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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

Cove Creek

The Cove Creek High School will open next Monday morning at 9:00 o'clock September 8.

The ladies of the Cove Creek Baptist church served very tempting lunches on Monday of court and realized a right considerable sum for the church.

A great many of our people are attending the annual Johnson County Fair at Mountain City, Tenn. this week. A large number of exhibits have also been taken and we expect that some of the prizes will come to Watauga.

The revival services conducted by Rev. Sebastian and the pastor Rev. Eggers at the Pleasant Grove Baptist church resulted in 12 additions to the church and in much spiritual good to the community.

Plans are now going rapidly forward for a real community fair at the Cove Creek School some time in October. We hope that the interest will grow and that we may have a fair representative of every phase of our community life.

More will be said in next week's paper regarding the school, the additions to the faculty and other matters.

Meat Camp

We are informed Rev. Vance of Nashville, Tenn. will preach on Finley Bald on next Sunday. This will be a good time to go to Bald Mountain and see the beautiful scenery.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Profit went on a trip to Deep Gap on last Friday.

Mr. A. W. Hodgson made a business trip to West Jefferson last Saturday.

Mr. L. D. Miller of Zionville spent last Sunday night at Mr. W. A. Profit's.

Mr. Hiram Hackedy of Tamarack visited his niece Mrs. Pearl Hodgson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wilson Rev. and Mrs. L. A. Wilson and daughter Jessie spent the week end in Ashe.

Miss Gertrude Miller of Zionville spent the week end with her sister Mrs. Kemp Wilson.

Our school is like an automobile. It has three gears (teachers) and nine cylinders (grades). Mr. Spencer Miller of Mabel is chauffeur. It is going along with the speedometer registering high. If the gas (patrons) will feed the gears not stop and the cylinders not miss we will get to our destination safe and on-time.

Rominger

Mrs. Laura McGuire died Aug. 27 1924. Her funeral was conducted by Elders W. S. Rominger and Talmage Watson in Piney Grove Methodist Church of which she was a faithful member. She leaves a husband, five children and a host of friends and relatives by whom she will be greatly missed. But if she was a child of God she is far better off than those who mourn for her.

Mr. D. F. Horton was in this section recently on business. We are always glad to see Mr. Horton as he is one of our good progressive Christian gentlemen some of "the salt of the earth."

Sunday School was postponed last Sunday at Zion Hill as the folks wished to attend the Fifth Sunday Meeting at Timbered Ridge.

Some of the folks met at Windy Gap School house last Friday night to organize for a community fair to be held there some time this fall. Windy Gap and the surrounding districts were requested to put forth their best efforts to make it a great success.

M. P. Trivett, Mrs. Ana Rominger and Miss Ida Tester visited school Friday.

Mr. John Mast went to Cranberry last week on business.

Mr. Joe Trivett has done some work on the Kellerville road that was badly needed. Joe knows how to make the mail carrier feel good.

D. A. Rominger transacted business with D. M. Edmiston last Sat-

Foscoe

Mr. Watson of Deep Gap has given us a good article of his part of our county, but he has not dreamed of Foscoe a little village at the foot of the Grandfather Mountain, with three good stores, one good church house that all denominations preach in that brings union and fellowship with everybody. We have one of the best school houses in the county, will have a graded school here next year. The railroad runs through here. If you want to go to Boone get on the train and you will be there in 45 minutes, the same to Linville. You can go to Blowing Rock in less than one hour. What more could one ask than here? Watauga River has all kinds and sizes of fish, grand power for all kinds of machinery. You can go fishing and bathing at the same time, and that would be fine. Yes we have all kinds of birds. The mocking bird will sing all day and the whippoorwill put you to sleep at night. Had you thought of that great Grandfather mountain that furnishes so many fine berries free, and the finest springs and coldest water in the world? Mr. W. H. Byrd is planning to build a hotel here in the near future and most all the folks could rent rooms as they all have good houses. If Mr. Watson will come over here and see our gardens he will say we have plenty and to spare. I don't think there is anything to hinder this place from keeping some of the summer folks that come every season. I don't think the All Wise left anything out that would add to our comfort here in Foscoe.

SEWING CLUB ENTERTAINED

Mrs. J. A. Sproules entertained the young ladies' sewing club Friday afternoon, complimentary to her sister, Mrs. J. C. Rivers and Mrs. Mark Butler, of Stafford, Kansas.

The house was beautifully decorated with ferns and potted plants. After a pleasant hour of conversation and sewing an interesting concert was enjoyed. Delicious refreshments were served late in the afternoon.

Those present were Misses Nellie Coffey, Mary Council, Ruth Benfield, Fula Hodges, Ruth Rankin, Ruth Dotson, Margaret Linney, Annie Blair Anders and Miss Rankin of Gastonia, and Mesdames Rivers and Butler, visitors in the Sproules home.

ANOTHER WATAUGA FAIR

In addition to the other fairs that have been organized in Watauga county there has been one organized at Brookside by the community fair movement.

The fair to be held at Brookside will be October 29th.

The officers chosen are: President W. N. Howell, vice president L. W. Greene; Secretary Miss Lela Moretz and committee chairmen follows field crops, W. H. Norris, orchard and garden D. C. Coffey, Poultry E. F. Moretz; canned goods Miss Cora Jeffcoat, cooking Miss Ida Jones, Program, Mrs. H. L. Lyons, and sewing Miss Edna Coffey.

Opening Services at New Baptist Church Next Sunday

The opening services in the new Baptist church at Blowing Rock will occur next Sunday. Sunday School 10 a. m.

11 a. m. Sermon by Rev. Walter M. Gilmore of Raleigh.

2:30 p. m. Address by Prof. I. G. Greer.

7:45. Sermon by the pastor.

Dinner will be spread on the ground. We hope to make this a home coming day for all former members of the church as well as the new members. We extend a cordial invitation to all to attend these services. Special music will be one of the features of the services.

F. M. HUGGINS.

urday.

Mr. Chas. Gillam is preparing to sell refreshments at the Primitive Baptist Association next Friday and Saturday. Ice cream, lemonade, candies, soda water, etc.

HEIRS SURE OF MANY BILLIONS

Hopkins Heirs Sent to California are Optimistic. Seventy Citizens of North Carolina Expect to Participate in Vast Estate.

Thomasville Sept. 1.—"Not millions, but billions," writes an appointed representative of heirs in this and other sections now in the state of California investigating a fortune left nearly forty years ago by two brothers, Mark and Mose Hopkins, who left their home and relatives in Randolph County in the year 1810 seeking other climes.

It would appear that the two boys, Mark and Mose, made their fortune almost overnight, possibly in stocks, as it is said they owned one fourth of the stock in the Big Four railway the same in the electric railways of San Francisco and other cities in that part and in Texas as well as the same interest in the Big Four boat lines having a wealth of 90 millions when they died 28 years ago without heirs in that section of the country.

There are 70 or more heirs, most of them in this part of North Carolina, but some in Georgia in New Jersey, Texas and one in California, named Merri Vassall. The last named has seen the Hopkins home 20 miles out from the city of San Francisco which is said to be a mansion of stone and the premises laid out in beautiful drives 100 feet wide which has been occupied and well cared for throughout the years.

Much of the story sounds like a fairy story and might pass as such but for the fact that all the needed data and names are fully vouched for and are in the hands of the proper authorities of the state of California and have been accepted by the same whatever that may mean.

Sandy Hopkins is a great nephew of the Hopkins brothers, who left the fortune and states that a kinsman Miles Hopkins, of Randolph county worked on this same matter no little about 20 years ago but failed to reach anything tangible at that time but

WATAUGA COURT NOW IN SESSION

Judge Ben Long of Statesville Presides at Fall Term of Superior Court Which Convened Monday—Proceedings up to Last Night.

Watauga Superior Court convened last Monday morning, with throngs of people from Watauga and adjoining counties in attendance. Judge Long of Statesville was on the bench and delivered the customary charge to the grand jury covering the different phases of the criminal law, laying particular stress on the enforcement of the dry laws. Court opened with 89 cases on the criminal calendar.

Many cases of a minor nature have been disposed of by submission and reports, the only jury trial and the one causing more interest, than any one on the criminal docket is state vs. Greene Miller and Collins Triplett. They are charged with shooting from ambush one James Triplett, Triplett is represented by Brown & Brigham Miller, by Newland, Linney and Bark, while Solicitor Hayes is being assisted in the prosecution by Attorney T. C. Bowie, of Jefferson. The evidence is all in as we close our forum and a battle royal is going on between the attorneys, which we suppose will be closed this (Wednesday) afternoon. We will give proceedings in full in our next issue.

Miss Ruby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Winkler, has returned from a visit of several days to her sister Mrs. Ernest Moore in Raleigh.

The Palm Beach Post says it takes a wee bit too much to make France feel safe.

One of the heirs from this section is on the ground in the heat of the conflict and writes in terms of billions and is sure of winning.

LIVELY TRADING IN BOONE REALTY

Roseboro Man Buys Eight Lots in Daniel Boone Park Other Sales Reported from the Office of the Local Realtor.

There has been considerable activity in real estate transfers in and around Boone during the last few weeks.

Among recent sales made through the office of H. W. Horton, local dealer, include a five room bungalow located in the Perkins Addition, for Mr. A. L. Harrison to Mr. S. S. Gragg. Mr. Gragg bought it as an investment.

Last week Mr. Horton sold three lots in Daniel Boone Park for Mr. J. N. Davidson, three for Mr. A. E. Hamby and two for Mr. W. R. Winkler. They were all bought by Mr. E. M. Bullard, a successful automobile dealer from Roseboro, N. C. Mr. Bullard expects to build a nice home on one block of these lots and later become a citizen of this place. The others will be held as an investment. Mr. Bullard was accompanied by Mrs. Bullard and to the party was also his friend, Mr. Fisher, post master at Roseboro, and Mrs. Fisher and their little daughter. They are favorably impressed with Boone and expressed their intention of taking advantage of some of the many attractive real estate offerings Mr. Horton had to show them.

This week Mr. Horton sold a tract of land belonging to Mr. Jones L. Story, adjoining Mrs. E. H. Moore and Mr. E. G. Fathing, containing about five acres to Dr. U. G. Jones of Johnson City, Tenn., and his brother in law, Mr. G. E. Shley of Ashe County.

Mr. Ashley plans to build a home on the knoll near Mrs. Moore during this fall, and Dr. Jones will build next spring.

Dr. Jones has his family with him and Mr. Ashley has a son here in the Appalachian Training School.

All these people will be a decided addition to the splendid citizenship of Boone and vicinity.

PRESIDENT IS HOST TO "BIG THREE"



Photo by Wide World Photos

President Coolidge relating the history of a sap bucket which was the property of his great grandfather. This bucket was presented to Mr. Ford by the President. The picture, taken at the home of the President's father in Vermont, shows left to right: Mr. Firestone, the President, Mr. Ford and Mr. Edison.

Washington Sept. 2.—One of the outstanding features of the vacation-trip of President Coolidge who has just returned from a two weeks' vacation at his father's farm in Vermont, was the visit of Henry Ford, Thomas A. Edison and Harvey S. Firestone.

On their annual camping trip these three geniuses of industry and invention called upon the president on an automobile tour from New England and for several hours discussed with him various problems and conditions.

The chief topic of conversation was the future prosperity of the country. The three camping companions assured the president that in their opinion the continued improving prosperity of the country depended upon the conditions of the farmers. Agriculture must prove profitable for

America to continue prosperous they said.

"It hink times are getting better and for sound agricultural reasons," said Mr. Ford.

Interviewed during his call upon President Coolidge, Mr. Edison said: "We'll have great prosperity if the corn does not get nipped and crops in general are good."

Mr. Firestone declared that the farmer was the keystone of American prosperity.

"Conditions in this country will continue to grow better as long as the farmer is prosperous," he said. He is the barometer by which to judge conditions. His is the basic industry of the country, and the one upon which our prosperity depends."

After leaving the President's farm Mr. Ford, Mr. Edison and Mr. Fire-

stone continued their tour through the Green Mountains, stopping now and then to talk with the people of rural New England and view the countryside. They spent the early part of their vacation at Mr. Ford's Wayside Inn, at South Sudbury.

Before visiting the President, Mr. Ford played host to 5,000 New England farmers at his Wayside Inn estate at South Sudbury, Mass. With Mr. Edison and Mr. Firestone he supervised a plowing and agricultural demonstration, and invited the Farm Bureau Federation to use his grounds for its annual gathering. On the same day the Holstein Freisian Association gathered at Mr. Firestone's old homestead in Columbiana county, Ohio, for its annual picnic, as the guests of Mr. Firestone. Who sent his son, Harvey, Jr., to welcome them in his absence.

FALL TERM A. T. S. MAKES BIG START

More Enrolled Than At Same Time Any Previous Year—Recent Visitors at the School—Other News From Around the City.

The fall term of the Appalachian Training School began on August 26 and at this date the enrollment is larger than at this date last year or any previous year. The work has started off in good shape with teacher and student. Quite a number of interested visitors have been at the school. Prof. M. L. Tremain of Winston-Salem made a talk in chapel; Dr. Jones, eye specialist of Johnson City, Mrs. Jones and their three little girls, all on a camping trip in this section came in took over the school. Rev. Huggins, pastor of the Boone Baptist church emphasized educational aspects at the school on the past Saturday.

A musical recital at the Valle Crucis Mission School a few evenings ago by a number of teachers from the western part of the state. Several from Boone attended the exercise.

The Sunday School of the Methodist church went on a picnic a few days ago to a pleasant little valley on Winkler's Creek. The children, young people and all, seemed to enjoy the occasion greatly. Also on the same day Miss Carrie Horton of the Baptist church, took her Sunday School class on a picnic in Boone Park, which occasion also was much enjoyed.

The fish hatchery in Rutherford is nearing completion and will be stocked with fish this fall, your correspondent is informed. This will be a great enterprise for the state and county.

It is reported that the docket of court this week in Boone is the largest on record, which means that either there has been more crime than usual or the officers have been more vigilant. It is hoped that the latter is true and not the former.

Dr. Jas. E. Hillman, Director of Certification, Raleigh, spent Sunday in Boone to the great delight of his many friends. He was on his return from Peabody College where he received his degree of Ph. D. His friends congratulate him on this attainment and wish for him many more rounds of success in his chosen field.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Holshouser of Tacoma, Wash. who have been spending the past week at the home of Mr. Holshouser's mother Mrs. N. C. Greene at Blowing Rock will leave on their return within the next few days. Mr. Holshouser was in to see us yesterday, and his short visit was right much enjoyed. He left Watauga when a mere boy and by the dint of hard work and close application to business has made good. He is now a manufacturing jeweler. The long trip was made from Tacoma to Blowing Rock in 14 days without accident or trouble of any kind. He is driving a Chevrolet and has faith to believe the trusty machine will take him back just as safely.

MRS. C. C. ADAMS DEAD

Mrs. C. C. Adams of Silverstone, whose serious illness we have mentioned from time to time, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jessie McGuire in Boone last Sunday night, after a long and painful illness. Interment was made in the Adams cemetery on Monday. Mrs. Adams was formerly Mrs. W. W. Presnell and was a real woman in every sense of the word. She was one of the big hearted jovial kind ever wearing a smile and having a kind word for all with whom she came in contact. She numbered her friends by her acquaintances all of whom are sorrow-stricken over her seemingly untimely death. A husband and two daughters, Mesdames Josie McGuire and John Greer both of Boone, survive her, to whom her neighbors and friends extend unstinted sympathy, and to the aged father and sister who are among the best of our people.

Woe-a-day bible school and preaching services are being held at Mount Zion Lutheran church this week. Services for the children are held each day, 2:15 and preaching services at 7 p. m. Rev. W. A. Lutz of Charlotte is expected to be present and to assist the pastor Rev. H. W. Jeffcoat in the services. Come! A hearty welcome to all.