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POTATOES SHOULD BE DIPPED TO GET VERY BEST RESULTS

Watauga is a potato county but if we are going to take full advantage of that fact we must grow potatoes that are clean and free from disease. If your potatoes are scabby and rough or affected with black leg or rhizactonia (little potatoes) the best thing that you can do is to dip them before you plant them according to the following directions, and then plant in ground that has not been in potatoes for the past two years.

Cull out all seed showing signs of scab, rot or other imperfection. Place 28 gallons of water in a wooden barrel. Do not use metal container. Dissolve 4 ounces Corrosive Sublimite in 2 gallons warm water and add to the 28 gallons. Dip potatoes in sack or basket, allowing them to remain in the solution 1 1/2 hours. After treating 5 bushels dissolve 1 ounce corrosive sublimite in warm water and add to your solution as the strength will have been weakened by acting on the potatoes. After dipping one more 5 bushels, add another ounce of Corrosive Sublimite, first dissolving in warm water, and so on until 20 bushels have been dipped. Then pour out your solution and start over as in the beginning. Do not fail to follow these directions closely.

This material is a deadly poison. Do not run any risk of children or live stock drinking it. Does not affect the hands. Potatoes once dipped are unfit for eating.

In cutting potatoes be sure that each piece has at least one eye and weighs at least 2 ounces. 8 pieces weighing one pound is better to have the pieces larger than smaller.

Lay off the rows. Distribute the fertilizer in the row after which run the same row the second time with shovel plow in order to mix the fertilizer with the soil and distribute it along the row.

Plant your potatoes 12 to 15 inches apart, one piece to the hill. Cover two to three inches deep.

JOHN B. STEELE
County Agent.

COVE CREEK ITEMS

The Cove Creek High School nine defeated the Mabel team in an interesting game of baseball on Friday afternoon. The score was close throughout, the final points being 9 to 8. This is the second game with Mabel, the first being won by Cove Creek by a score of 7 to 0.

Last Wednesday morning at 9:30 the school and community had the pleasure of hearing Judge W. F. Harding deliver one of his characteristic and helpful talks. It was a great speech, spoken from the standpoint of a lawyer, and urging his hearers to abide by the laws of the state and society.

On Sunday last a great crowd of relatives and friends met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Knuch Swift at A-mantha in honor of their birthday. An account of the day elsewhere in this issue.

Mr. Walter D. Bingham has gone to Winston-Salem to try out as pitcher on the Winston-Salem baseball team.

Mrs. D. F. Horton and son S. F. Horton spent the week end in Lenoir visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Barlow.

Mrs. J. S. McBride, W. Y. Perry and Mrs. Nan Johnson attended the annual state meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union in Winston-Salem last week. They report a most helpful and interesting meeting.

The pie supper given on Saturday night for the benefit of the Methodist church resulted in something over \$51, the proceeds from the sale of pies and cakes.

Mrs. Gordon G. Hodges has been ill for several days. She is improving now we are glad to say.

Mr. Frank Payne who has been in Detroit for several months has returned home for the summer.

BOONE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10 a. m.
Preaching 11 a. m.
B. Y. P. U. 6:30 p. m.

We extend a cordial invitation to all to attend our services.

Attention is called to the meeting now in progress at the Methodist Church. Let the Baptists of the town pray for this meeting and join in to help bring a revival to Boone. We need a revival. Boone needs a revival. Our concerted prayers and efforts will avail much at this time. We had 245 in Sunday School last Sunday. Let us all be out next Sunday for Sunday School and church worship.

Easter service Sunday morning. Appropriate music. Subject "Resurrection."

"Our modern school system must be giving more and more work upon the pupils. I notice many of the poor children are too tired to walk to or from school and have to use dad's auto.

MOVIES AT DAIRY MEETINGS HELD WEEK OF APRIL 13TH

We will hold a series of dairy meetings during the week of April 13th. Mr. J. H. McClain, U. S. Dairy Bureau, Washington, D. C. and Mr. F. R. Farnham, Assistant, Dairy Extension, Raleigh, N. C. will be the main speakers and will talk on Dairy Development in Watauga County, which is a broad and very important subject.

The U. S. Dairy Bureau will furnish three reels of pictures entitled: "Milk and Honey" "Swiss Cheese" "A Tale of Two Bulls"

We are sure that these meetings will be instructive and also entertaining to both old and young. Plan to attend and see a picture of the future of Watauga.

Meetings will be held at the following places:

Silverstone school house, Monday April 13, 7:30 p. m.
Cove Creek High School, Tuesday April 14, 7:30 p. m.
Beaver Dam school house, Wednesday April 15, 7:30 p. m.
Rutherfordwood school house, Thursday April 16, 7:30 p. m.
Hasket school house, Friday the 17, 7:30 p. m.

H. L. WILSON
JOHN B. STEELE

ELKLAND HIGH CLOSES VERY SUCCESSFUL TERM

The Elkland High School of Todd came to a close Saturday March 28th after one of the most successful terms in its history. Because of adverse circumstances, the program rendered differed somewhat from the usual commencement program. It began with a soul touching hymn "My Redeemer" sang by the high school. Then of course there was music, music so beautiful that as one person expressed it, "it would draw the heart out of your body." After this the play "Yimmie Youson's Yob" was very successfully presented. This play is accurately described in these words "A play full of mystery and thrills. A beautiful dramatic effect was produced by the singing of "Snow Dear" between the second and third acts while the hero and heroine stood facing each other at opposite sides of the stage. Judging by the reports of spectators the acting did not appear to be that of spectators. One middle-aged man who had traveled much and seen many of the things of the world said, "It is the best play I have ever seen," while others voiced the same opinion. All said it was so splendidly produced that they could not help but believe it to be real.

The program was ended by singing "Good Bye" a heart touching song.

I wish to take the space here, to say a few words about the man who has taught his successful school and who has trained the actors who produced the play spoken of. Mr. Brooks has won the life long respect and honor of the high school pupils by his many actions and disregard of self. I heard one of his pupils say "He is the biggest little man I ever saw." I, for one, learned more this past year than ever before in the same length of time. If the others did not it was not the fault of their instruction, for he is the best school teacher I have ever gone to school to.

Expressions from 9th class represented by Binn Scott, Hazel Asher, Ted Davis.

BEECH CREEK LOCALS

Messrs J. S. Ayers and D. M. Logan, electricians of Boone, installed W. S. Harman's electric power plant last week, which is giving good satisfaction. He is well pleased with the work and suggests that everyone in need of work of this kind should call on them.

George Harma returned from Florida last week.

Sunday school at Kellerville is progressing nicely with a large attendance.

Mrs. Willie Adams and daughter Willis of Tennessee were visiting friends and relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Cannon were visiting W. M. Harmon Sunday.

Charles H. Stines is the new contractor on star route between Beech Creek and Rominger. All are pleased with his service.

Rev. Ed Farthing filled his appointment at Mt. Gilead Saturday and Sunday.

Farmers here are busy getting ready this pretty weather for corn planting.

REMAINING BILLS OF LOCAL INTEREST ENACTED BY RECENT LEGISLATURE

Following are the complete bills introduced in the Senate by Senator Brown, directly affecting this section, supplementing those sponsored by Representative Greer which were published last week:

An act authorizing the county commissioners of Watauga County to appoint township road supervisors for said county.

Commissioners may dispense with the county road supervisor and in lieu thereof appoint township supervisors who shall serve at such compensation and for such term as said board of county commissioners may determine, and who shall perform the road work under the direction of the county commissioners and make report to the same as the board may direct.

An act relative to the Office of Treasurer of Watauga County

The county commissioners are authorized and empowered, in their discretion, at any time to re-establish the office of Treasurer, name the treasurer and fix his compensation. Treasurer thus named shall hold his office until the next general election following his appointment or until his successor is elected and qualified.

Permit Blowing Rock township to issue bonds to aid in the construction of the Linville River Railway into that town.

The said township authorized to subscribe to the capital stock of the Linville River Railway Company, or to make donations thereto, by the issue and sale of bonds bearing five per centum interest, subject to the approval of the qualified voters in a special election to be held, ordered by the commissioners of Watauga County for the purpose of allowing the voters to pass upon the question.

To incorporate the Daniel Boone high School in Watauga County.

The Daniel Boone High School is incorporated. Non-stock corporation formed by T. C. Bowie, West Jefferson; R. L. Doughton, Washington D. C.; C. C. Wright, Hunting Creek; B. B. Dougherty, Boone; A. H. Eller, Winston-Salem; W. M. Hanes, Winston-Salem; J. H. Rich, Winston-Salem; T. B. Finley, Wilkesboro; Thurmond Chatham, Winston-Salem; Dan Beard, New York City; David Abner, Chapel Hill; and Sanford Martin, Winston-Salem, for the purpose of operating a consolidated high school during the school period of eight to nine months each year, and to conduct during the summer months a school for scouts and scout masters training and of recreation methods. Corporation empowered to purchase lease and otherwise acquire hold, mortgage, convey and otherwise dispose of all kinds of property, both real and personal, deficiencies of the United States, and generally to perform all acts which may be deemed necessary for the proper and successful prosecution of the objects and purposes for which the corporation is created. To have no capital stock. Period of existence ninety-nine years. New members admitted on the majority vote of the incorporators.

Relative to the fees of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Watauga County.

In addition to the fees now allowed by law said official may have six dollars per day for clerk hire during each term of the Superior court and the sum of \$25 for making the bar docket for each term of the court.

To regulate the compensation of the Sheriff of Watauga County.

Act of 1923 fixing the salary of the sheriff repealed. In lieu thereof the following is inserted: "The sheriff of Watauga County shall receive a commission of 3 1/2 per cent of all taxes collected by his office, and in addition thereto shall be entitled to the fees for his services as sheriffs are allowed by law."

An act to authorize the board of commissioners to reassess the lands of Watauga for taxation purposes.

At their regular meeting in 1925 may order a revaluation or reassessment of all lands in Watauga county for purposes of taxation for the year 1925 if in their discretion, such is necessary for the equal distribution of the burdens of taxation. Such valuation to continue until the next regular assessment under the general laws of the state. To make horizontal reduction not to exceed twenty five per cent of the present assessed value.

To amend the charter of Boone, Watauga county.

Mayor may receive a salary not exceeding \$150 per year; members of the board of aldermen \$25 each,

said officials to fix their salaries annually not to exceed the aforesaid amounts.

An act to change the name of the Appalachian Training School and to outline its powers and duties.

Name changed to Appalachian State Normal school. W. C. Newland T. H. Coffey, J. M. Bernhardt, T. C. Bowie, E. S. Coffey and C. V. Henkle named as trustees. Organization to be perfected at annual meeting to be held in Boone by the election of a chairman, vice chairman, etc. and appoint necessary committees from the membership of the Board. Special meetings may be held from time to time. Said board of trustees to assume control of all property of whatsoever kind heretofore held by the trustees of the Appalachian Training School and hold in trust for the state of North Carolina, disburse all funds of the new corporation, and do all things deemed useful and wise by them for the good of the school. In accordance with the educational policies of the State, Plans for building to be approved by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Insurance Commissioner of North Carolina. The Board shall elect the president of the institution and fix his salary and tenure of office, elect other officers and teachers, or the recommendation of the president and fix their duties and salaries. Rules and regulations to be in harmony with those existing at other State educational institutions.

To establish the dividing line between the counties of Watauga and Caldwell

Proposed boundary line outlined in detail beginning at the top of White Rock Mountain and winding up with the lands of Everett Pitts in Watauga County, S. B. Howard of Morgan county designated as special commissioner for the purposes of making the survey provided for in the act. Line to be fixed at the earliest date possible, and report filed with the board of commissioners of the two counties and with the Historical Commission of the State. Expense of the survey to be borne by the county of Watauga, but lands lying jointly in the two counties shall be assessed according to the general laws regulating the assessment and collection of taxes.

GOVERNOR PROCLAIMS LEGION ENDOWMENT PERIOD

Throughout this great land of ours the shadow of the world's greatest tragedy still darkens the lives of many widows, orphans and disabled heroes; and even after the lapse of five years, a casualty list of over a hundred a week to the long line of defenseless widows and helpless orphans. There are also thousands who are helpless today in the coils of some hospital with the specter of death close at hand, and whose last hours are made almost unbearable by the thought of a family of little ones all provided for.

Today there are over thirty five thousand war orphans in our realm over five thousand of them in dire want; and besides, there are several thousand, brave ex-service men in our hospitals facing death or an existence worse than death unless afforded more than the routine treatment we are able to give them at present.

In order to give the necessary relief to those heroes and their families the American Legion is now raising an endowment fund of five million dollars. Sixty thousand of which is North Carolina's quota. As soon as this amount has been raised, plans have been perfected whereby every child of a veteran will be given a real home, every widow the necessary help and protection, and every disabled man who can be cured, such treatment as will restore him to his former useful place in society.

In accordance with the facts as stated above, I believe it is the duty of every citizen to help in this work, and I, A. W. McLean, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim and set aside the week of April 12 to April 19th inclusive, as American Legion Endowment week. I recommend that the people of North Carolina observe it as such, and I urge the churches, business organizations, schools, civic religious and other public agencies to cooperate in making a contribution this week to the debt we all owe to the orphans and widows of war veterans, and to the sick and disabled service men.

More particularly I urge the campaign organizations in every city and members of my committee to see that all the machinery is perfected and all the preliminary work done so we may successfully conclude the campaign on April 19th.

STATE FISH COMMISSIONERS VISIT THE LOCAL HATCHERY

Messrs J. K. Dixon of the State Fish Commission and Frank J. Reese, Superintendent of Fish Hatcheries, were in town the first of the week their business here to look after Watauga's hatchery, and arrange for the distribution of the rainbow and speckled trout, that they now have here, which might be made during the months of May and June. There is no charge for the fish, but those wishing to stock and particular cream next first write the Fish Commission Morehead City, N. C. for blanks, etc. that must be filled out before the fish can be procured. Our fish law, it appears, is rather lax and we so expressed ourselves to the gentlemen named above. It was our hope that it would be more stringent. Following is the license law which we again publish for the benefit of those who failed to see it in our issue of last week:

An act to fix the license taxes for fishing in Watauga County.

Unlawful for any person above the age of sixteen years to fish with hook or line, rod or reel without having first paid a license tax of one dollar. Fee for non-residents, two dollars. License fee to be collected by an inspector or warden selected by the State Fisheries Commissioner and placed to the credit of the county general fund. The Clerk of the Superior Court may issue license and receive compensation from the Fisheries Commissioner for his services in this connection. Reports to be made at the end of each month. Necessary license blanks to be furnished by the Clerk of the Superior Court and game wardens by the said Fisheries Commissioner.

We were glad to hear Mr. Dixon say that it was in the province of the State Commission to close any stream or streams in the county for a period of two years or more, at their discretion, which the Democrat is anxious to see done. The stock in our streams is already badly depleted and unless the few left, with those to be added, are protected closely for a while, the money expended here by the Commission will be an absolute loss.

CLOTHING FOR NEAR EAST ORPHANS

We are appealing to all the people of the county to help clothe the Near East orphans by donating some of their cast off clothing. Almost any garment in which there is still some warmth and wear will be thankfully received. We are asking the good ladies of the county each and every one of them if they will please hunt up the garments that may be too small or only partly worn and send them to Mr. J. M. Moretz, either by mail or otherwise and he will take charge and store it away in a room specially provided for it. We truly hope that these good ladies will not delay but attend to this at once. They can thus save many an orphan from cold and doubtless from death. The orphans and the State Department of the Near East are depending on us, and we most earnestly hope that we shall not disappoint them.

J. M. DOWNUM, Co. Chm.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

Mrs. L. G. Greer delightfully entertained the members of the club and a number of guests Friday afternoon at her lovely home on Blowing Rock Street. Potted plants and cut flowers were arranged artistically in the rooms in which the guests assembled, forming a pretty color motif of yellow and green.

After swing and engaging in pleasant conversation for quite a while, the hostess passed a contest the answer of which proved quite clever and interesting. Mrs. Mc D. Little won the prize, a beautiful potted tulip. The club was glad to welcome Mrs. Little who has just returned from spending the winter months in Florida.

Mrs. Greer was assisted by Mrs. Ed Coffey and Miss Sue Spainhour in serving the following courses: Asparagus salad, sandwiches and coffee, followed by pineapple frappe, coconut macaroons and green and yellow mints a dainty mint cups.

Guests of the club were Mesdames J. L. Winkler, Dean Bingham, Russell Hodges, Milton Greer, Misses Carrie Coffey and Sue Spainhour.

The next meeting of the club will be with Mrs. Mc D. Little the 24th of April.

Given under my hand and the seal of the state at the capitol, in the city of Raleigh, this 3rd day of April, in the year of our lord one thousand, nine hundred and twenty-five.

A. W. McLEAN,
Governor of North Carolina

GENERAL CLEN-UP DAYS IN BOONE NEXT WEEK

Next Monday and Tuesday April 13th and 14th are set aside for a general clean-up day in Boone. The usual cash prizes will be given to the boy or girl under 16 years of age who secures the largest pile of rubbish for our trucks to haul away. Place this rubbish where we can get to it, and we will move it. Let's make a clean sweep and have a pretty clean town for the opening of our fine new hotel. Everybody is cordially invited to help make our town clean and bright. Don't forget the date, next Monday and Tuesday.

EDWIN N. HAHN, Mayor.

HOSIERY MILL STARTED OPERATION TUESDAY

On Tuesday morning our newest enterprise, the Boone Hosiery Mills, began work. The operators in the main are untrained but regardless of that a satisfactory start was made. Always being anxious to see any new enterprise in our good town we were on hand, and through the courtesy of the management, received the first pair of socks knitted as a souvenir.

The capacity of the mill is 150 dozen pairs per day, but of course such an output is not expected for a while. The young ladies are operating the long lines of machines, seem contented and show a determination to make the work, and the superintendent is well pleased with the progress being made. When in full swing, and the plant running at full time, it will mean a lot for our city. It is certainly a good opening for girls and women who desire to work for when they become expert their weekly pay checks will amount to four times.

LOCAL MERCHANT MAKES VOLUNTARY ASSIGNMENT

Last week Mr. T. Hill Farthing, who has been operating a rather extensive dry good store in Boone made a voluntary assignment for the benefit of his creditors, Mr. C. H. Garland of Shulls Mills being named as receiver. The liabilities are something more than \$20,000, while the assets are approximated (without invoice) at from \$8,000 to \$10,000. The voluntary closing of his doors and the news of his assignment, came as a very great surprise to our people as Farthing was considered by many a safe merchant. He and his family left for Lenoir the day after the assignment. No information yet as to what they intend to do.

SUTHERLAND HIGH SCHOOL EXERCISES

The commencement exercises at Sutherland High School, Ashe county, North Carolina, will be on April 14th and 15th. The intermediate exercises are Tuesday evening April 14 and on the 15th Hon. Ira T. Johnston will deliver the literary address at 11 a. m. and in the afternoon Prof. G. B. Prier, principal of the Jefferson school will also address the school and citizens. A reading and declamation contest will be held on the 15th. One contest coming in the forenoon and the other in the afternoon. Yes, there will be dinner served on the ground. Come enjoy a good program and stay for the night exercises of the same day and get your dessert.

A farce comedy, "The Dutch Detective" in three acts will be given by the dramatic club of the school. In this you will see something new on the stage—two escaped lunatics and a Dutch detective trying to take them back to the asylum.

DIES IN WASHINGTON

Mrs. Mary Gilley has received news of the death of her son Harvey Hampton, which occurred at Walla Walla, Washington April 2. Remains will be sent to Boone this week.

ITEMS FROM ROUTE 2

The farmers in this section are very busy at this writing.

Mr. Willie Clawson was a caller at Mr. B. J. Davis' Sunday.

Mr. Stanley Cole bought a Ford car at Boone Monday.

Sorry to hear that S. Tugman lost a fine saddle last week.

Mr. G. V. Jackson visited his cousin Mr. J. W. Jackson last Sunday.

Miss Blanche Miller visited Miss Lelia Davis on Riddles Fork last Sunday night.

RUTHERWOOD NEWS

Mr. Fred Mikeal and Mr. Raleigh Greer are building Mr. George Bradley a nice store house at Perkinsville near the town of Boone.

Mrs. Rudolph Moretz is spending a few days with home folks this week. Her father is in very bad health.

Mr. Fred Carrol and C. H. Bowles with their families went to Baldwin Md. a few weeks ago.