

WATAUGA MILK ENJOYED IN STATE CAPITAL BOTTLES

H. L. Wilson, Federal Dairy Specialist, Delivers Can of Milk to Raleigh as Experiment.

The other day H. L. (Cheese) Wilson did a little stunt worthy of note along the line of the milk industry and the kindred one from which he derived his nickname.

On the day to which we refer Mr. Wilson took a ten gallon can of milk from a nearby cheese factory, good whole-cream milk, before any sort of cream elimination process had taken place, and after bringing the rock fluid down to a temperature of about 35 degrees, enclosed the can in a felt sock, placed it in his car and "checked out."

Mr. Wilson, in telling the Democrat of this last experiment among the many he has made in an effort to find in what way Watauga dairymen will make the most profit, says that the milk referred to brings 40 cents per gallon in Raleigh, but that while it costs approximately 20 cents per gallon to get it there in condition, the advantage to local producers is not large, whereas if there was sufficient production to warrant the Raleigh people placing one of the new "Thermos bottle type" of auto tanks on the road the proposition might be a profitable kinsman of Watauga's famous cheese industry.

At any rate this move on the part of Mr. Wilson is interesting and by doing this he has demonstrated again just how far reaching the dairymen industry might become, if a sufficient amount of Watauga's energies were turned in that direction.

SIX "DRY" OFFICERS BAG BIG GAME IN RAID

The capture and destruction of two big distilling outfits in Wilkes county, the arrest of two rum runners in Alexander county and the seizure of their cars loaded with 101 gallons of booze, were the principal part of three days' work reported here Wednesday, by Federal Prohibition Agent T. M. Halyburton and other officers.

The climax of the three days' activities of the officers was reached Tuesday night about 11:30 in Alexander county, seven miles north of Taylorsville, when Officers T. M. Halyburton, G. L. Moore, W. B. DeMarcus and Agents Lovelace, Riddle and Savage, captured a new Hudson coach, a new Dodge touring car, 101 gallons of whiskey, arrested W. E. Bouchelle and Tom Williams, drivers of the two cars, and made out cases against Jim Williams and Talmadge Mathis for violation of the federal liquor laws.

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COVE CREEK NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bingham have returned to their home in Lincolnton after an extended visit with their parents Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Bingham.

Mrs. Lunda Gray who has been visiting Mrs. Selmer Fuler in Mt. City Tenn., returned home last Saturday. She was accompanied by Misses Lura and Nina Shipe of Knoxville, Tenn. who will be her guests for a few weeks.

Mrs. L. H. Shaffer and two children, Frances and Bingham, have returned to their home in Knoxville, Tenn.

Miss Anne Sherwood is at home again.

Mrs. Luther Bingham and Mr. Buster Bingham motored to Johnson City last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanly Harris have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Swift for several weeks.

Mrs. Will Payne has returned from a visit with her parents.

Miss Byna Bailey Bingham who has

TEACHERS' MEETING

There will be a teachers' meeting in Boone on Saturday August 22, beginning at 10 a. m.

All teachers who are teaching or will be teaching in the county are expected to attend.

Smith Hagaman, County Supt.

LONG DROUGHT IS ARRESTED IN IREDELL COUNTY

(Statesville Landmark) "Showers of blessing Over the hills and the valleys Sound of abundance of rain."

Set it down—Tuesday, August 4, the date the prolonged drought of 1925 was arrested if not broken entirely.

Eighty days without sufficient rain to stop the plows, eighty days with out rain enough to fill the creeks to overflowing. Eighty days without a general rain to give the thirsty crops a drink. Forty days without enough rain to wet a man's shirt.

Danger of water famine gone. Danger of epidemic of sickness passed. Great pall of gloom lifted. Glorious showers from heaven.

It was three o'clock Tuesday morning when rain began its steady patter pattering on the roof. Sleepers awoke themselves to tune in on the sweetest music heard in months, and aroused others sleeping more soundly. Not many needed to be called. Even children accustomed to sleeping "like a log," heard it and rejoiced and were up soon, along with their folks, to view the refreshed landscape.

The rainfall during the night was 2 inches, with .21 of an inch up to 10 o'clock. Reports indicate the showers were general all over the county. The shortage in rainfall 15 and 1-2 inches, is being steadily reduced. The last rain in Statesville that could be called a rain fell June 24 and measured one fourth of an inch.

Statesville was perhaps the driest point in the state, certainly in the county. Travelers from any direction toward Statesville could train the drought to its lair at Statesville. Crops, good along the border of the county, dwindled to nothing at the county seat. Great oaks that had weathered many a drought, gave up the ghost and died during the present dry season.

Citizens are advised by Supt. Moacham, County Agent Graeber and other agriculturists to plant corn and beans and turnips, in fact, start a garden all over again in hopeful expectancy of other showers in season and a late fall.

Other droughts recalled by the present dry season were: 1881, 1911, 14, 1918, 1921. With the exception of 1881 and 1925, the dry period came late in the summer and early crops were not greatly damaged. It would appear that one out of every four year cycle may be expected to be a dry year.

Weather prophets of the old order have attributed the drought latterly to the fact that the "Virgin Mary" went on a 40 day journey July 2 and it being fair that day she did not take an umbrella. These "wise old owls" at that time declared no one need expect it to rain for 40 days but as the Virgin Mary is not expected to return until August 10, somebody has spilled the dope, and that celebrated character of the imagination, "the Virgin Mary" may regret yet that she did not take her umbrella along for the return journey.

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BOONE TRAIL TRUNK LINE OF GREAT SERVICE

J. R. Finley, Chairman Boone Trail Highway Committee, N. Wilkesboro Commercial Club, writing to the Charlotte Observer, says:

Your editorial in regard to dodging North Carolina has been read with interest, and note there is danger of northern travel dodging North Carolina and going over Lee highway to Bristol and thence south.

The Kiwanis club of this town about two years ago tried to bring before the public the advantages of developing and advertising the Boone Trail Highway, especially through the mountain section of North Carolina and Tennessee. This matter has been agitated by our club and by the Wilkes Commercial Club in an endeavor to get other towns in this section of the state interested. There was a gap of about nine miles of bad road, after crossing the Tennessee line, and our efforts were to bring pressure on Tennessee authorities to improve this bad road. We were disappointed in not getting a more hearty support from other cities. Winston Salem did give up their support and quite a little publicity, and no doubt our efforts have borne fruit, as we are now advised that Tennessee authorities are improving this road.

After this gap is put in condition all travel to Bristol can come by Mountain City to Boone, N. C. on Boone Trail Highway, then south by Blowing Rock or Lenoir, or to our town and through to Statesville and Charlotte, or further east still to Winston-Salem, south to Pinehurst and Southern Pines. This would be the best route for travel from Bristol, as too through Tennessee there is more road not good than to come this way.

However it is the opinion of a writer that northern travel is not as important as that from the northwest. The Chicago, Detroit and other north west travel would come through Louisville or Cincinnati to Lexington, Ky. then by Cleveland Gap to Bristol and south over the Boone Trail Highway. This route should be thoroughly developed as it is the most direct dependable route from Chicago and Florida and it will be necessary for this section of the state to join in an effort to have this route put on the map.

While Charlotte and a number of other cities did not join in our first efforts, still Mr. Kuester has looked into the matter recently and is now heartily in sympathy with the movement, and he says he is ready to do his part in putting this route on the map. As soon as the Tennessee authorities get their ship in condition we believe a scout party should go over this road with an idea of getting this route started.

If you find anything in this that will be of any information to you, you are at liberty to use it.

been spending the summer with her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bingham, left Wednesday for her home in Greenville, Tenn.

Mr. Luther Bingham is undergoing treatment at the National Sanatorium, Johnson City, Tenn.

SUNRISE IN WATAUGA

By Edna Zoe Scrimger. Here, on Watauga heights, at early dawn,

I watch the morning star, whose fingers light Have silently the shades of night withdrawn. Now, in the east, faint streaks of color bright Deepen and spread until the Star's pale ray Is rivaled by the bright beams of the day.

The trees and rocks below me in the vale Are shadowed by the mist-dimmed clouds outspread; When, suddenly, these mists begin to quail, And scurry up the rocks as if afraid, And hasten down the glen, and hide away Before the onrush of the God of day.

Now, stretched before me, off a little way, A limped lake lies, with its shimmering sheen; And, from this lake a river speeds away— A silver ribbon fringed with softest green; And a my foot grow ferns, their tender fronds still furled, Lo, clinging baby fingers round the parent stem soft-curl'd;

While near me with their sundrenched faces lifting, And smiling up to meet the June sky's smile— The sweetness of their fragrance round me drifting— The rhododendrons stretch out mile on mile, With here and there the red-bud softly gleaming; And all my heart is filled with joyous dreaming!

Oh wondrous, wondrous morn before me breaking, Let my thoughts soar like these rose-tinted clouds Until they reach the hearts of others waking In them joys all undreamed of in the crowds— Fears flee away as mists that are sun-driven And in this new-born day I glimpse a bit of Heaven!

It was the irony of fate—or perhaps one should say feet—when a Fall River boy tramped 171 miles to enlist in the army, only to be rejected for flat pedal extremities—Lowell Evening Leader

The purpose of jay-walking laws is to have pedestrians run over nowhere except at street corners.—Nashville Banner.

The aviator-helmet hats now worn by society girls in the east are hardly necessary to indicate that they are high fliers.—Oklahoma City Daily Oklahoman.

A dog catcher leads a hard life. Cats are his only friends.—Greenville Piedmont.

KLANSMEN, UNMASKED, 50,000 STRONG, PARADE DOWN PENN. AVENUE

Washington, Aug. 8.—(AP) The national capital was a scene for Ku Klux Klansmen today as Pennsylvania Avenue was roped off for a procession of robed and hooded ranks in which Klan leaders believed 50,000 of their number would march along the route, from the capitol to the White House.

Beginning in the early hours today special trains rolled in from wide bread sections of the east to add thousands to the influx which set in yesterday. Dusty motor caravans brought in other hundreds to participate in the demonstration which will continue through tomorrow night.

The capitol police on duty, in full force, were under orders to clear Pennsylvania Avenue of all traffic thirty minutes before the scheduled start of the parade at 3 p.m. White robed women and children, families of the visiting klansmen, will march strides with their menfolk in the procession, with a flank and rear guard of police keeping step. No masks will be worn by the paraders.

Keep your eye on the person in front of you, were final instructions to the marchers by Klan officials today in co-operating with police precautions against any chance of disorder getting a start in the proceedings.

Leaders among the large negro element in Washington have given assurance to Police Inspector Grant that members of the race have been cautioned against letting any responsibility for the possible disorder rest upon them and pastors have added a word of caution in their sermons. The police force, strategically assigned to watch the day's events, expects no disorder but is prepared to quench the first sign of it.

Breaking ranks after the parade, which, if the predicted number of marchers materializes, will continue until well into the night, the visitors will gather in the Sylvan theater in the Mall to hear addresses by Klan leaders.

Klan officials were unsuccessful in their efforts to obtain the services of negro band to swell the chorus of their own bands in the parade, the bandmaster of the negro community center band declining the invitation.

After the holding of a Sunday morning service on a site just across the Potomac in Virginia, the visitors will wind up their program tomorrow night with the burning of a fiery cross. An eighty foot tree with a cross piece thirty feet long, oil soaked for the occasion, will provide the spectacle and is said to be the largest cross in the organization's history.

DAIRY PICNIC

The dairy picnic will be held on Tuesday August 18th at F. C. Wards Dairy farm. This is an annual event and many are looking forward to it. It means a day's outing and a good time for all. Come if you can. Speaking will start at seven o'clock sharp and the following men will appear on the program:

Mr. Geo. R. Ross, Chief State Division of Markets, Raleigh; Mr. J. A. Arey in charge office of dairy extension; Mr. J. H. Jeter, Agricultural Editor, Raleigh; N. C. Mr. Homer P. Robinson, Manager Granite Falls Dairy, Granite Falls.

Basket lunch at 1 o'clock, games and contests at 2 o'clock. There will be foot racing, potato races, sack races and horse shoe pitching.

We are arranging for a good basketball game which will start at 3 o'clock. Bamboo vs. Mable.

Come prepared to have a good time.

That is all we will have to offer and it won't cost a cent.

J. B. STEELE H. L. WILSON

STATESVILLE HAS NEW DAILY

The Statesville Evening Ledger is the name of the new and splendidly gotten up daily which has started on the voyage of journalism in that thriving town. The initial number, one of which reached our desk, contains sixteen pages and is filled with matter of real interest to the reading public. Judging from this copy, and the liberal support given it by the business men of the town its success is already assured.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

Happy indeed were those fortunate enough to be members of the group when Mrs. D. D. Dougherty entertained the Friday Afternoon Club on the seventh.

The Ladies received the guests at the door and in her gracious well appointed way she made each one feel warmly welcome. The color scheme of pink and white was evidenced from the first to the profusion of sweet peas, dahlias and obedient flowers which gave beauty and fragrance to the rooms.

The following honorary guests were introduced:

Mrs. John Lewis of Blowing Rock, Mrs. Harry Range from Johnson City, Miss Martha Sherwood from Erwin, Tenn., Mrs. Bogle and Mrs. Payne of Taylorsville, Mrs. Smith of Charlotte and Miss Barber of Boone.

While the first hour sped merrily summer time gaiety and glad good humor characterized the whole group as each busily plied the needle or matched wits in conversation. Mrs. Dougherty then introduced her program in honor of our great Commander, W. J. Bryan. Miss Martha Sherwood read a splendid paper, in his life, paying beautiful tribute to the great man and tactfully referring to his contribution to the womanhood of America. Miss Annie Dougherty, with Miss Barber at the piano, sang touchingly and beautifully sang his favorite hymn "One sweetly solemn thought" By special request she sang "O lovely Night of June."

The hostess assisted by the attractive little Miss Lewis, passed the American Needlewoman's calendar of August, from which each one present read some choice bit of philosophy thought. After this the hostess introduced a distinctively clever and interesting contest in which the answers to all questions were names of club members. After the fun and the work the score was counted and Mrs. Mc. G. Anders and Miss Annie Stambury were each presented exquisite bud vases of gladioli.

Tables were spread and as if by magic pink and white rose bud baskets of pink and white mints appeared bearing a place card for each one present. Mrs. Dougherty, assisted by her daughter, Miss Annie, and Miss Sherwood then served a delightful two course luncheon. The first consisted of fruit salad, chicken and tomato sandwiches, pickle, saltines, raspberry jelly and iced tea. The second course was pink and white ice cream with generous slices of angel and fruit cake.

The club will meet the next time with Mrs. Mc. G. Anders.

COVE CREEK HIGH SCHOOL WILL OPEN THE SEVENTH

The Cove Creek High School will open the fall session on Tuesday the seventh of September. It is very important that all students enter the first day and be classified so that they may not be at the disadvantage always attendant upon a tardy start in the year's work. It is our aim to make this year the most successful in the school's history and to emphasize attendance and thoroughness of work.

In conformity with the action of the county board last year regarding tuition for students outside the district for the two months over and above the regular six months time it has been decided that this tuition will be payable upon entrance of each term, half payable at the opening of school and the other half in January at the opening of the spring term. This rule applies to the grammar grades as well as to the high school.

The school is now an accredited high school and its graduates are entitled to enter any college in the state or to secure elementary B certificates upon attendance of one summer term. Many improvements have been made in the way of walks and equipment and plans for the present year call for others.

We want to take this opportunity to thank our patrons for their splendid cooperation during the past two years. We want them to continue the cooperation and extend to them a cordial invitation to visit the school and especially to be present on the opening day.

S. F. HORTON, Principal.

General Pershing could very probably explain the difference between a cold reception and a Chile welcome.—Greensboro Daily Record.

Discover New Wonder of the Sea



Six month's explorations in the Sargossa sea and off the Galapagos islands, netted many new specimens of the sea for the Nat'l Museum of Natural History by the Dr. Wm. Beebe expedition which just returned. Deep sea fishes with "show window" or transparent stomachs; others with "lighting" plants of their own; are some of the wonders brought back.

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