

CORNERSTONE LAID AT VALLE CRUCIS CHURCH

New Church to be Built on Site of Old Church of the Holy Cross—Ceremonies Impressive

(Valle Crucis special of the 18th to the Greensboro Daily News.)

The cornerstone of a church was laid here within the week, a church with a name whose origin runs far back into the past century and with a history filled with ecclesiastical and missionary achievement. It was Bishop Stillman Ives in 1842 who named it "Church of the Holy Cross," at the same time that he gave the name of Valle Crucis to the beautiful and fertile valley that it dominated. Over the years the good works of its missionaries have gained for it the spiritual domination of the valley and the name Valle Crucis—Valley of the Cross—taken from the configuration of the landscape has from the lives of its people come to be a living reality.

Among the hemlocks and oaks where the first church was built the new edifice is mounting. It is to be a beautiful little structure, of gray stone taken from the mountain side within half mile of its site, Gothic in its lines, planned by cultivated minds and built by skilled workmen. It will face south, looking out over the valley, with its windows opening east and west upon the highway to Banner Elk. At its left are the buildings of the school. Completed, it will stand in impressive contrast to that first primitive adobe house and graphically represent the progress of the Episcopal church in this field.

Prior to the laying of the cornerstone, morning prayer was held on the veranda of Auchmuty Hall. At its conclusion the congregation marched in procession to the site of the mounting church led by the Right Reverend Janius Moore Horner, bishop of the Diocese of Western North Carolina, in whose diocese the church is located, the Right Reverend Joseph Broun Cheshire, Bishop of North Carolina, and the Right Reverend Kirkman G. Findlay, Bishop of upper South Carolina. The cornerstone service was read by Bishop Horner, the visiting bishops assisting.

An unusually impressive feature of the service was the participation of four generations of the Townsend family, all communicants of the church. Timothy Townsend, patriarch of the family, placed the New Testament in the cornerstone box; his daughter Mrs. Roah Mitchell, deposited the Book of Common Prayer; his granddaughter, Miss Ethel Townsend, the Hymnal; his great grandson Robert Edney, the list of communicants of the church.

In presenting Bishop Horner, the Rev. James Preston Burke, rector of the church, recounted how lives that have had a share in the development of the church and of the school, enumerating them by name. "The emphasis in a church school in my opinion should be upon God and the Church," observed Mr. Burke "and it has been my hope since coming here to see a church erected on the site of the original building, of dignified construction and of equipment suitable to our needs. More than half the necessary funds has been subscribed and it is my earnest prayer this morning that God will put it in the hearts of others to help in raising the remainder."

"When I think of Valle Crucis," began Bishop Horner, "two passages always come to my mind. One is from the writings of an older prophet and from that passage the motto of this diocese has been taken; 'The House of the Lord upon the top of the mountains.' The other is 'And a little child shall lead them,' for when I think of this school, and our other school in western North Carolina, I am thinking of the little children whose lives they are blessing and are determined to bless. The present innocence of their childish voices lifted in prayer, has often times given me the inspiration I have not found in the greatest cathedrals of our country. And from my knowledge of them, I believe there are many children in these mountains, who, like those of the Holy Land, are ready and willing to give their lives to the services of the Lord and to follow Christ."

"The more deeply a tree pushes its roots into the earth, the higher its branches mount toward the heavens; the greater the struggle and trial, the greater the joy in the day of triumph. This is a day of triumph here at Valle Crucis and the greatest measure of joy belongs to the bishop of the diocese, Bishop Horner. I think I may humbly claim for myself second place in the joy of the day, for I have actually labored less than brother Burke, I have prayed and hoped longer," Bishop Cheshire said.

"Bishop Horner, I should say represents the present; Mr. Burke the future, and I the past. All I may do is to train the microscope of the past upon our small beginnings and reveal the great strides we have made here. "The first thought that must come to anyone in contemplating the accomplishments here is of the grandeur of Bishop Ives' conception. The fact that he was able to establish here at a time that Morganton was the nearest rail head, a school that drew boys from as far east as Tarboro, is one of the most remarkable achievements in the history of education in North Carolina. "The three names I would have ever present in your memories when you think of Valle Crucis," continued

ONE OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA'S BEST FRIENDS (Asheville Citizen.)

In another column on this page the Citizen reprints an admirable editorial tribute to Asheville by Col. Wade H. Harris, Editor of the Charlotte Observer. The immediate occasion for saying well some mighty pleasant things about us, Colonel Harris found in the meetings here this week of the Southern Publishers and the North Carolina Press Association. Colonel Harris begins by congratulating the publishers and editors upon the opportunity of spending a vacation in this city, a few of them being familiar figures in Asheville's summer throng of visitors. Then the Observer Editor describes the evidence here of advancement in many directions and makes some interesting comparisons with traffic, business buildings, homes and suburbs in the Asheville of a quarter century and more ago.

No Asheville newspaper man could take more pride in what Asheville has become than Colonel Harris. He knew this town in the days before motor-vehicle revolution brought good roads. Quicker transportation and increasing numbers of tourists and residents to Asheville and the territory around us. He has seen hills leveled, streets widened, new tourist and commercial hotels and skyscrapers built; he has watched Asheville's population overflow into spacious and attractive residence parks. And all these signs of progress in Asheville, and similar growth in the other communities of this region, he has observed and commented upon, not as part of the day's work, but as the work of a man who loves western North Carolina and finds a-iding satisfaction in the spirit of the people this side the Blue Ridge and the fruits of their labors, material, social and spiritual.

Most editors on their vacation leave work behind them, and so does Colonel Harris. But his ideal vacation is to tour one, two or a half dozen counties in western North Carolina, meeting the people in all walks of life, discussing with them the things they are interested in, taking mental notes of the advancement of the several communities he made in a decade and later writing in delightful style his impressions and observations as a sojourner in the urban and rural districts. Other newspaper men might find this too much like the days in the office; to Colonel Harris it is relaxation and recreation.

When western North Carolina takes stock of those agencies that have materially aided it in coming into a realization of its own resources and possibilities, and in telling the rest of the world what is going on in these mountains, Colonel Wade Harris is too forgotten. For many years he has been one of our foremost boosters. He still is.

V. C. RELIGIOUS SUMMER SCHOOL VERY EFFECTIVE

Valle Crucis, N. C. July 21.—The Valle Crucis Summer School for Religious Education in session here is the most effective school of its kind ever conducted by the Episcopal Church in this diocese. The school is being held under the auspices of the diocese of Western North Carolina, North Carolina, and upper South Carolina and is under the immediate direction of the Rev. J. W. C. Johnson of Gastonia. The enrollment of the school has doubled since last year. Perhaps the most popular courses being offered are "The Life of Christ" by Bishop Kirkman G. Findlay of upper South Carolina and "Social Service" by the Rev. George Floyd Rogers, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Charlotte. Most helpful courses in the "Devotional Life" "Church School Ideals" and the "Prayer Book are being given by the Rev. Homer W. Siarr, Ph. D., of Charleston, S. C. Others on the faculty are Mrs. R. M. Griffith, Miss Annie Morton Stout, Mrs. Frank N. Challen, and Mrs. M. B. Hutchinson.

The members of the school are delighted with Valle Crucis and this section of our mountains and have decided to hold the school here again next year when an enrollment of two hundred is expected. The opening day will be July 5th.

IMPORTANT MEETING OF CITIZENS

Riverview school house, Monday night July 27th. Valle Crucis Tuesday night July 28 Thordike Saville, State hydraulic engineer, will talk on the New and Watauga River as sources of power and explain the proposed power survey of these streams.

Every good citizen should be present. The bishop, "are those of Ives, William West Skiles, and Milnor Jones—Ives for the initial conception, Skiles and Jones for their unceasing, indefatigable, and Godly labors in the early years of the mission."

Bishop Cheshire gave a graphic picture of an incident in the life of the school under the administration of Bishop Ives that for picturesqueness alone is doubtless without parallel in church history in this country, the march of the school personnel to Wilkesboro for the consecration of a church there, about the year 1845. The bishop, the clergy, and the students, wearing their black cassocks, their baggage borne by a donkey, made their way afoot, staff in hand, over the Blue Ridge to Wilkesboro. Bishop recounted in some detail the incidents of his first visitation to the mission, which made a highly interesting narrative.

BOONE ONE OF STATE'S MOST THRIVING TOWNS

(C. E. Houck, in Greensboro News) Boone.—Boone is one of the most progressive little towns in the whole state of North Carolina. Situated as it is in the western part of the state, among some of the most magnificent mountain scenery in the world at an altitude of 3333 feet above the sea, with sand clay roads coming in from four different directions, and with one of the best educational institutions of the state in its doors, there is no wonder that this town is progressive. Still, such possessions alone will not necessarily make a community progressive. There are many towns in North Carolina that are far better situated for progress, geographically speaking, than Boone is, still many of them are far behind Boone in progress.

The thing which makes a place progressive is not its geographical situation, its good roads, or even its educational institutions; however these are fine attributes and indispensable to the highest progress of any community. Money is necessary, but money alone is not all that is needed. The thing which makes a community progressive is its people. Everything depends upon the people of a community—their energy, vision, pride, and their willingness to cooperate for the best interest of the community as a whole. Or briefly, we would say that everything depends on the kind of spirit which a community has.

Boone seems to have the right kind of spirit. It looks as if the people here are working together for a common purpose, namely to make a bigger, a better and more progressive town. The people of Boone take a great deal of interest in telling other people about what a great place Boone is. It must be Boone's moral code that no stranger be allowed to pass through the town until he first agrees to visit the various places of interest in the community; and then, when he sees these places, that he promise to say something complimentary about them after he leaves.

Of course, the people here do not resort to force in order to get a person to stop over in Boone for a while. If it were done in this manner, it would not prove so effective perhaps, but the method used, which accomplishes greater results than any other, is that of kindness and courtesy. This is the method these people use. Even business men make it a point to lay aside their work for awhile in order to tell a stranger about the great advantages which their town and community offer. Not only do they tell him about the town—they do not stop at that if the stranger is of any note—but they also see that he is carried about the town and community and shown the very highest courtesy. Such is Boone's method of advertising, and it works. If you think it does not, come to Boone and see for yourself.

A visitor in Boone the other day made the following comment: "The climatic conditions here are so pleasant that one can nearly always feel comfortable. The mountain breezes are so unusual to us lowlanders that we cannot realize that June is rapidly passing. And besides the healthful climate, one can enjoy the beautiful mountain scenery, which cannot be surpassed anywhere in the state; and too, these people make one feel at home with them. From their example, one gets an inspiration to do greater and nobler things in the world. The spirit alone of these people is enough to make one want to come to Boone."

The Daniel Boone Hotel, just finished recently, ranks along with the O'Henry, the Robert E. Lee and the other best hotels of the state. Anyone wishing to get away from the sweltering heat for a while could not find a more ideal place than this. So those who are weary and want rest would be well paid to spend a few days in this part of the land of the sky.

HUSBANDS OF FRIDAY CLUB ENTERTAIN WIVES

One of the most enjoyable occasions of the season was last Thursday evening when the husbands of the Friday Afternoon Club entertained their wives at dinner, at the Mayview Manor, Blowing Rock.

Covers were laid for thirty and an elegant five course dinner was served.

The hostess of the hotel then invited the party into the attractive ball room, where some joined in the dancing. Music was furnished throughout the evening by a splendid orchestra from Miami, Fla.

WHY YOU SHOULD BUY AT HOME

(Contributed.)

If you want to make a purchase of merchandise at home you go to your merchant and see and examine the article to know if you really want and need it. In case said merchant has the goods you need and like, you buy them, and in case you have not the cash to pay for said goods, and you are a responsible party, having the reputation of paying your bills promptly you can so state the facts to your merchant and buy the goods on 30 to 60 days time, in the mean time using the wares while you are getting yourself in shape to pay. You have helped your merchant by giving him his small profit on the purchases and helped yourself by getting the goods when needed. But you say we could save money by buying from a mail order house. I take the position that you cannot, quality considered. Mail order houses don't handle standard brand articles in the class of merchandise, for instance shoes. You cannot buy shoes of any standard brand. Therefore you are failing to buy standard goods at all times. And again if you would give your local merchant the business it would give him a chance to buy in greater quantities and buy cheaper especially if you pay him cash for all purchases as you are doing the mail order houses.

With a mail order house you look at a picture and read a flattering description, make out an order sheet, go to the office, buy a stamp, mail your order and wait two weeks to thirty days for the article to arrive. Should it be a freight charge, go to the R. R. station, pay the freight, take your goods home and then examine and see if they are what you thought you were buying. You at least had to send the cash in some chase is not what you want, then the goods must be returned and in the course of time, say thirty days or more, you may receive your money, refunding your purchase price. Now if you had bought the same goods at home you could have used them for at least thirty days while you were waiting for the goods.

The mail order house has no personal interest in you or your community whatever. They pay no taxes to help you defray the expenses of your state and county government. They take no interest whatever in your health or that of your neighbor. They do not care if you all die. They have no part in your funeral or burial ceremony. In fact all they care for is getting the cash out of you and try to make you believe you are buying something at a bargain price. You might have all grades of country produce, chickens, eggs, potatoes, apples, butter, milk, and other items for sale that you really do not need for your home use, but they care nothing for how much you have to waste, just so you continue to dig up your cash and buy from them. The local merchants buy these necessities from you and feeds his family from the product of your farm, buys wood to keep his family warm and to cook the vegetables you have grown. He pays taxes to keep up your school and your roads, makes donations to your churches, helps keep up the poor and needy and orphans of the community. But still the people seem to think it right to patronize the mail order houses. To be fair, I don't believe any honest thinking person, if they would stop and think soberly about these matters of fact, would ever send another order to any mail order house. Stop where you are and study the above remarks and decide!

VALLE CRUCIS ITEMS

Mrs. Ira T. Johnson of Jefferson is spending two weeks with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Shall.

The men of Valle Crucis under the leadership of Mr. John Hartley gave two days free labor to make some much needed repairs on the county road and bridge in the center of the community. Their work is much appreciated.

Mrs. James Guignard of Hickory visited friends in the valley.

Mrs. Clarke of Statesville is with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mast.

The Summer School of Religious Education has completed its two weeks course. Members of the school coming from several different states enjoyed their stay in Valle Crucis so much that they decided to hold the Summer School here again next July.

On Thursday July 9th the Community Club gave a picnic supper on the Methodist church lawn in honor of the summer school and other visitors in the valley. A spirit of enjoyment and appreciation was prevalent and guests from South Carolina declared that they had never seen so much fried chicken before! After the supper music was furnished by Miss Privett and her guests from Danville Va.

On Tuesday night of last week a concert was given at the school for the benefit of the new church building fund. Mrs. Burke and the Rev. Stephen Gardner sang and Mrs. Yeager rendered violin selections.

W. D. Clarke has been elected cashier of the Valle Crucis Bank and is coming to take charge early in August.

The Valle Crucis School is filled with summer boarders.

POULTRY CULLING DEMONSTRATIONS

On the following dates and the following places we expect to have poultry culling demonstrations so that those keeping hens may have an opportunity to learn how to tell profitable hens from those that will not pay a profit:

Monday July 27, 3 o'clock, Elmer McNeill's, Rutherford.

Tuesday July 28, 10:30 o'clock, Baine Coffey's, near Watauga school house.

Tuesday July 28, 3 o'clock, John Fox's near Grandfather school house.

Wednesday July 29, 11:30 o'clock, Willie Profit's, Meat Camp.

Thursday July 30, 3 o'clock, M. H. Norris, Meat Camp.

Friday July 31, 10:30 o'clock, N. T. Byers, Zionville.

Friday July 31, 3 o'clock, W. Y. Farthing's, Zionville.

These demonstrations will start promptly and it is hoped that those interested will be on time. We hope that those at whose places the meetings are held will have from 20 to 25 of their hens in crates or in the poultry house so that no time will be lost in getting started.

Mr. C. F. Parrish from the State Poultry Department will be with us and assist in holding these demonstrations.

The poultry business is developing rapidly in Watauga County and it will develop more rapidly when all the non-profitable hens are disposed of.

JOHN B. STEELE, County Agent.

METHODIST NOTES

Two hundred and seventy five were present at Sunday School last Sunday. Let's make it three hundred next Sunday.

A Jewish child gets five hours a week of religious training, a Catholic child gets three hours, and how long shall we continue to give only thirty minutes of religious education to the Protestant child? A question we are interested in. Our leader of religious education can do a great work in planning a program of training for this country.

The church is a great institution in the world even though lots of people never recognize its power and influence. Have you ever worked out the value of a church in relation to the price of real estate? Who wants to live in a community without churches or schools?

Sunday School Sunday at 9:45 a. m.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by the pastor.

Epworth League at 7:15.

Wednesday prayer service and choir practice at 8 p. m.

All are welcome.

MEAT CAMP

The crops in this section are looking unusually well, regardless of the continued dry weather.

Mr. N. E. Moretz after spending several days in Asheville, returned home last Friday.

Mr. Willie Profit and family visited Mr. and Mrs. James Bingham of Brushy Fork last Sunday.

Miss Emma Moretz left Monday for the Banner Elk Hospital where she will have her tonsils removed.

Mrs. Bettie Winebarger spent the latter part of last week at the home of her son Mr. John Lewis of Boone.

Miss Ola Moretz is visiting relatives here after spending ten months in Charlotte and Brunswick, Ga. with Rev and Mrs. W. A. Lutz.

The Meat Camp section was well represented at the land sale and the circus in Boone last Wednesday.

Mrs. James A. W. Hodgson and Richard Greene returned from Winston-Salem last week where they had undergone operations for appendicitis, and so far as the writer knows are improving nicely.

Owing to the late season the Winebarger school did not begin as stated in last week's news, but was deferred a while until the people got their crops further along.

THE BOY WAS RIGHT

Mrs. Fiske—"My, such wonderful clothes that tall woman over there is wearing. I wonder where she lives?"

Mr. Cym—"My guess would be 'just beyond her husband's income.'"

TO A MEXICAN BEAN BEETLE

Ye fiend incarnate,
That spread destruction and famine
in your wake;
I crush you,
And feel a pleasure in your agonizing state.

I detest your color,
Your gray and black spots are a thorn
in my side;
I abhor you,
Sullen and "possuming" to save your hide.

Ye pest and plague
Whence came you to this pleasant
abode of men?
What foul monster
Sickened and spewed thee from his den?

I am your enemy,
And will persist in destroying your
breed.
Seek other climes
Where men are not so particular
where you feed.

Ye filthy demon,
That destroys the fruits of our toil;
I crush you,
And pride th' fingers that you soil.

—L. D. Woodard.

Boone, N. C.

SECOND NORMAL TERM HAS LARGE ENROLLMENT

An interesting occasion the past week was a picnic given on Thursday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Russell D. Hodges Jr., Mr. Fitzhugh Hartley, a prominent lawyer of Shreveport, La and the other members of the Appalachian State Normal School Class of 1916 who were in town. It was planned to celebrate the ninth anniversary of the graduation of this class. A most elaborate picnic dinner was served on Green Hill near Blowing Rock and was greatly enjoyed by all, as was the jolly reunion of the classmates with many reminiscences of school days and later years. These picnic of the class of 1916 were Mr. Hartley, Russell D. and Mrs. Hodges (formerly Miss Fay Green) Tracy Conwell, Miss Carrie Coffey, Dean Bingham, and Mrs. Dean Bingham (formerly Miss Carrie Horton). Specially invited guests were Mrs. Tracy Conwell, Miss Edna Hodges, and Mr. Breitung of Louisiana.

The second Summer Term of the Appalachian State Normal School began on July 14, and the enrollment is now 480, which is 100 more than for the second term of last year, and the enrollment for both terms is 30 per cent more than last summer. A number of distinguished tourists and friends have visited the State Normal during the past few days. Among these were Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Amick and daughter Frances of Elon College; Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Gansey and daughters Dorothy and Frances of Liberty, N. C.; Mrs. J. C. Omsley and Miss Susan Fairchild of Liberty Superintendent Robinson of Cabarrus County, who gave a fine talk to the school, Mr. Fitzhugh Hartley of Louisiana, a former graduate of the school and a prominent lawyer; Mr. J. L. Stuckey of the State Department, gave a special talk on the geology and geography of North Carolina; Mrs. Dorsey of the Cullowhee Normal and others. The Normal is glad to welcome these new friends and invites their return.

Some earlier the past week said in the papers that it was hot all over the state. There is at least one place that he did not take into consideration and that place is Boone. The temperature has not during two or more weeks risen higher than 77 degrees under closely considered conditions. Hence it is not to be wondered at that so many tourists visit Boone.

SILVERSTONE

Farmers are busy laying by corn and stacking wheat.

Sallie Ragan of the Rich Mountain section lost two of their children last week.

Mr. Allen Perry can now walk by the aid of his crutches.

Two of Cicero Greer's children are confined with diphtheria.

Mr. J. P. Wilkinson and his two small boys have returned to their home in Boone.

Mr. and Mrs. Prantz of Roseland Florida visited A. L. Wilson's Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hagaman and daughter Nell were in Silverstone last Sunday.

Mr. Clarence Mast of the state of Washington, and his sister from Washington, D. C. have been visiting their uncle J. H. Mast and their sister Miss Nera Mast.

Mrs. Andy Croft is off to Marion Va. to see her son Frank Greer.

Friends and relatives have cleaned and wired in the Wilson cemetery at J. H. Mast. It certainly is a credit to those that did the work.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday morning at ten o'clock is Sunday School hour at the court house. Try our Sunday School and see how you like it.

The Bible class is growing. Drop in next Sunday.

We are having excellent services each Sunday morning at eleven and Sunday evening at eight. Dr. Browning is a great man with a great message. Don't fail to hear him. There is also a Bible study each Tuesday and Friday night. These are un denominational and very instructive and constructive. Everyone is invited to hear them. We are sure you will find them helpful. Special attention is given to the music Friday nights.

Dr. Browning is a man of talent, education and experience. He can bring you a message worth your hearing. The quartette, consisting of him and his co-workers with three musical instruments, furnish excellent music. Try these services and see if they are not worth while.

MRS. JOE HARDIN ENTERTAINS

Mrs. Joe Hardin and daughter Mrs. Grady Farthing were hostesses to the Senior Womens Class of the Methodist Sunday School Wednesday afternoon. It was a most pleasant affair and was much enjoyed by all present, sixteen in number. Mrs. A. V. Bennett read the Sunday School lesson for next Sunday and gave a brief exposition of same. This was followed by some choice songs, Mrs. Linney at the piano. Next was a unique contest, Mrs. Anders winning the prize (as is her custom).

Miss Hardin and daughter, assisted by Miss McRary served dainty salads followed by ice cream and cake. After this all joined in pleasant conversation for some time. All left feeling that they had spent a delightful evening, and hoping to enjoy another as happy occasion soon.—Reported.