt. Luther League 7 p. m. Vilas Moretz, Pres.

Holy Communion—Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Morning Worship 11 a. m. Mrs. Sydney E. Kepner and Mrs. W. F. Morehead are to be present at this service.

Banner Elk—Evening worship 7:30 p. m.

Mt. Zion—Sunday School 10 a. m. Luther League 11:15.

Mt. Pleasant Sunday School 10 a. m. Luther League 2:30 p. m.

Monday June 30 8 p. m. Special services at the Episcopal chapel, Mrs. Sydney E. Kepner and Mrs. W. F. Morehead of Pottstown, Pa. and Salem Virginia, president and vice president of the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran church of America to be present. A cordial invitation to all.

WORK STARTED ON FISH HATCHERY

Generous Action on Part of Good Watauga Citizen Results in Location of Fishery near Rutherford.

Recent visits to this county by Federal and State Fish Commission experts have resulted in the final location of a sight for the much-discussed fish hatchery for Watauga. For a time all hopes of the scheme were abandoned, due to the fact that the only approved site was unavailable, and had it not been for very active work on the part of a few of the more progressive citizens, we could scarcely have had even another hearing on the proposition at this late day.

The hatchery is to be situated near Rutherford six miles from Boone on the lands formerly owned by Mr. Burt Cook. In view of the fact that counties or individuals are expected to donate the lands for such enterprises, it is really Mr. Cook who in the final analysis of the thing is responsible for the decision of the commission. Without one penny of cost he furnished the necessary land, water rights, etc. as designated by the officials and tells the Democrat that the amount of his donation cannot be considered less than \$1,000.00.

Preliminary work started Monday and it is the purpose of the authorities to have fish large enough for stocking adjacent streams by late fall.

The Watauga fishery is for the propagation of brook trout alone, which of all the finny family, are the most perfectly adapted to the waters of this section.

Within the next few years Watauga may be expected to be a veritable angler's paradise. With the replenishing of the streams with the native fish tourists will be more than ever before attracted to this far-famed resort region.

AT LAST—THE ONE PERFECT NEWS STORY

For years young and verdant newspaper men have been instructed, "if a dog bites a man it's not news—if a man bites a dog—that's news."

Thomas Lynch nineteen years old, 841 Harvey avenue, Oak Park, bit a dog, according to the Chicago Tribune of June 9. He admitted to the police that he had been drinking moonshine and later fell in with a large mongrel which he tried to bite. The dog and youth rolled on the street, both trying for a hold. Lynch bit the animal so severely it had to be shot. During the scuffle Lynch kicked a passing woman but she refused to prefer charges against him but he did have to answer the judge concerning disorderly conduct while intoxicated.

TWO PROMINENT WOMEN TO VISIT WATAUGA COUNTY

We call attention again to the coming of Mrs. Sydney R. Kepner and Mrs. W. F. Morehead, president and vice president of the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church of America. These ladies will be in the county June 21 to 25 and will make a tour of the county in the interest of the Watauga Mission. These ladies will be present at a special service at the Episcopal chapel on Monday evening the 23rd of June at 8 o'clock and will deliver addresses. A cordial invitation is extended to all to be present at this service and hear and meet these splendid women of national repute.

Water companies are experimenting with aeration processes that purify the water and remove much of the foreign substances.

Forty-seven farmers sold over \$200 worth of produce at the Burlington curb market in Alamance co. at a recent sales day, reports county agent Scott.

Leaders from among the ranks of the boys' and girls' clubs of North Carolina will gather at the State College for a week's short course on June 23. These boys and girls will be under the careful supervision of workers from the extension division during their stay.