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

Valle Crucis

Summer visitors from the lowlands of many states are enjoying our summer climate and other attractions which this section has to offer. Mr. Brown a retired missionary from India but now from Birmingham, Alabama, is spending a while at Mrs. T. H. Taylor's. Miss Mary Hunter of Henderson a former teacher of the Mission School is spending the summer at Mrs. C. D. Taylor's. Mrs. Chas Menzies and son of Hickory are visiting at Mrs. T. H. Taylor's. Mrs. Mary Thomas has returned from Mountain City where she spent a week end with her daughter Mrs. John Dyer.

The boy scout troop of this place entertained the party of twenty five Boy Scouts from Lillington, N. C. who were camping here, at the Mission school on Tuesday night. On Friday night of this week the boy scouts will have an ice cream supper on the lawn at the Methodist Church.

A tea room has been opened in the Ives Cottage near the Mission School and is being successfully managed by Mrs. Sarah Draughn and Miss Ola Tester.

The Community Club has recently had dressing rooms built by the swimming pool near Mr. J. M. Shulls also the club has put up some road signs, which will be helpful to the traveling public.

Mrs. C. W. V. has recently visited the home of her brother C. W. V. at...

Brookside

Mr. Vance C. Howell son of W. N. Howell is now attending one of the higher universities of learning in New York City. Vance has been climbing the ladder of knowledge for several years and seems to have his ideal stationed at the top.

Mrs. G. H. McGlavery a splendid Christian wife and mother died at her home last Sunday the 14th of July, and buried on the following day at Pilot Mountain Church.

Mr. John L. Tatum has been making some regular trips to Abingdon, Va. which finally resulted in the purchase of a \$7,000 farm within the incorporate limits of that splendid town. Of course Mr. Tatum will not move from Brookside. The purchase was made for his youngest daughter Mrs. C. D. Watson.

Mr. R. L. Seatz of Sands, N. C. who is representing the Stark Nursery Co. has been visiting this section. Mr. Seatz is a widower and may be looking out for something which he may consider as sweet as his "golden delicious apples" which he says are sure good.

Z. T. Watson has purchased a Ford truck and says that he hopes to get back from market this year in time to be at the election, as he missed it two years ago. As his wagon was tramped on low gear, the motor by which it was propelled.

News has reached Todd that Mr. Hanes, Chairman of the State Highway Commission, has decided to finish up No. 69 State Highway so as to connect up Jefferson with Boone. Nothing is more badly needed, so let us hope, trust and pray.

Mr. C. M. Blackburn is now building a splendid barn, and in the near future will erect a modern dwelling on his farm at Brookside.

The Democratic County Convention is to be congratulated for nominating Mr. W. N. Howell for county commissioner. That is the way to do business—put out a man with experience and business tact sufficient to hold down the job. There is no politics in the office of county commissioner, but a place where some good sound judgment can be used, and where equal power is given each member of the board.

"Ordered to date 11,500 pounds of vetch seed," is the way county agent W. H. Barton reports on the way Richmond County farmers are preparing for more fertile lands.

Foscoe

Miss Alena McCain came down from Blowing Rock Sunday. She brought a beautiful Indian girl with her.

Miss Emma and Minnie Coffey accompanied her back to Blowing Rock. They report a jolly time on their trip.

64 of our Sunday School took the morning train for our picnic at Linville and quite a few rode in cars. We reached Linville for Sunday School and heard a fine sermon by the Presbyterian preacher, then we retired to the grove for dinner. We viewed the city and returned to the evening train. All seemed to enjoy the day fine.

Mr. Ed Ramsey the mail carrier and Mr. Fred Coffey of Banner Elk visited Foscoe Sunday.

Mr. J. Brinkley's brother Dan is on a vacation here for a few weeks from Princeton, W. Va. He is the proprietor of a hotel there.

Mr. Hamlet, wife and two little girls of West Virginia visited their aunt Mrs. McCain last week.

Mr. Ed. Robbins of Blowing Rock will preach in Foscoe next Sunday. Come out and hear him.

We were pleased to have our friends Mr. G. G. Stephens and Mr. Noah Church of Meat Camp with us on our picnic to Linville.

Deep Gap

The surveying crew is now at work around Deep Gap and at this writing are going in the direction of Bowie and it seems that the railroad people mean business.

We can only live in hopes for future developments along this line and what will be the outcome of the project at this writing we cannot say but we do hope that in the course of time to see a railroad track rounding the curves of Deep Gap with a mighty locomotive hauling freight to other lines which might make up the commerce of this undeveloped section of the country.

The short line railroad of the Deep Gap Tie and Lumber Co., Inc. at this writing have failed to reach their goal on account of steel railing which they expected of being in, that was delayed in shipment.

They will complete their extension just as soon as it arrives.

Mrs. Amelia Luther has been very much indisposed and at this writing is a very sick lady, but we hope she will improve in health ere long.

Mr. Darwin Smith of this place has the local agency for Ford cars and trucks and if you wish to purchase a Lizzie or truck he will be glad to talk the matter over with you and arrange terms to suit you.

The local school at Rocky Point opened last week on Monday. The teachers are the Watson sisters that taught in the Cove Creek High school near Sugar Grove.

The attendance has been very good and we find lots of children of school age still out of school. This is a deplorable condition and we think of that compulsory education law must be enforced by the parents, school committees and the people and if they do not fall in line the sooner that it is enforced the better it will be for all concerned.

Let's fill the school room full of bright children and give them an education. Your own child may be a link in the future development of the nation, so send them in and give them a chance. Remember that Abe Lincoln never had a chance that your child has, yet his memory will never die as long as a page of history remains.

Crops are looking fine in this section and we believe a very good crop yield will be the result if we have a good balanced season until fall comes.

The banner year in wool production in North Carolina was in 1923 when the state produced 1,980,000 pounds. In 1922 the production was 385,000 pounds, reports V. W. Lewis, livestock marketing specialist.

SPECIAL SESSION CALLED AUG. 7TH

Will Consider Report of Water Transportation Commission — Freight Rates are Too High.

Raleigh July 17.—Governor Morrison issued the proclamation to the general assembly today calling the special session to be convened Thursday August 7, at 11 o'clock.

The formal call sets forth two reasons for the sessions, the necessity for correcting the error in the act creating a sinking fund for the state bonds and the advisability of undertaking immediate steps to lower freight rates through the inauguration of a water commerce development program as recommended by the ship and water transportation commission. Other business meriting attention may also be transacted in accordance with the legislature's constitutional prerogative.

Although sticking to his previously announced determination to ask for a referendum on the report of the ship commission, the governor in the proclamation expresses himself as follows:

"It is of supreme interest to the welfare of the state that docking and terminal facilities shall be provided at a number of our towns and cities situated on navigable waters, and that in the event private parties cannot be induced to do so, that the state shall lease or buy and operate lines of ships for the transportation of commerce, in order that the only competition recognized by law for railroad transportation will be available to the people of the state."

The governor proposes to go before the special session with a strong appeal for the construction of terminal facilities, the creation of a permanent port body and for appropriations to carry out the recommendations of the ship commission, asking that legislative machinery be set on foot for undertaking to set up and that the matter of making it operative be submitted to the voters in the next general election. He will also recommend joint action by the state and federal government in cutting the projected canal from Morehead City to the Cape Fear River.

The proclamation follows: "To the Honorable, the General Assembly of North Carolina: "Believing that an extraordinary occasion for a special session of the general assembly, such as is referred to in article III of section 3 of the constitution of our state, has arisen and exists as hereinafter set forth and my own belief being strengthened by the council of the state duly given me in a resolution adopted by the council at a meeting on the 16th day of June 1924.

"Now therefore I, Cameron Morrison, governor of North Carolina do hereby issue this proclamation calling your honorable body to meet in extraordinary session on Thursday August 7, at 11 o'clock a. m. in the state capitol at Raleigh, and I respectfully request that the senators and members of the house of representatives assemble in their respective halls on the day and hour mentioned, for the purpose of meeting the emergency which have arisen by reason of the fact.

"That the proposed amendment to the constitution of the state relating to the state's sinking fund might be considered to prevent the placing of any part of the revenue derived from the tax on licenses to motor vehicles and gasoline into the sinking fund, and that it subsists to the people in its present form is so harmful to the credit of the state, to such a serious extent as makes it necessary for the general assembly to consider a correction thereto before it is submitted to the vote of the people for adoption.

"And for the further reason: "That the freight rates now being paid by the people of this state are unjustly high and that the carriers of freight in a rate re-adjustment proceeding pending before the interstate Commerce Commission are asking for increases which would place a further burden upon the people of the state aggregating approximately ten millions of dollars annually.

"And, whereas, the state ship and water transportation commission appointed at the last regular session of the general assembly after prolonged consideration of the matter has recommended that the state develop certain conveniences to encourage

CO. CHEESE FACTRY GETS HIGH SCORES

Beaver Dam Factory Takes Highest Honor at First Scoring Contest of the Year.

The first cheese scoring contest of this year was held July 15th at the Haywood Cheese Factory, Dellwood N. C. Mr. Reeves Noland judged the cheese. The scores were as follows:

Beaver Dam factory, Watauga Co. 95.75.
Haywood County Factory 95.
Silverstone Factory, Watauga Co. 93.75.
Cool Springs Factory, Watauga Co. 92.50.
Brushy Fork Factory, Watauga Co. 92.50.
Horse Shoe Factory, Henderson Co. 92.50.
Democrat Factory, Buncombe Co. 91.50.
Twin Oaks Factory, Alleghany Co. 88.
Cove Creek Factory, Watauga Co. 87.50.

The next scoring will be held Sept. 15 at Brushy Fork Cheese Factory, Vilas, N. C. The last scoring at Asheville on Nov. 15th. Cheese makers should make a cheese at once for the Sept. 15th scoring if they do not have one already made. They should also make one for the Winston Salem State Fair and National Dairy Show. H. L. WILSON, Cheese Specialist.

DIXIE THEATER BUILDING WILL BE BEST IN THIS SECTION

Work is going rapidly forward on the new theater building. The metal ceiling has been put up, and Contractor Knapp has it already decorated in panel and bleed decorations. The walls will be laid off in relief and stencils with a dado at bottom of walls of cane stone. The woodwork is to be finished in natural mahogany to correspond with the mahogany seats of that wood which are expected to arrive soon. Knapp will complete the entire job, and from the appearance of the first few days work he has put in, the finished thing will really be a super-product. It would be worth your while to drop in and see the decorations thus far completed, as only by seeing can the harmony of the blends be appreciated. It is freely predicted that when complete the theater will be one of the finest in western North Carolina. The management is sparing nothing that would add to its attractiveness, and expect to put out the best shows procurable.

water transportation from and to the state, and under certain circumstances, establish a line of coastwise freight carrying ships and have expressed the opinion that through this means alone can the state be protected and lower freight rates obtained.

"And whereas it is absolutely necessary to protect the credit of the state that the amendment to the constitution relating to the sinking fund shall be so changed as to make it clear that certain portions of the fund derived from the automobile and gasoline tax may be placed in a sinking fund for the redemption of the bonds as we are now doing, but could not do if the construction were amended as proposed.

"And whereas it is of supreme interest to the welfare of this state that docking and terminal facilities shall be provided for a number of our towns and cities situated on navigable waters, and that in the event private parties cannot be induced to do so, that the state shall lease or buy and operate lines of ships for the transportation of commerce in order that the only competition recognized by law for railroad transportation will be available to the people of the state.

"I therefore make this proclamation in order that you may assemble and enact such legislation as you may think expedient and necessary to relieve the situations referred to and for such other purposes as may in your judgment merit your attention.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed Done in the city of Raleigh this the Sixteenth day of July in the year of our Lord, One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Twenty Four, and in the one hundred and forty ninth year of our American independence. "CAMERON MORRISON, Governor"

ANOTHER PEST HITS WATAUGA

Mexican Bean Beetle Destructive in Cove Creek and Valle Crucis and Spreading Over the County.

Watauga county, though free from the boll weevil and the pink worm and the other cotton pests, but we have our troubles nevertheless. Today we are informed by the county agent, John B. Steele, that the Mexican bean beetle has struck the county and is rapidly demolishing the beans. The county agent has this to say about the new visitor: "The bean beetle in its first stage looks very much like the potato bug, except it is light yellow and is covered with 'stickers' giving it a fuzzy appearance. The eggs are deposited on the under side of the leaves where the young soon hatch and begin feeding. The adult beetle is light yellow with a hard shell, very much resembling the potato beetle the smaller in size. From one to two months are required for a new generation of these pests to develop.

The Mexican bean beetle feeds on the common bean and is often found on beggar weeds and Spanish needles. Sometimes it does damage to peas, beans and clovers. It always feeds on the under sides of the leaf, never eating through, so it is impossible to poison this insect by mixing the poison on the top of the leaves.

This beetle may be killed by using arsenate of lead, either as a spray or as dust, but this poison is injurious to the bean plants when applied in sufficient quantity to exterminate the beetle. The various state experiment stations in working with this pest have found that the calcium arsenate and sulphur gives the best results. This may be applied at the rate of one ounce of the poison to three gallons of the water when used as a spray, or one pound of the poison and one pound of sulphur to three pounds of hydrated lime, when used as a dust.

There is none of this calcium arsenate in the county at this present time, but several mail orders have been placed and think they will arrive in a few days.

In spraying or dusting for the bean weevil care must be taken to get the poison on the bottom of the leaves. The blow gun nozzle must be directed downwards, straight up, and from both sides of the row if you are to master the situation. It would also be wise to pick them off by hand when they first appear as it is really the second crop that does the greatest damage.

This new visitor seems to have come to stay and it is wise for every farmer to examine their beans closely to see if he has yet put in his appearance in their garden. You will recognize his work by the yellowish appearance of the leaves. If it is present the battle should begin before the beans are entirely demolished. If it is not present you had better get your gun and ammunition ready, because it is only a matter of time until they will cover this entire section and from that time you will not only have to plant and cultivate your beans but you will have to fight for them if you have any.

Plans being completed for Sunday School Convention

Programs are out and plans are being rapidly completed for the Sunday School convention to be held at the Watauga Hotel, Boone, N. C. It is expected that there will be good attendance from various parts of the county at the 14th meeting. The opening session will be Saturday night at 8:00 o'clock, then sessions will be held Sunday morning and afternoon, the convention closing Sunday night.

Officers in charge of plans and program for the convention have announced that the program has been prepared with the idea of having "a convention for the discussion of practical problems." The plan is to make it possible for workers of all departments of the Sunday School to receive practical suggestions concerning their specific work.

During the convention there will be question and discussion periods when those present will be given an opportunity to present their Sunday School problems for discussion and to make suggestions on Sunday School work.

The convention is inter denominational and workers from all Sunday Schools of all evangelical denominations are invited to participate in the work. The Watauga County Sunday School Association under whose direction the convention is being held is one of the seventy six county Sunday School Associations now organized in the state in connection with the work of the North Carolina Sunday School Association.

DR. PETER HAYES DIES SUDDENLY

Second Term of Summer School Has Fifty More Students than Ever Before—Other News.

Mrs. Bonnie Farthing and Miss Legett of Boon visited friends in Boone the past week.

Misses Lois and Lina Fletcher of Lenoir spent a part of the past week with friends in Boone.

Several truck loads of agricultural boys from Currituck county, spent some time in Boone a few days since. They were on a tour through the western part of the state.

A baseball game between Boone and the boy scouts from Lillington, who were camping in the county resulted in a score of 6 to 2 in favor of the Boone boys.

On Friday evening the ladies of the Methodist church gave two short plays in the court house, which attracted quite a crowd, and all present greatly enjoyed the local talent performance in "Not a Man in the House," and "Sewing for the Heavens."

All of the county was saddened at the sudden death of Dr. Hayes known by his many friends as Dr. Peter Hayes on Thursday of the past week. Dr. Hayes was accustomed to spend some time each summer visiting friends in this county. His home was in Elizabethton, Tennessee, but he had many friends and relatives in this county. He was taken suddenly ill on Thursday morning and died within about three hours from the time he was taken sick. He was buried at Cove Creek, the funeral service being held in Cove Creek Baptist Church. Prof. B. B. Dougherty and others spoke in appreciation of this good man. Dr. Hayes was one of those men whom every one was always glad to see. He seemed to be a friend of every one. He was always a welcome visitor at the Training School.

The second term of the summer school at the Training School opened the past week with a considerably increased number, there being about fifty more than the school has ever had before at this time. The number in attendance has increased very rapidly within the past year or two. For the year ending June 30, 1924 there were 1185, counting only those in the high school and the Normal, not considering those in the model and in the county schools.

GIRLS HAVE MANY EXPERIENCES ON HIKING TRIP

On a recent Saturday a party composed of the following girls from the A. T. S. left Boone at 7 p. m. on a rather extended hiking trip through part of three states: Misses Jessie Steele, Emmitt Steele, Sallie Outlaw, Lona Radford, Bette Stephens, Bessie Bradsher, Janie Bradsher.

The ladies had no particular objective in view other than that of getting out in the open and seeing some of the surrounding country. They spent the first night in Zionville, N. C. On Saturday night they had tea at Damascus, Va.; Monday night was spent in Chilhowie, Va., the trip having been made through Mountain City, Tenn., and Glade Springs, Va.

The hiking party was sandwiched between various kinds of rides the young ladies reported. They were given a ride in the front of a car from the high school to Boone, the pleasure drivers to the high school. They were given a ride in the back of a car to the high school. They were given a ride in the front of a car from the high school to Boone, the pleasure drivers to the high school. They were given a ride in the back of a car to the high school.

Out of the 120 miles traveled 20 of these miles were difficult. The gay young party returned to Boone Tuesday at 6:20 p. m.

Sales on the Henderson curb market now amount to over \$400 each week. About forty farmers are selling regularly there now.