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## Cove Creek Fair a Grand Success

The Community fair on Saturday was of great interest and benefit. Although the exhibits were not up to the standard of last year in quantity the quality was equal if not superior. The crowd was large and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

At 11 o'clock the people assembled in the school auditorium and after devotional exercises conducted by Rev. F. M. Huggins of Boone and a chorus by members of the faculty and high school, the principal address was delivered by Rev. W. L. Griggs pastor of the First Baptist church of North Wilkesboro. Mr. Griggs chose as his subject: "The Possessions, the Products and the Progress, and the Gifts of the Hills." He discussed at length the natural resources and the beauties of the mountains and then emphasized the progress that has been made materially and educationally. He also stated that the hills had given to the world leaders in manhood and womanhood unequalled anywhere. The address of Mr. Griggs was very greatly enjoyed and we feel that he is due our sincere gratitude.

Mr. John B. Steele then made a short talk and asked or rather urged the importance of having Watauga County represented at the State Fair. After Mr. Steele, Mr. E. C. Crowell County agent of Ashe, made remarks concerning matters of agricultural interest, especially in regard to the raising of poultry and fruit tree spraying.

Miss Lucille Clarke was the last speaker on the program. She spoke on the exhibits themselves and presented several to the audience explaining why they did or did not receive the blue ribbon.

We are indebted to Miss Clarke and Miss Bundy for their services as judges of the ladies' work and to Mr. Steele and Mr. Crowell in the other departments.

Dinner was served on the ground, then a baby show at 2:15 and a ball game between the T. S. and the Cove Creek High School at 3:00. The game resulted in favor of the A. T. S.

A complete list of premiums will be found elsewhere in this issue.

## Baptist Programs—The Old and the New

(By F. M. Huggins.)

The Baptists of this state and the south are now on the last lap of their 75 Million Campaign, which was launched five years ago and has proven to be a breath of life to all the institutions fostered by that domination at home and abroad. In a far more adequate way than ever before as a result of the Campaign, the Baptists have been able to take care of their state, home and foreign Mission work, their schools and colleges, orphanages and hospitals and their aged and infirm ministers.

Up to September 5, 1924 the churches of the Three Forks Association paid to the 75 Million Campaign 18-924.33. This leaves a balance of \$2,699.05 to be raised by December 1 if we are to reach our pledge of \$21,623.38.

During this five year period the growth of the denomination has been phenomenal, having baptized a million new converts in the Southland, 100,000 of them in North Carolina and having increased the membership on foreign fields more than 100 per cent.

North Carolina Baptists have set for themselves the task of raising more than a billion dollars from now until December 31 when the 75 Million campaign will end and the new 1925 program will begin. To that end every Baptist church is being organized out to the last man. The week of Nov. 23-30 has been designated "Completion Week," when a heroic effort will be made to give every individual Baptist in the state a chance to do his best to help finish the task in a worthy way. The week following, Nov. 30-Dec. 7, the same "Victory Teams" will go afield again to get pledges for the 1925 program. A million dollars, exclusive of what will be given to the orphanage is the goal set for North Carolina Baptists for the next year, this to be divided equally between State-wide and the South-wide interests. The objective sought, which is believed would insure the continued success of all the causes fostered is "every member contributing every week to every cause according to his ability."

Several people of our community

## CONTEMPLATION



## News from Cove Creek High School and Vicinity

Improvements and equipment has been added to the Cove Creek High School plant. Laboratory apparatus for the teaching of physics has been added to the biological and general science equipment. The room for experimental work has running water, electric lights and tables adapted to the needs of the class. A number of books have been purchased for the library under the state plan of consolidated rural school libraries. The cost of these books is \$150. A reading table for the library room, a cupboard for the Home Economics room, a table for the science laboratory and a number of maps also have been added recently.

A second basketball court is now ready for use and a tennis court is almost complete. These courts are in the rear of the buildings and cover ground that has never been used for playground before. Basketball suits and supplies have been ordered and we hope that an increased interest will be taken in the various forms of athletics.

The Country Gentleman campaign ended on Monday October 20. The total number of subscriptions was 94 which means that the school will receive \$47 for its part. The manager of the campaign Ralph Walker, deserves much credit for the able manner in which he conducted the contest and no less credit is deserved by the winning team the greens—whose leader happened to be Miss Maxie Greene.

The many friends of Miss Annie Sherwood were delighted to see her again last week end. Miss Sherwood is teaching for the third consecutive year in the city schools of Salisbury and has made an enviable record. She spent a few days at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Sherwood. Mrs. N. L. Mast and Rev. P. H. Brittain are attending the annual conference of the Methodist church at Greensboro this week.

The people of the community are pleased to see Mr. J. S. McBride on the way to recovery. He was able to come home on Saturday.

Among the very welcome visitors to the fair on Saturday was Aunt Lou Shull of Shulls Mills. She has been in poor health for several months but is now very much improved.

The ladies of the women's Missionary union of the Cove Creek Baptist Church have purchased a piano for the church.

Miss Gertrude Bundy and Messrs John O. Ellington, Frank P. Hill and W. Y. Perry of the high school faculty are attending the district teachers' meeting at Winston-Salem this week end.

## The Meat Camp Community Fair

to be held at the Riverview School House on Wednesday October 29.

**PROGRAM**  
 7:00-9:00 Entering of Exhibits.  
 9:00-11:00 Judging Exhibits.  
 11:00 Song—"America."  
 Devotional, Rev. H. W. Jeffcoat.  
 Educational Address, Prof. L. G. Greer of the A. T. S.  
 Talks by the judges and the County Agent John B. Steele.  
 Announcements, N. W. Howell, chairman Fair Association.  
 12:30-1:45 Picnic Dinner. Inspection of Exhibits.  
 1:45-2:15 Address, Hon. R. L. Doughton.  
 Song: North Carolina Hills.  
 2:15-3:30 Athletic and other contests in which the lean and lanky, the fat and wobbly, specks, boosters, and kiddies will take part. Games for all, big and little, tall and short and young.

A community play entitled "Dot" will be given at 7:30 p. m. to defray the expenses of the fair. This is a most excellent play and everybody should see it. Come.

## Meat-Camp Community News Items

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Moretz of Hickory were visitors last week to the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Moretz.

Miss Cora, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nahum Winebarger, died on the 9th of pneumonia at the home of her cousin Mrs. Wade Houck. Interment was at the Mount Pleasant church the following day.

Rev. L. A. Wilson filled Rev. Roby Eggers' regular appointment at the lower Meat Camp church on last Sunday. A good crowd heard him and he preached a forceful sermon.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Bingham of Brushy Fork and Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis of Boone were visitors at the home of Mr. Willie Profit on last Sunday.

On next Sunday the 26th we are expecting a series of meetings to be in at the Profit Grove Baptist church. Rev. S. C. Blackburn of Todd will assist the pastor Rev. Wilson.

Mr. P. W. Moretz and sons Ralph and Clate were in the community Sunday.

Mrs. Harve Wilson and Miss Mary Miller of Zionville visited their sister Mrs. Kemp Wilson on last Sunday and attended services at Meat Camp.

Mrs. Milton Brown of Zionville spent the week end with her father Mr. Noah Winebarger.

are attending the revival meeting at Boone conducted by Rev. W. L. Griggs.

## Modern Woodmen Form Local Lodge

Raymond S. Owens, district deputy Modern Woodmen of America for this district, assisted by F. M. Brown district state deputy of Greensboro and State Deputy M. L. Tremain of Winston-Salem organized a local camp here last week with twenty-five charter members composed of the leading young men of the town.

The following officers were elected: Venerable consul, L. L. Bingham; past consul, Paul A. Coffey; worthy advisor, H. F. Greer; banker, J. C. McConnell; clerk, Russell D. Hodges; escort, Gordon Winkler, watchman, J. Dallas Cottrell; sentry, W. M. Hodges; chief forester, Dr. W. J. Miller; trustees, Austin E. South, W. Ralph Winkler and Dempsey Wilcox.

Several applications will be favorably acted on for degree work on the coming Saturday night, at which time it is planned to have the state deputy and his corps of district men present to confer the degree. This meeting will be an important one and much enthusiasm is expected.

## Lyceum Course to be Big Feature Next Week

Several of the enterprising young men of the town have signed a contract for the appearance of the Piedmont Lyceum here for four programs during the fall and winter. The first one to be at the court house on next Wednesday night. This program has drawn much favorable comment on down through the state where it is now being given. There is no longer any doubt as to the value of the lyceum to any community. It is endorsed by leading educators and public spirited citizens everywhere. Most schools have it as a part of their regular entertainment programs. It is hoped that the people of the town and county will join in and avail themselves of the opportunity of breaking the monotony of work and enjoy this splendid Lyceum program next Wednesday night.

## Judge J. Bis Ray Dies in Baltimore

Judge J. Bis Ray of Burnsville, member of the Superior Court bench died Tuesday night at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, where he had been undergoing treatment.

Judge Ray has been on the Superior court bench for a number of years and was one of the best known jurists in the state. He was at one time president of the Black Mountain Railroad.

## News From the School and Town at Large

Congress Isaac Meekins, candidate for governor was at the Appalachian Training School a few days ago and made at chapel exercises a fine stirring appeal for clean young manhood and manhood and true patriotism in our noble old state. Mr. Meekins is a very strong speaker and made one of the very best talks that the school has yet heard.

A revival meeting has been going on at the Baptist church in Boone for the past week and is still continuing this week. Rev. W. L. Griggs, evangelist from North Wilkesboro is conducting the services and the interest is good and still growing. Quite a number have been convicted at this date. The school was glad to have Mr. Griggs at chapel exercises several days during the past week. He has made some very appealing talks to the student body.

The Methodists of Boone have given the contract for the enlargement of their heating plant in their church putting heat in all of the Sunday School rooms of the building. This will add greatly to the comfort of the worshippers in the splendid building. The Methodists are greatly pleased that the recent annual conference returned Rev. M. B. Wootley as the efficient pastor of the church for another year. They assure him of a most cordial reception on his return, and hope and pray that the next year may be even more successful than the past, as highly successful as it was. They are also pleased that Rev. Seymour Taylor has been sent to the North Wilkesboro district as presiding elder. Mr. Taylor has been a pastor in Greensboro for a number of years and now comes to give his services as Presiding Elder to this land of his boyhood days. Mr. Taylor is a brother of Mr. Adolphus Taylor of Wilkes county, and Mrs. J. S. Stanbury of Boone and is only another one of these fine mountain boys who have made good in noble achievement. J. M. Downum.

## Local Basket Ball Season Opens Friday

The basket ball season at the A. T. S. opens in earnest Friday at 7:30 p. m. when the strong Tryon team brings both its boys and girls here for a double header game.

The A. T. S. boys have an unusually strong team this season having already won two games. The girls' team is expected to be as strong as usual. For the past two years the girls' team has won every game played. They are working hard to hold this record for another year.

Friday night four strong teams will meet for athletic honors preparations are being made to accommodate a large number of out of town visitors.

## Methodist Ministers Get Appointments

Following is a list of the Methodist ministers at their respective fields of labor for the North Wilkesboro District, as designated by the annual conference in session at Greensboro last week, these being the ones of most interest locally:

Seymour Taylor, presiding elder, Avery, T. S. Roten, supply; Boone, M. B. Wootley; Creston, W. A. Thomas; Elk Park, J. L. Spinks; Helton H. K. Cornelius; Jefferson, J. L. Reynolds; Laurel Springs, J. W. Hall supply; North Wilkesboro, H. G. Allen; Ronda and Roaring River, W. J. Miller; Sparta, A. L. Lucas; Todd, T. G. Williams, supply; Watauga, R. A. Taylor; Warrentonville, W. T. Garner supply; Wilkesboro, R. K. Brady; Moravian Falls, W. I. Hughes; Missionary to Japan, W. A. Wilson; Secretary Appalachian Training School, J. M. Downum.

The people of the churches (Boone and Blowing Rock) that the Rev. M. B. Wootley serves are delighted that he is returned for another year. He is a real preacher and has the combination of preacher and pastor which makes him of double value.

And the people of the county are abundantly pleased that the Rev. Seymour Taylor, reared in Watauga has been sent to us as Presiding Elder. Mr. Taylor is one of strong ministers of the Conference and his promotion is what he justly deserves. Mr. Taylor is a son of our venerable friend Mr. James H. Taylor of Boone who is now in the 99th year of his span.

## Ghouls Enter Grave of Moses H. Cone

Discovery was made Sunday of the entering of the tomb of the late Moses H. Cone, situated on the Cone Estate on the summit of the Flat Top Mountain near Blowing Rock.

On Tuesday Julius Cone, brother of deceased came from Greensboro and the investigation was made under the direction of A. C. Moody the superintendent of the Cone estate. All dirt was removed exposing the rock covering which was cemented over the box at the time the body was buried. The part of the covering which was over the upper part of the casket was broken through with the aid of picks and a sledge hammer. The wooden box containing the casket was broken open as was the casket itself. The remains were said to have been intact. The casket which was commonly supposed to have been of steel, was made of wood. When the completion of the investigation was made the tomb was repaired and the dirt replaced.

The robbers in breaking the stone covering had torn one of the braces from the picket fence which surrounds the plot and had used it as a crowbar.

A 12 pound stone hammer was found and the finger prints on the bars of the fence are not thought to be of any value as a clue.

Robbery is considered how to have been the only motive for the crime, although it was previously suggested it might have been the idea of the criminals at first to remove the body for ransom. It has been reported at various times since the death of the wealthy man 14 years ago, that the grave contained valuables, and these reports which have been proven false were undoubtedly the incentive for the unspeakable crime.

## Happenings From Around Brookside

The backwatercrop in this section was exceptionally good, but the corn crop was very badly damaged by the early frost.

Mr. C. H. Blackburn is making some extensive improvements on the Big Hill public road. The thunder of the dynamite has almost caused the granite cliffs of the Stone Mountain to roll from their sockets and tumble into New River.

Mr. W. N. Howell has been suffering with a very lame back and is much better at this writing.

Mrs. Z. T. Watson and son Turner returned Friday from a trip to Abingdon where they went to visit friends.

A series of meetings is now in progress at Pilot Mountain Baptist Church. Rev. Trotter, the pastor is doing the preaching.

Mr. Clifford Seatz, son of Robert T. Seatz of Holston Valley, Tenn. is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Elbert Moretz of Brookside.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tatum visited Boone last Sunday in order to be present at the Baptist church and hear the Rev. Griggs preach. Brother Griggs held a successful meeting at South Fork a few years ago and made many warm friends in this section.

The community fair will come off at Riverview school house on Wednesday October 29. The people expect to make the occasion a success.

Today (Monday) the candidates are billed to speak to the voters of Bald Mountain. Of course a general handshake will prevail and each one make a solemn appeal for votes. On election day we look for one to be taken and the other left.

## Important Meeting of County Commissioners

A call meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Watauga County will be held at the court house October 24, in order to form a resolution for state aid for the building of a state highway from Jefferson by the way of Elkland and Boone to Newland. All citizens are asked to attend this meeting.

## FROM STONY FORK

Our community Fair will be held at the Stony Fork school house on Tuesday October 28, instead of Saturday November the first as was formerly stated in the Democrat. All patrons and friends are invited and urged to furnish exhibits. We hope to have a large number present.

Remember the date Tuesday Oct. 28.