

TELLS OF PROGRESS AROUND BOONE

L. J. Hampton in Winston-Salem Journal Speaks Well of Local Activities

Boone, July 11.—Bids for the laying of sewer and water mains for the town of Boone to be paid for out of the \$100,000 issue of bonds recently sold by the city commissioners, will be opened on July 28 next, and it is understood that work on this particular municipal improvement will begin at once.

Out of the bond issue will be used enough money to pave the shoulders on abutting property through the main street of Boone, the center of regulation width according to state highway specifications, to be built by the state. The streets are now being marked out to obtain a uniform width and grade. Concrete paving will be used within the limits of the town of Boone and the state and municipal governments will push forward the work simultaneously.

Experts were today looking over the available water supply upon a nearby mountain watershed high up above human habitation and it is said that rough estimates already in hand give evidence of a plentiful source of spring water, pure enough in its natural state to obviate the expense of mechanical scientific or other devices for purification.

Tourists are Here The torrid weather of the first few days of the month of July has driven hundreds of people from the lowlands and Piedmont sections to these mountains where the mercury always registers a delightful temperature in the day and where nights are cool enough for a blanket.

Boone hotels have been enjoying an unusually thriving patronage for the past two weeks and additional reservations continue to come in from all parts of North Carolina and from adjacent territory in Tennessee and other states. Numerous prospectors from as far away as Winston-Salem and Charlotte have recently been here to look over property for building summer homes. Real estate men in Boone have already leased or sold practically all available residences and many new ones are going up to take care of the future demand.

Two land sales of property in the northern and southern sections of Boone scheduled for this week and next are expected to bring hundreds of people here who have in mind either the purchase of vacant property for investment purposes or the building of a summer place of residence.

Come Here to Fish

A party of five people from Pikeville, Ky., who had heard of the splendid trout fishing in the streams of Watauga county, arrived here last night for a stay of a week or ten days. Followers of this sport have recently reported catches of the limit allowed by law for one day within a period of two hours angling. As a result the streams of Watauga have become the recreational center of this mountain county for everyone from far and near and visitors who having their first experiences with the game rainbow and speckled beauties are enthusiastic about it.

Boone is one town in the mountains of North Carolina that has not yet been hit by the wave of business depression that appears prevalent not only in the majority of the sections of North Carolina but all over the nation.

Local merchants are enjoying the usual summer patronage, the volume showing even a slight increase over that of the same period of last year. The town has the unique distinction of not having a single vacant business building and those now in course of erection have already been leased for occupancy as soon as they are finished.

A portion of the whole business block recently completed by District Attorney Frank A. Linney was leased before completion and stores, a theater and offices are now occupied. One of the new mercantile firms to open here within the last month is a branch store of the Spainhour-Sydnor Dry Goods Company of N. Wilkesboro. This firm occupies a big store room in the Jones block in which is also located the Farmers

CHEESE INDUSTRY ENJOYS HEALTHY GROWTH

Cheese factories in Watauga county for the month of May received 107,000 pounds of milk. They paid an average of 14.9 cents per gallon, amounting to \$1780, which was distributed in a small area of Watauga County. The Brushy Fork factory having the largest output paid 16 cents per gallon and paid its patrons over one thousand dollars for May milk.

For the month of April farmers around Milwaukee, Wis. received 13.6 per gallon for the same quality of milk delivered to the factory. The U. S. Department of Agriculture says that a gallon of milk can be made in North Carolina for 24 per cent less than it can be produced in Wisconsin. The average cow in North Carolina produces 33 per cent less milk than the average cow in Wisconsin. This of course offsets the lower cost of production. But if the dairymen of Watauga county will improve their herds it will give them a great advantage over the dairymen in the north.

The largest dairymen in Watauga for the month of May received a check amounting to \$274. He sold his milk to a cheese factory at 16 cts per gallon.

An order was received this week from a cheese dealer in New York for one car load of cheese or one thousand daisies. Watauga factories sell their cheese as fast as they can make them. After I received this order I visited the factories and found less than fifty daisies in the county. With a very small effort on the part of the milk producer Watauga Co. county could be receiving fifty thousand dollars per month for cheese.

More Swiss equipment will be installed at the Brushy Fork factory in the near future. At a recent meeting of the directors they voted to pay 2 cents per gallon more for milk that is manufactured into Swiss cheese. They will not wait until the cheese are sold but will pay it at the end of each month.—H. L. Wilson, cheese Specialist.

BEAUTY PARLOR NOW AT DANIEL BOONE

Striving always to give the very best service along all lines, the management of the Daniel Boone Hotel has announced the addition of a beauty parlor. A lady of ability is in charge, and will do facials, manicuring, shampooing, curling and bobbing at all times.

Bank and Trust Company on the first floor, the telephone exchange offices of Dr. W. J. Miller, dentist, and J. E. Lineback Lumber Company offices on the second floor.

Daniel Boone Park One of the close in real estate developments here that is booming is Daniel Boone Park, located a short distance back from the Daniel Boone Hotel. A local church recently bought property there and will erect a handsome edifice for its congregation and many people from "down state" have bought lots with a view to building summer homes.

Prices Boosted

State Engineer Currier's statement that the highways between Boone and the Tennessee state line and between Boone and Blowing Rock are to be given a permanent surface of tarvis upon the gravel base already built, had the effect of scooting real estate values upward along the length of these arteries of travel through the mountains. The highway to the Tennessee line, No. 60, known as the Boone Trail, traverses some of the richest grass country through Cove Creek and beyond that is to be found this side of the famous Kentucky blue grass area, and property there already commands a high price on the market with few owners wanting to sell even at present high price levels.

On the Boone and Blowing Rock highway is an ever-changing panorama of mountain scenery that has been the wonder of tourists since the opening up of the splendid broad road and property development along it is being rapidly accomplished. The large farms are giving way to small tracts, sold at attractive prices and new homes all along the highway give this particular highway an impressive appearance of prosperity.

Col. Olds a Visitor

One of the distinguished visitors to Boone this week was Colonel Fred A. Olds, of Raleigh, noted as an authority upon the history of North Carolina and perhaps one of the best versed travelers who have passed this way recently. Colonel Olds was a guest at the Critcher Hotel during his brief stay here and he delivered an address to the teachers from 78 counties in North Carolina who are here taking the training course at the Appalachian State Normal School. Interesting bits of history about the settling and development of the grassy mountain plateau country were related by Colonel Olds

SAYS BOONE IS FAVORITE WITH GASTONIA FOLK

(Daily Gazette.)

Boone has become one of the favorite spots with Gastonians. A small colony of folks from here, the Anders, Bahns, Warrens and Henrys have built there and others have the notion.

The road to Boone is now one of the best in North Carolina. After so long a time the route from Blowing Rock has been practically finished and it is just a few minutes' drive over to Boone from the Rock.

And from Boone it is but another short jump over to two of the real gems of the mountains, Valle-Cruce and Banner Elk. Two more beautiful resorts can not be found anywhere than these two settlements, one fostered by the Episcopal church and the other by the Presbyterians. To the wonderful setting that has provided for these two mountain villages, man has added much in the way of beautification by grass, shrubbery and flowers.

From Boone eastward leads the Boone Trail, a fine modern North Carolina highway, marking the course of the famous old pioneer.

This road leads through some of the finest scenery in North Carolina and those who have never been over it, ought by all means returning from the mountains.

From Boone to North Wilkesboro the road is a constantly changing panorama of forest, field and stream. The road, always dropping, winds by natural and easy curves down through the foothills and valleys of Watauga and Wilkes and there one will find some of the finest crops in North Carolina. There has been no dearth of rain. Corn is of that rich looking, dark green color which presages a heavy yield.

Views from some of the outcropping spurs, notably Inspiration Point six or seven miles out from Boone, are inspiring. Hills and peak and valley in undulating magnificence fall away to unbelievable distances.

The road leads on to Winston-Salem from North Wilkesboro, but at the latter point the Gastonian traveler picks up no. 67, via Moravian Falls, Taylorsville and Statesville, after reaching which he is on familiar ground. The worst part of the entire 350-mile jaunt is that 15-mile stretch from the Cherryville to the Shelby-Morganton highway.

NEW FIRE INSURANCE AGENCY

The American Eagle Fire Insurance Company of New York has planted their agency with Horton and Winkler through their special agent Mr. Paul J. Myatt who was in Boone a few days ago.

The American Eagle writes general line and is one of the strongest in the country having group assets of approximately one hundred million dollars.

At the Advent Christian Church

Dr. Browning spoke last Sunday morning on the question of "The Church" to a large and appreciative audience and at night to a packed auditorium on "The Divinity of Christ. There was splendid music at each of the services. Miss Juanita sang in the morning "Think on thy Way" and at the evening service Arthur sang in Spanish.

A special offering was called for at the evening service for the new church being built, and there was raised \$2,050.00. Prayer meeting was announced for Tuesday night this week. There will be a splendid program of music and songs at next Sunday's services, both morning and night.

The nature of the discourses are such as to appeal to every person in Boone, regardless of religious affiliation. They are not theological but rather Christological. They are not denominational, but undenominational.

Special attention is likewise being given to building up an adult Bible Class. This is not being done at the expense of any other Sunday School but an attempt is being made to interest the people who are not members of any Sunday School in Boone. Some special work in music, church music, is under contemplation, and all the churches are solicited to cooperate for better church music.

Miss Wilhelmina Hydrick of Orangeburg, S. C. is the guest of Miss Ruth Rankin.

July 23rd Gala Day For Knights of Klan

According to present indications Boone will be a mecca for the KK's on the 23rd, when the big celebration and parade is to be staged by Daniel Boone Klan No. 100. Large bands of the "Havisibles" from various cities of North Carolina and even Tennessee and Virginia will be present to join in the celebration and in view of the fact that most Boone folk haven't had the opportunity of seeing a Klan demonstration, much interest has been manifested in the coming event.

The performances start at sundown therefore it doesn't in any way interfere with working hours.

HAPPENINGS IN THE COVE CREEK SECTION

The material is being pined on the ground for the erection of a new Methodist church at Henson's chapel. The walls are to be solid brick.

Mr. A. S. Johnson who was seriously injured at a logging camp last week is improving slowly at the Long Hospital at Statesville.

There are a number of visitors at the home of G. F. Bingham, viz: Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bingham, Misses Cora Lee and Edna Rhodes, and Bina Bailey Bingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Harris and their two small children of Chatham are visiting on Cove Creek. The dirt is being moved for the Stokes residence near Cove Creek High School building.

Mr. Don Stokes spent the week end at the Mouth of Wilson, Va. On his return he was accompanied by Miss Ruth McMillan who is principal of the Silverstone school.

The community is to be congratulated on its religious organizations for the young people. We have a good five Epworth League at the Methodist Church and a B. Y. P. U. at the Baptist church each Sunday evening. Visitors are always welcome. On last Sunday evening Mr. Stanley A. Harris, field organizer for the Boy Scouts of America was present and made a very encouraging and inspiring address. Mrs. D. F. Horton talked on the importance of daily Bible readings. We are glad to know that one half of our members are keeping up the daily Bible readings which entitles us to an A-1 Union.

BIRTHDAY PARTY AT HOME OF MR. TRIVETT

Last Sunday was a great occasion and the tide of a great gathering at the home of Mr. Trivett, one of the most honored citizens of Boone.

Mr. Trivett has reached his sixty-ninth mile post in the journey of life and in honor of the occasion, gathered together his family and friends for a Sunday dinner. There were about sixty persons present, consisting chiefly of the immediate family but a few of their intimate friends likewise gathered with them.

A long table, loaded with good things to eat was spread beneath the trees in the yard, and a bountiful repast was enjoyed by all. The family, consisting of four sons and four daughters, were all present with their families, with one exception and it was a real family reunion. A family picture was made in front of the house, and then a large group of all present.

HORTON WILL OFFER NEW FARM PROTECTION POLICY

Mr. W. G. Smith, special agent for the Farm and Live Stock Department Hartford Fire Insurance Company, has been in Boone stopping at the Daniel Boone Hotel for the past few days. He has appointed H. W. Horton agent for this section and thru him this old reliable company's new farm protection policies will be available, covering loss by fire, lightning tornado on farm property, also covers live stock in case of death from any cause. The Hartford's assets are over \$75,000,000.

THE ANNUAL WOOL POOL

The farmers who have pooled their wool expect to sell on Saturday July 18. These pools have been each of the last three years and so far have been very successful. The buyers are notified that the wool will be offered for sale on the date mentioned and if the price is right the highest bidder will get the wool. Any farmer in the county who has not sent in his name but would like to sell his wool at that time will be welcome to bring it in. For further information call on one of the committee in charge. J. A. Norris, B. F. Carroll, W. H. Wagner, A. R. Harman, J. G. Hodges.

DANIEL BOONE PARK LOTS IN DEMAND MANY SALES

H. W. Horton, local real estate dealer has sold twelve lots in Daniel Boone Park in the past few days. Several of them were sold to out of town people who will build summer homes on them. One family from Statesville, one from Fayetteville, and one from Miami, Florida are among the prospective summer residents.

CLOSING WEEK OF NORMAL EVENTFUL ONE

The closing week of the first summer school at the Appalachian State Normal College has indeed been a busy one with the faculty and students, though some interesting exercises were enjoyed by the school at times when class work would permit. At the chapel exercises on the two days and one evening from 7 to 8, Rev. J. J. Browning, a missionary of the Adventist church to Cuba, with his orchestra, consisting of himself, his wife, his daughter and a young man musician from Cuba, entertained the school in a most pleasing manner. Some of the music that they gave was Spanish, both vocal and instrumental, and it was most unique being of an unusual nature. At one time Mr. Browning gave a short talk in Spanish and it was interpreted by his daughter, a young girl of about fifteen. At the evening hour after a number of songs Mr. Browning gave a short lecture on the Spanish-American countries, especially Cuba, giving their wonderful resources and possibilities and development in education and in other lines. He said that the three chief products of Cuba were sugar, tobacco, and the citrus fruits and stated that the Cubans are unusually wealthy on an average.

The first summer school term closed on Friday the 10th and it is the general consensus of opinion of all, both at the school and in town that this term, being as before stated, the largest by 100, is also the best in every way that the school has ever had, and it is not in any sense discounting any other term to say that the students in attitude, work and general bearing stand at the very top. Not a single case of discipline has come before the faculty for consideration, but the students at the different dormitories and the homes in the town have largely cared for the discipline. J. M. D.

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DEEP GAP ITEMS

Rev. F. C. Watts preached to a large crowd in the Deep Gap Sunday afternoon. His discourse was very timely.

Our people are attending the typhoid clinic here in great numbers. We believe in good health and it pays to try and keep fit and trim if possible all the time. A few will not take it, but they may be sorry afterwards when typhoid is raging around.

The school building at Rocky Point will soon be completed. Then the school will start for the present term. We hope to have a good school with much interest shown by the consolidation of districts.

There have been several good showers of rain in this section recently and crops are taking a good start. The farmers face now looks brighter as he goes along with his work.

Mr. A. A. Groene is now living in the very heart of Deep Gap in the house he recently built. I would like for the Highway Commission to put up a signboard there so the people would know when they have reached the height of Deep Gap. We are asked many questions along this line, so let's put up a sign so they may read for themselves.

WATAUGANS AT FORT BRAGG

Fort Bragg, N. C. July 5.—The Citizens Military Training Camp at Fort Bragg has opened and among the candidates were the following from Watauga County, who were assigned as follows: Frank L. Logan and Allen S. Adams of Boone to Battery F.

\$175,000 DAMAGE IN LENOIR BLAZE

Star Furniture Plant Destroyed—Burns Very Quickly—Town Cut off When Trestle Falls

Lenoir, July 13.—Fire completely destroyed the plant of the Star Furniture Company here this afternoon, the alarm was turned in at 3:59 o'clock and the local fire company responded promptly. Within 10 minutes from the time the alarm was turned in, the entire buildings were in flames and the fire beyond all control. On account of the extreme heat, it was very hard for the firemen to fight the fire and they were kept busy trying to save buildings close by. In about one hour the buildings and burned to the ground. It was one of the biggest and quickest fires Lenoir has ever had.

The Star Furniture Company building was covered by a sprinkler system and 700 or 800 of the valves were operating, but the fire spread so quickly and burned so rapidly that there was no hope from the beginning of saving the buildings.

A light wind from the northwest carried the flames away from the buildings of the Bernhard Chair Company and saved them.

On account of the dust and dryness of the buildings, it was almost like striking a match to powder and the extreme heat which has prevailed in Lenoir for several weeks aided the work of the flames. Had the fire caught later in the evening or at night, the firemen would have had a better chance of fighting but the heat was so intense they could hardly stand it.

The plant was located in the southern part of Lenoir on the west side of the Carolina and Northwestern railroad tracks, and the trestle across lower creek caught from the fire and was partially destroyed. It is estimated that it will be several days before a train can pass over this trestle, and Lenoir will be shut off from train service until the trestle is repaired.

The loss at a conservative figure is estimated by E. C. Robbins, secretary and treasurer of the company, at \$175,000, with \$115,000 insurance.

All orders now on hand will be filled by the Hibriten Furniture Company, another plant operated by practically the same management and making a similar line. Production at this plant will be speeded up all possible. Something like 135 employees will be thrown out of work. Mr. Robbins stated that the company would probably rebuild right away.

It is not known exactly how the fire caught, but it is thought from the suction fan blowing shavings in to the furnace.