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**LOCAL LUMBERMAN GUEST ON SOUTHERN TOUR**

A few weeks ago, the writer in company with about eighty others had the pleasure of being the guest of the Edward Hines Yellow Pine Co. of Chicago, on a tour to southern points, and particularly to the Hines lumbering interests in the South.

There were three Pullman cars, one from Bristol and Chattanooga, one from Nashville and one from Birmingham, all equipped with diners and every other convenience for the traveling public. At Birmingham we were attached to the crack L. & N. train known as the Pan American that moved through Montgomery and Mobile to New Orleans. At Bay St. Louis, on the Gulf of Mexico, we left our cars, which proceeded directly on to New Orleans, and took automobiles for Kila, Miss., the first of the large Hines operations. Here is a mill cutting 175,000 feet per day, the major portion of which is exported to various foreign countries. We saw the finished product being loaded into ships for export. At this point we took the Missouri Southern train, which is a railroad owned by the company, for Barth, Miss., where a venison barbecue dinner was served to us in the heart of the Yellow Pine Forest in the shade of the trees. After the barbecue several short talks were made by different members of the party, in response to the words of welcome tendered by Charlie Hinson of the owner of the company, after which we visited their sawmills and saw the immense turpentine distillery in operation. Our next inspection was at Lumberton, Miss. Here is a mill cutting 350,000 feet of lumber per day. There is practically no percentage of waste at the mills—almost every piece, large or small, being utilized in some way.

From here we took a train direct to New Orleans, where we found our Pullmans parked at the station, and in which we made our home while in the city. Part of the time in New Orleans was spent in visiting various points of interest in the city, such as Jackson square, the old cathedral, the old French market and quarters the Creole section, etc., and the other time was spent on the river and bay boat riding.

We shall not attempt to describe our stay in New Orleans, or our impression of the city, except to say that our own humble home among the eternal hills of western North Carolina, mingling with the best people on earth, is the place for us. You can read between the lines.

The Edward Hines Yellow Pine Co. owns about 328,000 acres of virgin yellow pine timber in four counties of southern Mississippi. The timber tract is approximately 60 miles long and 20 miles wide. Some idea of the magnitude of the operations may be gathered from the fact that it takes 105 car loads of logs each day to keep the mills going. This requires the services of nine engines, eight loaders, four skidders and an automatic track way that picks up and lays a quarter of a mile of track each day. It also requires the services of 1800 men each day to operate the mills.

We are all very grateful to the Hines interests in giving us this trip and are aware of the fact that our time was well spent, and that the trip was a benefit to all retail lumber dealers in the party.

Very truly,  
W. R. GRAGG

**JURY LIST**

Following is the list of jurors drawn for the special term of Watauga Superior Court for the trial of civil cases only, to convene in Boone on Monday June 15, 1925 with Judge Harding presiding.

First week: C. R. Holman, E. N. Norris, Charles Winebarger, S. T. Icenhour, B. J. Council, D. L. Glenn, Alphas Triplett, R. J. Perry, Solomon Eggers, C. E. Carrol, W. A. Pennell, M. A. Ward, W. J. Baird, H. R. Greene, T. W. Hartley, C. C. Church, L. M. Hodges, W. M. Calaway.

Second week: R. F. Miller, C. M. Miller, Z. V. Greene, A. L. Triplett, W. M. Coffey, T. J. Greer, J. M. Cook, Hill Isaacs, Dan Kluttz, T. F. Yates, O. E. Hayes, James G. Cook, J. W. Fletcher, Arthur Isaacs, J. W. Jackson, H. C. Beach, Nat Glenn, W. N. Story.

**NEWS ITEMS FROM THE APPALACHIAN NORMAL**

An interesting item of church news is that at the last annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist church recently held in Charlotte, all three organizations under this society in the Boone Church, the Woman's Society, the Young Peoples Society, and the Children's Society were on the honor roll and won the honor roll badges showing the very fine work of these good ladies.

Through the kindness of Prof. J. A. Williams of the Appalachian State Normal your correspondent had the pleasure of visiting the Watauga Fish Hatchery six miles east of the town near Rutherford. The manager was most courteous in showing the plant and explaining its workings. It has been well planned and equipped for its work. The water supply comes from nearby springs and is of the finest quality and sufficient quantity, and everything is well arranged and splendidly managed. A part of the little fish are of the rainbow trout, but the greater part of the native mountain trout. About 100,000 of these little fellows have been hatched this spring, and during May these will be judiciously distributed in various streams suitable for them in the county and will be protected by law from injury.

Mr. Moretz informs the writer that he has apples enough for his family to use for ten months during the past fruit season, and with proper care can have fruit during the entire year. This fact shows the almost unlimited possibilities for growing the finely flavored apples in this section if the people give proper care to growing and storing the fruit.

**WORTH WHILE CLUB**

Friday afternoon May 1, the ladies of the Worth While Club were the guests of Mesdames Robert Castle and D. W. Logan, at Mrs. Castle's pretty new home on Buena Vista Heights.

The living room was artistically decorated with beautiful spring flowers, while the fireplace with its glowing embers added much to the cheerfulness of the room.

The program committee had prepared a program on the life and works of John James Audubon in memory of his birthday May 5. The program was as follows:

A sketch of the life of John James Audubon by Mrs. D. J. Cottrell. The Audubon Society by Miss Perkins, Mrs. T. L. Cook read, the Mocking-bird—our American Nightingale.

A reading—The Saucy Wren Around our Homes—was given by Mrs. A. R. Smith.

The president read a letter of thanks from Mr. G. P. Hagaman.

The main item of business for the afternoon was the plan for planting the flowers in the flower garden, the planting to be done during the following week.

The hostess now had the meeting in charge. She presented each guest with a copy of a May contest. After each lady had taxed her mind to the limit for the allotted time it was found that Mrs. J. M. Moretz had won over the others. She was presented a May basket of roses by the hostess.

Delicious refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake and lemonade were served.

Mrs. W. H. Gragg with Mrs. A. J. Howell as joint hostess will entertain the Club May 15.

**BEECH CREEK NEWS**

On Tuesday night April 28, H. W. Presnell's store at this place was burglarized, about one hundred dollars worth of merchandise being stolen. The officers arrested one of the boys and he gave the nem of the other one which has not yet been arrested.

The little girl of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Harman who has been so bad with diphtheria is reported some better.

Mrs. B. F. Ward of this place was taken to Boone for examination where it was decided best to send her to Morganton for treatment she being insane.

Herman Reese who has been very ill is better at this writing.

Mr. Fred Edmisten and son of Matney are visiting friends and relatives here.

There will be a singing at Antioch church the third Sunday in May.

## FORMAL OPENING OF MAGNIFICENT DANIEL BOONE HOTEL SIXTEENTH

### New Edifice Will be Christened With Elaborate Banquet for Stockholders and Directors

The formal opening of the Daniel Boone Hotel will take place on the sixteenth, according to Manager Nathan Sharp, when the stockholders banquet followed by a ball will be given. The list of guests will include many prominent people from over this and other states.

Work has been going steadily forward, and one by one the little unfinished details are being worked out and it is almost certain that the date given will not be changed.

The building designed by C. B. Kerfoot of Knoxville, is located on the beautiful eminence near the entrance to Daniel Boone Park on the Boone Trail overlooking the Appalachian Normal and overshadowed by Howard's Knob, a notable peak of the Blue Ridge range, and within easy reach of Grandfather, second highest mountain east of the Rockies. Within twenty minutes drive of Blowing Rock, over one of the most picturesque roads to be found in the country, following a mountain stream stocked with Eastern brook trout and backed with rhododendron, tourists will find the new hotel a sweet retreat during the summer months.

The building erected of mingleshade Tennessee brick trimmed with stucco stands three stories high. The interior is finished and furnished along the most modern lines, and Mr. Sharp is well equipped to make the place all that he wants to, that is, "A Haven of Home Comforts."

Each of the 60 rooms has private tub or shower bath, installed carefully and with the best material under the supervision of the Preas Company Johnson City. The standardized Crane fixtures were used throughout. The Heating plant is of sufficient size to satisfactorily heat the building at all times. Two spacious fire places in the lobby add to the atmosphere of comfort.

The kitchen is equipped with every convenience. The dining room can well take care of 100 guests, and is supplemented by a dining room of ample proportions for clubs and parties.

The lobby is so designed that it will be easily convertible to take care of all entertainments.

The second story is made up of bed rooms altogether, with the noteworthy exception of the beautiful balcony and promenade on the roof overlooking the city. The adjoining ladies parlor is equipped with furnishings that blend with all exterior decorating.

The furnishings throughout are being installed by Albert Pick & Co., Chicago, the largest hotel and restaurant furnishers and interior decorators in the world. The bed rooms are of walnut design, including dressers, steel beds, grip racks and convenient writing desks with arm chairs. The carpets are double thickness, underlaid with ozite. Curtains and draperies harmonize with the other decorations. The spacious porch is equipped with wicker furniture.

The Daniel Boone will be open the year round, catering to both tourist and commercial trade, and will be operated on the American plan.

**TIMBERED RIDGE LOCALS**

Farm work has been very much retarded on account of the wet cold weather.

We had some snow in this section last week but from all appearances we will have an abundance of apples cherries and some peaches.

Mrs. G. P. Sherrill visited her sister Mrs. Duke Glenn last Sunday.

Mrs. Glenn is in somewhat declining health at this writing.

Mr. George Wilson of the upper Beaver Dam section attended Sunday School at Timbered Ridge last Sunday.

Mrs. Etta C. Greene is attending commencement at the Watauga Academy at Butler, Tenn. where her daughter Lucy Greene has attended school for the past three years.

In the commencement exercises at the Watauga Academy Miss Lucy Greene of the A. E. Brown Literary Society won highest honors, winning the medal for best recitations.

Misses Laura McGuire and Allie Farthing took dinner with Miss Lucy Smalherman last Sunday.

Misses Laura McGuire and Etta Greene are helping the children of the Timbered Ridge school prepare an appropriate program for Mothers Day in the Sunday School.

## PILGRIMAGE OF 101 YEARS HAS ENDED



**RILEY GREER**

A recent photograph of Rilye Greer, whose death at his home near Boone was chronicled in our last issue. For 90 years an incessant tobacco chewer, his mind was active to the end, appetite good, and disposition cheerful.

**MANAGER NEW DANIEL BOONE 19,000 KILLED AND 450,000 INJURED BY AUTOS PAST YEAR**



**NATHAN M. SHARP**

The Charlotte Observer in referring to the new manager of the Daniel Boone Hotel says:

"Nathan Sharp, popular hotel Clerk in this city for the past 12 years, will become manager of the new Daniel Boone Hotel at Boone, which is nearing completion and will be opened with a stockholders dinner and dance on May 1.

"Mr. Sharp has resigned his position as chief clerk of the Hotel Charlotte and will spend a week or more here, going to Boone about the middle of the month to begin his activities at the new hotel in the Watauga capital. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Sharp and little daughter Nancy Crane Sharp.

Mr. Sharp has been connected with four Charlotte hotels, first as clerk at the Stonewall and Mecklenburg hotels. In 1917 he went with the Selwyn, later being promoted to chief clerk, which position he held for five years. When the Hotel Charlotte opened more than a year ago, he became chief clerk there.

Mr. Sharp is a native of Guilford county and started as hotel clerk in Fayetteville, coming to this city soon after. His hotel activities were interrupted by two years of service in the navy during the world war as chief petty officer.

"The new Daniel Boone Hotel will be a splendid addition to the many attractive and comfortable hotels being built in North Carolina cities and towns, large and small. It will cater to commercial and tourist trade being located in one of the most attractive sections of the North Carolina mountains and will be open throughout the year.

The stockholders and others of the town are pleased to have Mr. Sharp as manager of the new hotel. He will be assisted by Mr. A. M. Street of Huntsville, Ala. He has been connected with several hotels in Alabama before coming to the Vance Hotel in Statesville, one of the foremost hotels in North Carolina, the management of which, Messrs. Coyle and Fogue, are lessees of the Daniel Boone.

**FOSCOE**

Foscoe is busy planting corn and making garden. Very little sickness.

Sorry indeed to learn that Mrs. Grover Robbins of Blowing Rock who has been ill for six weeks with flu is not much improved.

Miss Carrie Miller of Lenoir visited her grandma Mrs. Walters Sunday. Her friends Miss Dorothy Pulliam, and Mr. Floyd Hanks and Mr. O. P. Lutz Jr. were with her.

Mr. Sanford Coffey of Canton Ohio is spending some time with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Coffey.

Mrs. W. H. Brinkleys relatives of Maravain Falls visited her Sunday.

Mrs. Woodie of Shulls Mills spent Sunday with her cousin Mrs. W. H. Byrd. Mr. Emory Young and wife of Blowing Rock spent Sunday with his sister Mrs. McCain.

Mrs. W. H. Byrd and Mrs. Carrie Walters went to Clark's Creek to hear the Rev. Jeffcoat preach one of his good sermons which they enjoyed very much.

Mr. Arthur Gillam and wife of Blowing Rock visited his aunt Mrs. McCain.

Since spring opened up Foscoe is looking beautiful and one of the good things is we can have fish three times a day.

Foscoe is planning a pleasant summer with those visitors who are planning to spend the summer here.

New York, May 3.—Automobiles caused 19,000 deaths and injuries to 450,000 persons in the United States in 1924, statistics made public by the National Bureau of Casualty and Surety Underwriters revealed today. This represents a daily average of 52 dead and 5,650 injured.

Notwithstanding the death total, the largest ever reported the bureau found signs of encouragement in a pronounced fall in the rate of increase of accidents. The increase in the number of deaths in 1923 over figures for 1922 was 20 per cent, while the increase in 1924 over the preceding year was only four per cent. This reduction in the rate of increase was attributed to organized campaigns to reduce accidents.

A comparison of the automobile death rate with the number of cars registered shows a steady decrease, the bureau reported. In 1915, the number of deaths for every 10,000 automobiles was 24, each succeeding year showing a decrease until the figures for 1924 indicate only 9.6 deaths for every 10,000 cars. There are now 175,500,000 cars registered in the United States.

Grade crossing accidents took a toll of 1,688 deaths, a decrease of 71 from the 1923 total.

Since 1908 the death rate due to motor car accidents has increased steadily until today automobiles cause more deaths than all other vehicles including trains and street cars combined.

**METHODIST NOTES**

Sunday School was running in high last Sunday with 240 present, and with a good program prepared. Did you hear Miss Lovens sing? She has a charming voice suited to solo singing, but there were many who missed Sunday School and church, and those present missed them. What do you say for next Sunday?

Bring the whole family for the Home Coming Sunday School. The oldest mother and the next oldest will be given bouquets of flowers. Church attendance is a mighty good habit, get into it. The writer knows one who is talking the home coming school to beat the band, are you?

Oh yes, Sunday is mother's Day. Bring a suitable flower for the occasion. Let us not forget our mothers.

The stewards of the church will meet Friday 7:45 p. m. An important meeting is pending.

Rev. Seymour Taylor, presiding elder of the North Wilkesboro District will be here Saturday bound for Blowing Rock where the third quarterly Conference will be held Saturday 7:45 p. m. Brother Taylor will preach at Blowing Rock Sunday.

This week the Appalachian State Normal will have commencement and then the students will be leaving for different parts of the state and even to other states. We wish for them a happy vacation.

Sunday School at Boone Sunday 9:45 a. m. Epworth League 7 p. m. Sunday School at Blowing Rock 10 a. m., preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. by brother Taylor. The pastor will preach to the high school students of Wilkesboro Sunday at 11 a. m.

**REV. MCKARAHER INSTALLED PASTOR BLOWING ROCK**

Rev. Chas. G. McKarاهر has been installed pastor of the Blowing Rock Presbyterian Church. The Rev. W. C. Young of Russellville, Tenn. presided and preached the sermon. The others on the commission were Revs. McLaughlin of Newland Spence of Banner Elk and Franklin of Crossnore, with Elder W. S. Whiting of Shulls Mills. After the services Mr. and Mrs. McKarاهر were tendered a reception by the officers and members of the church.

**PRESIDENT OF ELON WILL DELIVER ADDRESS A. S. N. S.**

Dr. W. A. Harper, president of Elon College, a distinguished educator, a noted platform speaker and the author of many books, will deliver the literary address at the commencement exercises at the Appalachian State Normal School on Friday morning May 8 at 11 o'clock a. m. This is an unusual opportunity for the people of the town to hear this distinguished man.