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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

Valle Crucis

The Community Club held an interesting meeting at the public school building Monday night. After the regular business program the club was addressed by our county agent Mr. John Steele, also by Mr. Crowell the county agent for Ashe county, and Mr. Fant of the Agricultural department at Raleigh.

On Sunday an open air service was held at Warren Park, the Methodist and Episcopal congregations joining for the service, which was conducted by Rev. Mr. Burke, rector of the Episcopal church. A number of the visitors were present and at the conclusion of the service a beautiful picnic dinner was enjoyed.

Visitors to the Valley Sunday were Mrs. Joe Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Crisp, Mr. and Mrs. Carol Rabb, Mrs. Carol Moore and son Billy of Lenoir.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Wagoner and children and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Morris and baby of Montcalm, W. Va. were visitors here last week.

Mrs. Mary McKoy left Tuesday morning for her home in Washington State, after a visit of more than a year to relatives here.

Mrs. John Dyer of Mountain City is visiting her sister Mrs. J. L. Tester, and her mother Mrs. Mary Thomas, who has been ill with an abscessed hand for some time, but who is now improving.

Mrs. W. H. Mast has been indisposed for a few days.

Miss Nannie Taylor of the Charlotte Sanatorium at Charlotte, has arrived to spend her vacation of two weeks. She was accompanied by Mr. Ed Murray and his sister Mrs. Mary Murray of Charlotte.

On Friday night a birthday party was given by Mrs. D. F. Mast and Miss Daisy Mast to Mrs. Edward Lund of Orange, N. J.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to the large number of guests present.

Miss Alma Gibson of Kingsport, spent the week end with Misses Susie and Alice Taylor.

Mr. Lionel Harman and family of Richmond, Indiana after an absence of 15 years from Watauga are now visiting relatives in Valle Crucis and Cove Creek.

Foscoe

The people in Foscoe dedicated the new Christian church Sunday June 29th. A large crowd attended, having come from all angles.

After hearing a wonderful sermon delivered by the Rev. E. Roy Genery of Galax, Va. an unusual dinner was served on the beautiful lawn. The table reached across the lawn and was covered with plenty of everything good to eat, which everyone present must have enjoyed to the fullest. The collection which was taken up for the benefit of the new church was something over \$800.

Mrs. Mollie Belle Coffey Williams and boys of Johnson City, Tenn spent the past week end with parents here.

Mr. G. G. Stephens and Mr. Noah Church of Todd were in Foscoe Sunday for the dedication.

Misses Carrie and Hazel Bingham of Amana spent the week end with relatives and friends here.

Miss Annie Danner died at her home near here last Sunday after a short illness.

Mrs. Carrie Walters plans to spend the 4th relatives in Blowing Rock.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10 a. m.
B. Y. P. U. 6:30 p. m.

During the absence of the pastor someone will have charge of the service on the 2nd 3rd and 4th Sundays.

A cordial invitation extended to all to worship with us.

The farm and home agents of the state college extension division will gather for their short course at the college on July 14. The course will extend through the farmers convention on July 23, the agents remaining for this gathering.

DEMOCRATS PUT UP GOOD TICKET

Large Crowds Attend Convention—Names of Those Nominated for the Principal Offices.

The Democratic County Convention which was held in the court house Monday was well attended. Harmony and good cheer seemed to prevail and we can cheerfully say the entire ticket nominated is worthy of the support of the citizens. The convention is to be congratulated upon its fine judgment. Following are the names of the nominees for the most important offices:

For Senate, John E. Brown.
House of Representatives, N. L. Mast.
Sheriff, L. M. Farthing.
Register of Deeds, Mrs. Hattie Johnson.
For County Commissioners: T. H. Coffey, Robert Taylor and W. N. Howell.

Lenoir. There are some eight men in the party and they have been going over the route for more than 30 days now.

Nobody seems to know what the idea is. Some say that the line will connect with the Carolina and Northwestern eight miles out of Lenoir in the direction of the Lost Territory at Edgemont and run back and make a connection with the Norfolk and Western at Bowie in Ashe county.

"You see the whole project of a railroad through that stretch of country would be in the country from Deep Gap toward Lenoir. That once settled upon and provided for the rest would be comparatively easy. Yes we know that it would be possible to get a road through, but it would require considerable engineering skill and then could be done only at great cost. The Mr. James we are working for only comes down from New York every few weeks." Such in substance was the way one of the members of the surveying party explained the situation.

The link which the Norfolk and Western would have to build would be less than 50 miles long and would give the road a straight haul from the coal fields. Mining men around Boone think that valuable mineral deposits could be made available for development by the road.

The principal thing that the road could rely upon would be in the lumber shipments. The Elk Creek Lumber Company of Chicago, owns 60,000 acres said to contain some 510,000,000 feet of fine timber. This Chicago concern is understood to be contemplating the beginning of cutting of their timber and is directly interested in the proposed road. Lumber men say that the company is owned by such financial interests as are able to handle any proposition for development which may be decided upon.

Scouts for the link have visited most of the men who are engaged in the lumber business or who are in a position to know the resources of the section. Prof. B. B. Dougherty, President of the Appalachian Training School at Boone said he spent an entire afternoon closeted with a Norfolk and Western agent giving him facts and figures about possible freightage. This agent has been over the entire section in this fashion. To all inquiries as to what is planned he smiles knowingly and yet mysteriously and contends that he has been instructed to get the facts and above and beyond that he knows nothing.

The increased activity and interest being shown in the line which runs from Abingdon to Todd would indicate that some future development is planned. At present the Norfolk and Western is spending \$400,000 in building new bridges over the numerous streams which the line spans in its mountain trip, I was told. It was further said that heavier rails were being placed and the road being put in A-1 condition. Over a distance of several miles which I covered on foot I found that new ties had recently been added and a better ballast fixed. The work crews of the road are making their headquarters here.

You see the Norfolk and Western has it figured out that unless they get busy, and that pretty soon this section is going to be lost to them, was the way Tam Bowie doped it out.

MAY HAVE UNTIL 15 TO GET AUTO PLATE

Immense Task of Registering Titles and Issuing New Licenses Make Extension of Time Limit Necessary

Automobile owners of North Carolina will have until July 15 to obtain state licenses and register title to their autos. This extension was granted by Secretary of State W. N. Everett, who has recently visited several of the branch offices of the automobile department of the office of the secretary of state. The time would otherwise have expired at the close of June 30.

At Morganton, Lenoir, Statesville, Salisbury, Lexington, High Point and Winston Salem he found large groups of people trying to obtain their license and register their automobiles. Some of them, he said, had been standing in line for hours unable to reach the registration and license desk.

"It is unfair to subject these people who want to trade with the state of North Carolina to arrest for not having obtained license and registered their automobiles," said Mr. Everett. "In view of this obvious application of justice," he added, "I have extended the time until July 15 and will appreciate it if this statement receives wide publicity."

As a result of Mr. Everett's extension of time limit, no owner of an automobile will be subject to arrest for not having current license plates until after July 15.

There are thirty eight branch offices in the state. Mr. Everett says the main office at Raleigh expects to maintain these branch offices for the cost of mailing out the license from Raleigh. Thus far the project has worked out satisfactorily and justifies the aims of the department. The registration of title requirements renders the purchase of licenses a longer process than would otherwise be the case Mr. Everett states. The department is working on plans to further improve the service for automobile owners.

Local state officials, local municipal and State authorities insist that owners will not be permitted to drive if they haven't made applications for license by the 15th.

CHAIRMAN BROWN OF TOUR THANKS NORTHWEST FOLK

By John M. Brown chairman of Know Your State Tour no. 1 through Northwestern Carolina in the Winston Salem Journal.

I wish it were possible for me to see every citizen of the counties visited by our "Know Your State Tour" and convey to them personally the sincere appreciation of Winston-Salem for the whole-hearted way in which our tour was received.

At every stop and on every road side we were extended greetings that showed they came from the heart. When we were privileged to stop they shook our hands and fed us bounteously. Where we could not stop we had waved to us a hearty greeting and a fond farewell.

The reception accorded the tour as a unit did not surpass our reception as individuals. There was no hesitancy on the part of any man woman or child on the entire tour in looking to the pleasure and comfort of the individuals of the tour. The men were out with a handshake and a welcome—the ladies and children were serving us with food and drink at every stop and the children, some of them hardly waist high, were pulling us down and pinning flowers on our coats to show us that they too, were glad to see us.

The traffic storm which caught our party on the last lap of its journey brought very forcibly to the attention of our committees in charge just what the tour had meant to the personnel of the tour. Drenched garments, muddy roads and delays in schedules could and did not affect the high spirit of enthusiasm which at all times was so much in evidence. The links of friendship formed by your reception and the pleasant memories of our visit could not be washed out. They are there to stay.

The committees whose faith in your people prompted them to give the necessary time and labor to make this tour possible, and the citizenship of Winston-Salem at large, hope and believe that this is the first step in the complete unification of north-west North Carolina—the greatest country on God's green earth.

McADOO LEADING WITH 503 VOTES

According to the latest wire report from the Democratic National Convention in New York, as we go to press, McAdoo at the end of the 43rd ballot leads with 503.4 votes. Smith has 318.6, while Davis falls to 67.

AVERY CO. MAN SHOT BY SHERIFF

Will Hurst Shot and Killed by Sheriff Vance when he "Decides to Take Charge of Smoky Mountain" The following in regard to the recent shooting in Avery county is taken from the Elk Park News, information of the affair having reached this office after our edition was off the press last week.

On Wednesday of this week Will Hurst and nephew decided to take charge of Smoky Mountain, near Newland, N. C. in Allen Clan fashion and drive all the inhabitants away by firing on all those who came and went. Mr. P. A. Vance, the sheriff was informed of the trouble, accompanied by his deputy, Mr. Bowman and another man, immediately proceeded to the place where the outlaws had taken their stand and after considerable maneuvering, succeeded in locating them at Will Hurst's home. Mr. Bowman being the first to come in contact with them, he being in such close quarters with them, was forced to surrender one of his weapons, a shot gun, and in the meantime was covered with both men's guns.

Mr. Vance, having gone a different direction, happened on the scene, but in rear of the men, and after due precaution slipped near enough to reach behind Will Hurst and snatch his revolver from him, while Mr. Bowman proceeded to handcuff him and Hurst, seeing an opportunity, snatched Mr. Bowman's revolver from him, firing on him two or three times, without effect, then turning on Mr. Vance, shooting him in the left forearm. Mr. Vance realizing the danger confronting him, fired on Hurst, shooting him square through which caused instant death. Hurst's nephew did not take much hand in the affair, proceeded to make his escape but was overhauled by the man who had accompanied the sheriff and his deputy.

Mr. Hurst was known as a man of bad reputation and greatly feared by all law abiding citizens. He leaves a wife and three children.

Mr. Vance is now in the Grace hospital at Banner Elk, nursing a badly broken and shattered arm.

NEW HIGHWAY TO BLOWING ROCK TO BE OPENED SOON

A new road, offering a more direct route to Charlotte to Blowing Rock will be opened for travel July 19, when state highway engineers will declare the stretch between Newton and Lincoln ready for traffic.

The stretch between Lincoln and Newton has been paved with concrete and is 18 miles long. The road is 18 feet wide and it is expected that the concrete will be sufficiently settled to permit traffic within 10 days.

The opening of the new road will give two roads between Charlotte and Blowing Rock. The other is via Statesville, and is between two and three miles longer than the road through Lincoln.

There is only one detour on the Statesville road, this one being only a distance of three miles, just outside of Statesville. By way of Lincoln there is a stretch between Charlotte and Mount Holly and another between Lincoln and Gastonia, not yet paved.

Motorists leaving Charlotte for the Blue Ridge Mountains can reach Blowing Rock in three hours driving time. Most of the route is paved and those stretches not hard surfaced are sand-clay constructed and are in very good condition.

—Charlotte Observer.

On account of a shut down in the electric power service yesterday, we go to press this week with four pages instead of the customary eight. Inability to operate our type-casting machine on the busy day forces us to omit some valuable "copy". We promise the regular size sheet next week.

—The Publisher.

A. T. S. HONORS THE WINSTONIAN

Other Items of General Interest from the school and town at Large, by our Regular Correspondent.

There was an informal gathering at Mr. B. J. Council's one evening recently and it was made an enjoyable occasion by miscellaneous conversation and the singing of old time southern melodies. They remained far beyond the intended time for departure and left delighted with kind hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Council.

Miss Reba Hampton, a student in the summer school, greatly surprised her many friends by secretly marrying on the past Sunday.

Virginia, daughter of Mr. Will Hodges of Boone, died at her sister's home in Boone on the morning of the 25th. Their friends are in sympathy with the bereaved ones.

The coming of the delegation of Winston-Salem's fine business men, numbering about 200, was indeed most pleasing to the people of Boone and the Training School. They arrived in Boone about 7:30 and were given breakfast by the Training School at Lovill Home, and the school was delighted to entertain these distinguished men. After breakfast all came to the new auditorium, at the school where they were given a hearty welcome by the faculty and large student body. The program began with the singing of the school song, "The North Carolina Hills" followed by the stanza: "Winston-Salem, we've been thinking, what a fine place this would be, if Boone Trail were but connected from your town to Tennessee." Mr. W. H. Gragg, president of Boone Chamber of Commerce, presided and introduced as the first speaker President B. B. Dougherty of the Training School, who gave a most appropriate talk sounding a hearty note of welcome to these distinguished visitors. He next introduced Col. Dwire of the Winston Sentinel who presided, and introduced Prof. Brown of Winston-Salem who made a pleasing and interesting talk. The band accompanying the visitors gave several fine selections. No more enthusiastic gathering has been seen in Boone. All were delighted to have them and shall gladly welcome them at any time.

Capt. E. F. Lovill Chairman of the board of trustees, was given a hearty reception of honor on Friday. Add to A.T.S. NEWS 6.....

Prof. Frederick D. Losey, Shakespearean interpreter and impersonator, who gave four numbers before the summer school on Friday and Saturday, made a most thoughtful and inspiring address to the student body at Chapel Saturday morning.

Boone has been treating her visitors to an unusual type of warm weather, not nearly so warm, however as they would have had at home. The refreshing rains of last night have brought with them the usual summer temperature.

Rev. M. B. Woosley and Messrs J. S. Stansbury and E. N. Hahn report an unusually fine session of the Methodist district conference which they attended at Spartan the past week, while Mr. C. F. Dixon brings back enthusiastic reports of the Epworth League Conference at Greensboro.

Prof. R. M. Brown of the State Welfare Department, was a pleasant and pleasant visitor at the Training School for several days last week. His friends here are always glad to see him come.

The campus presented a deserted appearance on Monday. Almost the entire summer school went on a sight seeing trip through the Linville Gorge and to Johnson City. There is no finer scenery than this in eastern America and the railroad officials show themselves exceedingly kind to the school in making these trips possible.

A number of the teachers from the Training School spent the week end away from Boone. Dr. Rankin visiting his mother and relatives in Salisbury, Prof. Moser and family going to Cherryville and Prof. B. L. Smith and family accompanied by Mrs. J. D. Rankin, going to Rutherford College.

Aifalfa is becoming a valuable hay crop in North Carolina. Many farmers are using it to advantage as a grazing crop and for hay. This fall is a good time to start some land to be ready for planting the crop next fall.

—The Publisher.