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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

Stony Fork

Mr. J. S. Greene of our community has returned from the Wilkes Hospital. We are glad to have him back with us and to know that he stood his operation so much better than the doctor expected. We are all hoping he will soon be well again. He wishes to thank his many friends for showing him so much kindness during his illness.

We are glad to know that Mrs. D. L. Wellborn is still improving.

Rev. Ed Hodges of Boone came to Stony Fork to hold a few days revival, and Rev. Finley Watts of New Hope Church is helping in the meeting.

Mr. Lawrence Green visited his home folks on last Sunday night. He has been working on the tractor near Boone.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Watson have a new boy.

Miss Pearl Welch is spending a few days with them.

Mr. Gurnie Smith has gone to Valle Crucis to work.

Miss Flora Greene spent the night with Miss Jennie Greene on last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Greene made a business trip to North Wilkesboro.

Mr. Lawrence Green took Mr. I. M. Cook to North Wilkesboro hospital yesterday and returned in the afternoon. Mr. Cook seems to be improving.

Miss Jennie Greene spent the night with Mrs. Winnie Miller last Monday night.

Mrs. L. M. Cook has returned from the Wilkes hospital. We are glad to have her back home.

Foscoe

Sunday was a fine day for the Foscoe folks. Rev. Eber Gragg preached a good sermon in the forenoon, then President J. Hopwood of Milligan College, Tenn., gave a nice talk to the Sunday School boys which was enjoyed by all. I think Mr. Gragg was one of the happiest men I ever saw, as his children were all here. Mrs. Moore and husband of Collettsville, Mr. Watt and Russell of Boone with their families added to his pleasure. They all spent the afternoon with Mrs. Charlie Moore.

Mrs. Maud Estus and children of Boone were here. They visited her sister Mrs. Charlie Moore.

Mrs. Frank Robbins of Boone is visiting her sister Mrs. Olive Coffey. She will visit her brother Mr. Sherman Calaway at Pineola this week.

The Rev. J. L. Hamlet and family of West Va. spent some time visiting their aunt Mrs. W. M. McCaine and other relatives.

We were pleased to have Messrs G. G. Stephens, Noah Church and Ronda Davis of Meat Camp with us Sunday.

Mr. Henry Coffey of Blowing Rock was here Sunday.

I must speak of the gardening here. I have never seen anything more beautiful than my garden and others. I visited Mrs. Charlie Rowe the other day. We spent some time in her garden. It is fine. If you will come to Foscoe we women will tell you how we make good gardens and Mr. Henry Brinkley can tell you how to catch fish.

YOUNG SET ENJOY PICNIC

Deep Gap was the scene of fun and merry-making last Monday evening when a lively party composed of the younger set of the town assembled there to enjoy a picnic. After eating supper the party gathered around the big bon fire and sang songs until the time for returning came. Those enjoying the picnic were Misses Ruth Robbins, Louise Coffey, Ruth Johnson, Ruby Cottrell, Ruby Winkler, Eric Greer, Alice Council, Mary Annie Trivett, Margaret Hahn and guest Uea Corpening of Lenoir. Mr. Fred Anders, Kenneth Linney, Blaine Trivett, Archie Qualls, Glenn Lewis, Paul Winkler, Hal Corpening of Lenoir, Hubert Coffey and Grant Hodges. The chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Qualls.

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a. m. "The School with the glad hand." Preaching at 11 a. m. No service at the evening hour. Epworth League 7:15 p. m. Wednesday prayer service 8 p. m. Blowing Rock—Sunday School 10. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

LONG PRESIDES AT NEXT TERM

Fall Session Watauga Superior Court First Monday in September. Ben. F. Long Will Preside—List of the Jurors Drawn.

Following is the list of jurors that have been drawn for the full term of Watauga Superior court which will convene on Monday September 1st, with Judge B. F. Long of Statesville presiding.

First week. Sylvester Phillips, W. L. Byland, S. A. Norris, W. A. Proffit, T. M. Jones, Lee Green, A. E. Wellborn, J. C. Ashley, Stacy Ford, J. A. Lentz, C. G. Hodges, Rodney Greene, Jacob Hayes, Charlie Simmons, C. C. Farthing, James Hodges Jr. C. M. Greer, John Dugger, Henderson Gragg, R. N. Taylor, R. P. Walker, N. H. Earp, Robert Tester James Hubbard, L. D. Tester, Oscar Ward, Lee Presnell, Joe N. Eller, Geo. Robinson, J. S. Snyder, A. G. Wilson, W. H. Harbin, S. B. Adams, J. F. Oliver, Hiram Hockaday, J. R. May.

Second week. J. F. Potter, Nathan Winebarger, J. F. Proffit, Claude Norris, C. K. Lookabill, R. W. Idol, McD. Wagner, W. L. Holshouser, H. C. Hodges, G. B. Miller, W. Henry Greene, W. W. Gragg, W. R. Anderson, Z. V. Brown, Miles A. Ward, J. M. Matheson, E. H. Perry, Horace Greer.

"MUST GO ON WITH ROAD PROGRAM"

Governor Morrison Declares We Must Not Stop Until Every Main Highway in North Carolina is a Hard-Surface Class "A" Road.

"We must go on with our system of highway construction until every main highway in North Carolina is hard surfaced and a class 'A' road," Governor Morrison said in an address recently before a meeting of the legislators and good roads enthusiasts of western North Carolina.

Governor Morrison spoke on the road system, the finance plan and construction, on the fish and game conservation issue and the port terminal project. "I want to see North Carolina increase her road bond issue to \$100,000,000," the governor said. "The additional 35 millions will give North Carolina the finest system of roads under the stars, and we are going to have them. There is no argument about that. I have traveled over the state, and everywhere the people are a unit in favor of more good roads."

"It may not be good politics to bring this matter before the special assembly, but I am not making any promises as to that. I would like to see the entire program put over while the present administration is in power, but it may be wiser to let the incoming administration do this, since they will have to do the work. But regardless of whether it comes before the special session or the general assembly next January, it will go over, and without any difficulty, you good roads enthusiasts need to have no fear on that score. It is coming, and there is nothing in the wide world that can stop it."

Although he did not commit himself definitely, Governor Morrison intimated in his speech that he would urge the special session of the legislature to take action on increasing the road bonds to \$100,000,000.

Decision to ask the special session of the general assembly next month for legislation protecting the fish and game of western North Carolina and a general discussion of legislative needs of this section featured meetings of the special fish and game committee of western North Carolina Incorporated, and a group of legislators. The committee meeting opened prior to the general legislative meeting.

SPECIAL EXCURSION TO JOHNSON CITY

On next Monday there will be an excursion train run over the road between Boone and Johnson City for the benefit of the student body of the A. T. S. and others who may want to go. The round trip ticket will cost \$1.50. The train will be in the possession of the party for the entire trip, leaving Boone at 6:15 a. m. and returning on a schedule to suit the crowd. Stops can be made along the way if desired. The Johnson City Chamber of Commerce will meet the train with autos for the purpose of showing visitors the most important points about the town.

BRIEF NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Some of the Most Important Happenings of the Last Few Days of State, National and World Wide Importance—for the Busy Reader.

Announcement is made of the purchase of the Western North Carolina Times, a semi-weekly paper published at Hendersonville, by New York and Florida business men who have located in that city. The paper will be issued as a daily under the new management and J. T. Graves will be the editor.

Oliver O. Provosty, former Chief Justice of the Supreme court of Louisiana, died at his home in New Orleans on the 3rd, the 72nd anniversary of his birth.

The new Odd Fellows building which has been under construction at Raleigh for some months has been opened for occupancy. The ground floor is devoted to stores while the upper stories are for offices, the lodge rooms of the order being on the 10th and ninth floors.

Mrs. Rosalie Evans, formerly of Erowsville, Texas and a widow of the former president of the Bank of Landon in Mexico was shot dead recently near Texmelucan state of Puebla recently, the slayers being unknown.

The young man named Caldwell, who attempted to forge a draft for \$150 on a bank in Gastonia last week has been bound over to the superior court under a bond of \$1,000.

Twenty five thousand federal income tax payers will get rebates within the next thirty days under the Simmons tax bill. The total refund in this state will amount to a quarter million dollars, internal revenue collector Gilliam Grissom has announced.

According to a dispatch from Raleigh sixty one automobiles, valued at more than \$30,000 were recovered during the month of July by the Theft department of the motor bureau in co-operation with local and federal authorities. One of the worst gangs of automobile thieves in the south was also broken up during the month, the announcement stated.

Honduras is again in the throes of a revolution. San Marcos de Cajon was attacked by 400 insurgents. Many were killed and wounded on both sides.

William T. Tilden, national tennis champion defeated A. H. Chapin Jr. of Mass in the final match of the Southern California tennis tournament in Los Angeles on the 3rd.

A severe cloudburst in northwestern Chatham county early Sunday did considerable damage to roads and bridges.

A party from Yadkinville enjoyed an outing to Grandfather mountain last Saturday and Sunday, being joined there by others from Banner Elk and Johnson City, who were formerly residents of Yadkin county.

Wilmington—"I hope that I will live long enough to see reputable lawyers decline to represent persons who are charged with crimes of as heinous nature as that committed in the wilds of Brunswick county Tuesday afternoon when Leon George and Sam Lily were shot from ambush and instantly killed," said Judge Geo. Harris in commenting on the crime from the bench in recorder's court. "Crimes of this nature," he said "will be committed just as long as these people think they can employ able counsel which always increases their chances of defeating the ends of justice."

REV. HUGGINS WILL ARRIVE FOR SUNDAY SERVICE

Dear Editor: We are leaving for home Tuesday morning. It will be a long and hard journey but we hope to arrive for the services next Sunday. We are anxious to get back to see old friends. Have been here at Lockport two weeks in a revival meeting. Meetings are being held in all the Baptist churches of the county. We close tonight. Have had a good meeting. I baptized six this afternoon in the Kentucky River. Four others have been restored and taken in by watch care. We hope for further results tonight. Blessings upon the Baptists of Boone and Blowing Rock and love to all. F. M. HUGGINS. Lockport, Ky.

FARMERS WILL TOUR WATAUGA

Soil Tillers from Western and Piedmont Carolina Will Observe Work of Re-Foresting and Fruit-Growing.

There will be a large group of farmers from the western and Piedmont counties of North Carolina to make a tour through Iredell, Catawba, Burke, McDowell, Buncombe, Yancey, Mitchell, Avery and Watauga, to observe the work that is being done in those counties along the lines of re-foresting and fruit growing. Other lines will be given attention but these two will be given the chief notice.

The tour will start at Statesville on the morning of the 19, will make a few stops in Iredell and go on to Morganton for dinner. In the evening they will visit the demonstrations on the State farm at the hospital and will drive to Asheville for supper on Wednesday August 20th, will be spent in the Biltmore forest and seeing other things of interest connected with the Vanderbilt estate.

Thursday August 21 is the day for the annual picnic at the Swannanoah Test Farm, the Experiment Station for Western North Carolina. There is always a good program arranged for this picnic and large crowds attend it each year. There are many interesting and profitable experiments to be examined and then too, there will be dinner on the ground. The forenoon will be spent at this picnic driving in the afternoon by the way of Burnsville to Newland.

Friday morning the party will visit Linville, Blowing Rock and Boone where they will disband and return home.

This tour will be a valuable one from the standpoint of the things seen and the people met, it will also be one full of pleasure. You have been promising yourself and wife that you were going to take a trip this summer. Now is the time to fulfill that promise.

You will have a chance to see a little of the Western part of this state, some of its roads and crops. You will have an opportunity to see the Experiment Station and the work that is being done there. You will also get to see Asheville and its surroundings. Then there is Yancey and Mitchell counties, very few know much about this section of the state. We will get a chance to look them over as we pass.

Begin to plan now to make the trip. We can arrange to meet the party at Morganton. Let's have Watauga well represented.

JOHN B. STEELE, Co. Agent.

THE SEASON DE LUXE AT BOONE

Throngs of Vacationists Contribute to Joy of Living in the Watauga Metropolis—Other Items from the Appalachian School.

This is the season de luxe at Boone pleasant days, cool nights, a profusion of flowers, and throngs of vacationists contribute to the joy of living. Here one meets friends from everywhere. Some of the visitors to the school during the week have been Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Spainhour of Morganton, Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Hamlet of China, Mr. Carl Spainhour, who made the trip from Chicago in a car, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Walker of Morganton, Misses Cecile and Mary Porter Parker of Tennessee, Mr. R. S. Roten and family, who made the trip from Colorado by automobile, Mr. Taylor of Harriet County and Rev. and Mrs. Walker of Forsyth county. These all express surprise at the program of development being carried out. The physical education building, the best in Western North Carolina is nearing completion; the walls of the demonstration building are rising through to second story and work has commenced on the new central dining hall.

Another sight-seeing trip through the mountains to Johnson City Tenn. has been arranged via the Linville River Railway for Monday the eleventh.

Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Hillman and little daughter Annie Warlick of Scotland Neck, N. C. are visiting Rev. and Mrs. M. B. Woosley. Mrs. Hillman is a sister to Mrs. Woosley.

BOWIE RAIL SURVY GIVEN COMMISSION

Either of the Three Routes Across Mountains Would Meet Requirements—Now Petitioning the I. C. C.

Jefferson July 30.—T. C. Bowie, has just returned from Greensboro where he attended a meeting of the executive committee of the Bowie railroad commission held in the Gate City this week. Present at the meeting was Colonel Benjamin Cameron, Major W. C. Heath and Mr. Bowie. The purpose of the meeting was to receive the report of Chief Engineer Frank T. Miller who has been in charge of the surveys made under the provisions of the Bowie railroad bill, which surveys have been completed.

The report of Engineer Miller was highly favorable to all three of the routes: one leading from Edin by Sparta and Jefferson, one from North Wilkesboro to West Jefferson, and one from North Wilkesboro by Boone to Butler. Contrary to expectations in some quarters that the report of the engineers would be favorable to one of the proposed routes, it was impartial in its essentials, stating that a railroad could be constructed on any of the three routes with not more than 1 1/2 per cent grade and 8 per cent curvature, which is a better grade and curvature basis than that of the C. C. and O. railroad, which is frequently pointed out as the engineering marvel of the mountains. In fact Mr. Miller reported that the road could be constructed on the road leading by Boone to Butler on a two per cent grade and 10 per cent curvature basis which is equal to the C. C. and O. without the construction of a single tunnel. Instead of being partial to any of the routes, Mr. Miller stated that advocates of any of the three routes could find splendid argument in behalf of the selection of their favorite as the most practical route. The report further stated that an increase of the grade to 2 per cent of the curvature basis to 10 per cent would decrease the cost of the road by 40 per cent.

Mr. Bowie, when interviewed here today, stated that no decision had been reached by the committee and that the executive committee would not pass upon the selection of a route without the presence of the full committee. The chief reason for the postponing of the selection of one of three routes is the negotiations are being carried on with several different railroad companies and individuals relative to the construction and operation of the Bowie railroad. Mr. Bowie stated that the route chosen would necessarily depend upon the preference of the company or individual with which an agreement should be reached.

Mr. Bowie received a wire requesting his presence in Washington today, in connection with the presentation of a petition to the Interstate Commerce Commission for permission to construct the road over any of the three suggested and surveyed routes and to lease it when constructed. Congressmen Dough-ton, Bulwinkle, and Abernethy are serving as a committee to present this petition and Chief Engineer Miller is in Washington for the hearing. Mr. Bowie was unable to go on account of the approaching meeting of the special session of the general assembly.

Mr. Bowie was not willing to state his position on the proposed measure for the development of waterways. But he did state that he thought the waterways commission should be empowered to go further with their investigations. And he stated that he thought that the state should be empowered to take over or purchase not only the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad but any other railroad necessary to make connection with the trunk line to be constructed under his bill and then permit the construction of terminals at the proper places. Mr. Bowie declared that the construction of terminals would not be advisable without the assurance of a trunk line railroad and that the trunk line railroad should come first in order that the terminals might be appropriately located.

Tom Tarheel says that the real leader in his community doesn't appear to be leading at all.