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MOVIE FILMS AID TO COUNTY AGENT

Free Moving Pictures Given at the Rural School Houses—Potatoes Receive Large Attention.

The County Agent has through the cooperation of the Watauga County Bank, secured a motion picture outfit and is now giving free moving picture shows at the various rural school houses of the county. Some of the pictures are of an educational character showing farm operations in action. The object in getting this moving picture outfit and giving the free entertainments was three fold, according to Mr. Steele. The first is that the farm operations may be shown in the actual doing. The second purpose is to furnish entertainment and get-together occasions for communities visited, while the third and probably most important mission of this machine will be to cause the people to come out and not only to see the picture and enjoy themselves but enter into the discussion of farm problems that will be presented at the same time.

During the series of meetings that are being conducted over the county at the present time potatoes are receiving large attention. A freight rate on potatoes from Boone to practically all southern cities has been secured so that now the market is larger in scope than heretofore. The main object of the present series of meetings is to acquaint the farmers with the fact and thereby help them to catch the idea that we must expand our vision beyond our own immediate environment, beyond the radius over which our trucks can distribute to the states South and Southwest of us. This new freight rate makes it possible for us to market our potatoes, not only seed, but eating potatoes over seven states at a cost of distribution that is no greater than we have been paying to reach the nearby markets.

The county agent is anxious to acquaint the farmers with the possibilities they now have in marketing their potatoes in cooperation of carload lots, not one or two cars, but hundreds of them so that potatoes will be grown in fields rather than in patches. It will undoubtedly soon be realized that the truck producers of Watauga county must eventually get together if they are to engage in an orderly marketing which is the only way to handle a large volume of business.

Later in the summer other campaigns will be taken up, using other moving pictures suitable to the subject in hand.

CARLOAD WATAUGA KRAUT ARRIVES IN WINSTON-SALEM

(Winston-Salem Journal.)
The first car load of Watauga kraut has been received in the city by the Dunnagan Brokerage company. The kraut is a product of the Blue Ridge Farmers Association it has made the Watauga kraut manufacturers widely famous. It was stated that the Watauga kraut has a wide distribution here.

NEWS OF TAMARACK

Evangelist Edgar Watson just closed eleven days series of revivals. We appreciated the preaching of the old time four square gospel. Brother Watson is a man with a message. We feel that much good has been done in our vicinity.
Mrs. Anna Potter has returned to her home from Virginia where she has been visiting her father.
Mrs. Selma Potter, wife of Abram Potter was buried Sunday the first Rev. Edgar Watson and Rev. L. A. Wilson conducted funeral service.
Mr. Dave Ellison and Ephraim Ellison made a business trip to Mountain City last week.
Mr. Frank South has been very ill.
Mr. Thomas Martin and Mrs. Fannie Martin announce the birth of a son.
Clarence Potter was a visitor here Sunday.

AN HONEST BOOTLEGGER

Reformer: "You have no conscience at all. You absolutely ignore the law! Bootlegger: "You're wrong mister. All of my business activities are governed by the law of supply and demand."

ADVENTISTS WILL ERECT HANDSOME STONE CHURCH

The members of the Advent Christian church are preparing to erect a house of worship in Boone this summer, the location being the site now occupied by the little brick building which was the home of the Democrat for more than thirty years. The building will be thirty by sixty with basement and will be built of stone in its entirety. The stone to be used can be found only on the lands of Mr. Henry Green near Hodges Gap. It is a gray granite and liberally veined with flint—in fact you can hardly find a piece, be it ever so small, without traces of flint which adds considerably to its beauty. The stone is right on the line of the railroad within a little more than two miles of town, and Mr. Green who has taken the contract to load it, expects to get the first car on the siding in Boone today.

The building, though not so large when the plans of the architect are carried out, will be one of the most unique and slightly structures yet erected in our town. The old building will be torn away in the very near future, and work will begin just as soon as the material can be delivered.

BOWIE MAY WANT TO GO THE U. S. SENATE

Raleigh, March 10.—T. C. Bowie, of the lower house of the General Assembly, from Ashe county, is seriously considering entering the race for the United States Senate in the Democratic primary two years hence at the expiration of Senator Lee S. Overman's term, it was learned here tonight.

Representative Bowie, questioned concerning the matter, stated that he had not definitely made up his mind and did not care to make a formal announcement. He stated that should he decide to remain in public life he in all probability, would seek the senatorial term.

Representative Bowie has served ten terms in the house, including several special sessions. He was the speaker in 1915 and at one time prior to the convening of the session just closed he was spoken of as a possible candidate again. However, he abandoned this and the race narrowed to Pharr and Cox, the latter withdrawing and leaving Mr. Pharr an open field.

MISS MARY B. ELROD

Miss Mary B. Elrod, for a short while living alone at her home on Middle Fork, was found lying on her bed last Friday morning speechless, paralysis having done its deadly work. She survived until the following day when death claimed her. Funeral and burial on Sunday. Her mother Mrs. Alex Elrod, 92, died only a few weeks ago, leaving her alone in the house. Her brother, Mr. Jones Elrod took Miss Mary, 65, to his home and she agreed to live there. But she soon became dissatisfied and returned where she had ample supplies for some time. Her devotion to and care for her aged mother was most striking. For many years they lived together, and the mother was her constant care. They were both splendid Christian ladies, and it seems good that after their long sojourn here, their separation was so short.

TRIPLET

The Elk Furniture Co. with Messrs Simmons and Greer as managers is progressing nicely and some very fine articles of furniture have been turned out.
Mr. J. M. Walker and wife Bessie Walker recently came to the parting ways and by mutual agreement the bonds of affection were torn into fragments, scattered to the four winds to fall to earth like winter's withered leaves.
Last Saturday night Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Simmons and Allen Miller visited Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Watson of Brookside, N. C.
Messrs Watson and Hampton have been delivering cross ties to the railroad at Deep Gap and on their return collect medical roots for the market, making the trip pay both ways.

The Boone Hosiery Mills plan to move their machinery from Hickory to Boone between March 20 and April 1. All who subscribed to the donation are requested to deposit the amount in the bank before April 1 so that it will be ready when the mill is installed.

OUR WEEKLY RESUME OF LEGISLATIVE EVENTS

(M. L. Shipman.)

Raleigh, March 10.—The 1925 general assembly goes down in history as one which followed the governor more than any other in recent years. Other legislatures have been influenced by governors but scarcely to the extent that the one just ended has been led around by Governor McLean. The 1921 general assemblies were led "up the hill" by Governor Morrison and the 1925 body was led "down the hill" in the path of economy by Governor McLean. And as if to stone for its action of its predecessors in following Morrison the present body went even further than any before it had gone and gave to the governor greater powers than any executive in North Carolina has ever had enacted measures at his bidding which will revolutionize the administration of the State government.

Governor McLean sponsored or endorsed 23 measures which were presented to the Legislature. Most of these were enacted into law as originally written, one or two were slightly amended, but all of any importance, except one, got through during the last two days of the body and those which came up this week were expected to be put across before adjournment Tuesday night.

Chief among the governor's recommendations were the creation of an executive budget system placing all departments and institutions on a budget basis and making the governor the head in fact of the State's financial policies, transferring the auto license bureau and the insurance department revenue collecting powers to the revenue department in order to coordinate the revenue collecting agencies of the state and to eliminate unnecessary employees; to create a state department institution out of state prison heretofore operated as a private corporation; creating a state department of conservation to take over the functions of the economic and geological survey; appointing an official executioner to relieve the warden of state prison of that duty; deposit daily with the State Treasurer of all funds instead of monthly as heretofore so as to obviate to an extent short term financing and save interest; creation of a pardon attorney to assist the governor in investigating clemency cases; an educational commission to investigate the educational system of the state, a wage investigation commission to go into the salaries paid state employees, eliminate useless employees, bring salaries into line with actual work done and establish a standard salary scale, a \$20,000,000.00 bond issue, for roads; and other measures of more or less importance.

The Governor also recommended a constitutional amendment creating a pardon commission but this was put off last Saturday until the next session after some difficulty over its term arose, the governor saying he would try out the pardon attorney for the next two years.

Other measures which had the governor's "okay" were to limit the time in which checks is issued by the Auditor would be paid by the Treasurer, to declare transfer of claims against the state void if made before actual adjustment and allowance of such claims had been made; to place all charitable state institutions on the same basis and require those able to pay to do so to bear the expense of their care; to create a judicial conference to study methods of practice and procedure; to create an advisory commission to investigate and report on freight rate discrimination to reduce cost of public printing and a number of proposals having to do with his program of economy in governmental affairs.

The outstanding fight of the session developed during last week when Senator Seawell of Lee led the move to increase the equalization fund for public schools. This fight was largely responsible for the tie-up in the Senate to important legislation necessitating extra days of the session, although the failure of the House and Senate conferees to present a satisfactory report on the revenue bill amendments also delayed the sine die adjournment.

Senator Seawell's fight for education resulted in the governor's first defeat in the legislature. Aided by other sympathetic senators, the Lee county orator opposed the action of the Governor in seeking to have the funds from the control of buses placed in the general fund so as to be able to present a balanced budget. The Lee County Senator said education was more important than a balanced budget. The Lee county senator said education was more important than a balanced budget, for Mr. McLean and declared against the policy of Mr. McLean in allowing education to suffer in order that his balance sheet might be evened up. The Lee county senator was victorious and the measure was sent to the house for concurrence, that body having in the meanwhile acceded to the governor's request in giving the money into the general fund. No decision on the differences had been made up to late Monday.

Seeing possible defeat of his measure in the House, when the appropriations bill came up the Lee county senator again led a fight for increase of the appropriation for education and the appropriation for the public school equalization fund. These measures were pending before the Senate Friday, Saturday and Monday with the oratory of the session being unopposed in their defense and against them. Whatever the outcome the Senator from Lee will go down as the champion of education in the 1925 session.

Discussion of the educational system which took place the last part of the week brought forward amendments to the revenue bill to take away the power of the Superintendent of public instruction to set the standard for teachers in schools and to fix a standard salary scale. These amendments would drastically cut the powers of the state in education and in the opinion of many would destroy the state educational system. They were pending before the Senate on Monday.

Another fight which occupied considerable time was that for the Confederate veterans. Both the Senate and house debated at length measures designed to tax auto drivers \$2 to \$3 a head for the benefit of the remainder of the "fast thinning line of Gray" and both bills were defeated after some of the most moving oratory of the session. Then the House jumped into the breach overwhelmingly passed a bill to tax motion picture admissions for the benefit of the veterans and sent it to the Senate where it was on Monday. The chances are that it will die there.

The delay in passing the revenue bill came about when the Senate refused to confer in the conference report which did away with its important amendments. These amendments would have exempted from a tax on judgments and actions in courts, all courts of jurisdiction lower than the Superior court. The dispute was finally settled Monday when the House agreed to the Senate amendment.

The bill to retire Treasurer Lacy if he wished it, on two thirds pay, had rough sailing during the week. After being defeated in the House that body on Saturday night reconsidered its vote 30 to 33 and set it as a special order for re-consideration Monday morning. It was only to finally dispose of it however for it was killed and the "chance" put. The chief argument was that it would set a precedent on pensions for State officials.

NEWS ITEMS FROM THE APPALACHIAN SCHOOL

News has come to a number of the friends of Miss Velma Rivers, daughter of R. C. Rivers, Editor of the Democrat that she and Mr. Frank M. McGhee, formerly of Boone, were married in Greensboro on the 2nd of this month. Miss Rivers was some years ago a member of the Appalachian Training School faculty, teaching art. She is indeed a very fine artist, a good musician, and a most capable young lady in every way. Her numerous friends will greatly miss the most pleasant associations with this most excellent young lady. She writes that they will live in Durham for a short while, then move to Roanoke, Virginia. Boone will be the poorer and these latter places the richer because of this fine young lady. Mr. McGhee is an industrious young brick mason, and is considered one of the very best workmen in his line of work. The very best wishes of the many friends of the couple will follow them on their journey through the valley of life, trusting that it may always be a happy valley.

A number of the members of the Training School faculty were invited to Mayor E. N. Hahn's for dinner Friday evening. When the guests were seated into the dining room they found a table most tastefully arranged with great delicacies and a variety of most delicious foods prepared in a most excellent manner under the direction of Mrs. Hahn's skilled hands. It was served in a most attractive manner by the young ladies of the family and it was evident that no one retired with an appetite unsatisfied. This very kind courtesy on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Hahn is greatly appreciated and will be long remembered by all present.

On Monday evening at 7 o'clock in the school gymnasium the Calliope-Euterpean Literary Society gave its annual reception, to which the faculty and the young men of the Watauga and Appalachian Literary Societies were invited. After an interesting program delicious refreshments were served, then came several hours of social enjoyment by the young people, which of course they greatly enjoyed.

At 8 o'clock on Monday evening the Senior Normal class entertained the Junior Normal class at Radio Concert in the school auditorium, to which the faculty was invited. The delicate refreshment consisted of hot chocolate and accompanying delicacies, after which games and contests which gave pleasant entertainment for some hours. The entire evening was much enjoyed by those present and participating.

Misses Eva Alexander and Vera Cook will appear in their graduating recital in piano on Monday evening March 16th at eight o'clock in the Training School Auditorium. The public is cordially invited.

WATAUGA FARMERS USE LARGE QUANTITY OF LIME

The healthiest sign of good farming in Watauga County is the increasing quantity of lime that is being used. Promising, profitable agriculture depends on rich soil. The foundation for rich soil is lime and legumes.

Two carloads of lime have been distributed to Watauga farmers during the last two weeks. Another carload is being ordered today. If this lime is being followed by clover seed we have the foundation laid for profitable farming.

I am glad to see this interest and I am anxious to be of any service possible to help the farmers get and use more lime. I will order lime for you or I will give you the address and you may order for yourself. I am not however, ordering lime as a dealer, and depending on selling it after it gets here. I only order for those that ask me to do so and of course do not expect to have a surplus when the car arrives.

If you are interested in improving your soils year by year start with lime and follow that with legumes. This is the best receipt that I can give for soil improvement.

JOHN B. STEELE.

The Beaver Dam Egg Circle sold more than \$100 worth of eggs each week during January.

25,000 WOULD VISIT MOUNTAIN REGION

Western North Carolina, Inc. Makes Appeal to Farm Homes to Take Care of Surplus Summer Tourists.

The Southern Railway is authority for the statement that in addition to the people who spend their vacation period in western North Carolina now at least 25,000 more will flock here the first summer there are accommodations to care for them, and that is only the beginning. If accommodations can be arranged for, and these people are informed, and after spending their vacation here, return to the respective communities satisfied with the accommodations and treatment afforded them, each one can be counted on to act as an advertiser for this section of our state as a vacation resort. So the number of regular western North Carolina vacationists will increase each year in proportion to our ability and willingness to care for them. The situation at present may be likened to that of the farmer who knows he has a productive and consequently valuable piece of land and allows it to lie fallow.

By utilizing the possibilities of providing the right kind of vacation accommodations for the thousands who would come here from such cities as Cincinnati, New Orleans, Memphis, etc. the citizens, and speaking more particularly, the farmers of western North Carolina, are practically refusing to accept the hundreds of thousands of dollars these vacationists would leave here each season.

We speak specifically of the farmer, because it is in large measures his opportunity that is being lost. Thousands of people in the cities mentioned cannot afford to live in high priced hotels. Thousands, more particularly those with children do not care for the life of the summer hotels, always crowded, but choose to change to life on the farm with its quiet simplicity and closeness to nature—providing—the farm house is equipped with those simple conveniences to which the city dweller is accustomed and considers fundamental and indispensable to his comfort, and that the food is wholesome of variety, and well cooked.

Western North Carolina, Inc. with headquarters in Asheville, was organized to serve all the people of this section of our state. Its Executive Committee and officers are confident that in natural scenic beauty and invigorating yet equable climate it is unsurpassed in the United States. One of its objectives is to acquaint the people, particularly those who are accustomed to take a regular summer or fall vacation with the accessibility, charms and health giving attributes of these western counties of our state, then induce them to come here and by so doing, to provide an added source of income for the farmer who is progressive enough to realize what that increase in income will add to his well-being and that of his family.

There are thousands of such farmers in western North Carolina men of vision and capacity, who are willing, and what is more important, equipped and prepared to accept from two to ten paying guests this summer. But they have no means of advertising the fact. They are, as it were cut off from a source of supply that means added comfort and increased prospects. That is where Western North Carolina, Inc. can and will function for them. Western North Carolina, Inc. is now engaged in preparing a list of farm houses in this section, in which summer boarders can be accommodated with profit to the farmer and satisfaction to the guest. In compiling this list, Western North Carolina, Inc. must have the assistance of the progressive farmers in every one of the twenty five counties. That assistance will cost them exactly two cents—the price of postage to mail a letter informing Western North Carolina, Inc. of their desire to increase their income by accepting summer boarders. Western North Carolina, Inc. will in turn, answer the communication, setting forth the minimum standard that has been adopted for farm boarding houses, inquire as to rates, location, etc. and will then, if the reply be satisfactory, list the farm home and recommend it as a vacation home to some of the twenty five thousand people who seek to come here.

Sit down now and write your letter directing it to Western North Carolina, Inc., Asheville, N. C.

Floyd Ward's new up to date dairy barn on Brushy Fork helps the looks of that already beautiful little valley.