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ACTIVITIES AT LOCAL CHURCHES

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Preaching service and communion at eleven.
Also services at 7:30 p. m. The services will be conducted by Rev. S. E. Gragg. Midweek prayer meeting on Wednesday night.
A cordial invitation is extended to any who will attend any of these services.

METHODIST NOTES

225 were present at Sunday School last Sunday and the total offerings for all purposes amounted to forty five dollars. The offering was made without any special effort. Three different Sunday School specials were presented by the superintendent and the classes did the rest. Liberty is highly commended by Paul, the Apostle.
Sunday is the last preaching Sunday before Conference. The second Sabbath is the day for Blowing Rock then the pastor leaves the following Tuesday for Stateville, where the annual Conference convenes.
The stewards are very busy men these days. They are standing by the church whole heartedly. Let's make it as easy for them as possible, and pay the church budget without one word of complaint. Many blessings have come upon us in spite of the drought and other conditions.
A class of men known as the Wesley Bible Class for men with only seven present, made their free will offering to the Sunday School \$10.35 last Sunday. Commendations are in order.
Promotion Day was a very interesting and instructive occasion to the adults last Sunday. The pageant representing the seasons of the year, was carried out to perfection by the children of the beginning primary and junior departments. Miss Annie Stanbury and her helpers are to be congratulated for their leadership in this work of the departments.
Sunday School Sunday 9:45 a. m. Teaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Egworth League 6:45.
Wednesday prayer service and choir practice 7:30 p. m.
A welcome is extended to all.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

Sunday School 10 a. m.
B. Y. P. U. 6:30 p. m.
Prayer service Wednesday 7:30 p. m.
We extend a cordial welcome to all residents, students and visitors to attend these services.
The ladies of the W. M. S. are having their week of prayer this week and also a study course in "Royal Service."
The pastor preached at the Baptist church at Trade, Tenn. last Sunday afternoon to an appreciative congregation.
Prayer meetings are being held on Tuesday nights preparatory to a series of meetings which begins Oct. 26th.
Let us keep in mind our meeting here which begins Oct. 12. We will have prayer service every night next week in the homes as a preparation for the meeting. Let us make preparation to attend regularly from the start, and let us pray for the meeting.
Our town is growing. Are we making progress spiritually? Are we doing all we can to have a clean town? That is what we want—a clean town.

Blowing Rock

Sunday School 10 a. m.
Worship 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
B. Y. P. U. 6:30 p. m.
Prayer service Tuesday 7:30 p. m.
Church conference Sunday night after service.
We are looking forward to our meeting beginning Oct. 26th with Bro. Griggs as the preacher. Prayer services are being held preparatory for the meeting. Baptists of Blowing Rock should wake up and get busy. They have a big job on hand. Let every member rally to the work.
We hope to have good congregations Sunday. All are invited to be with us.

The Watauga Ministerial Association

will meet Monday morning Oct. 5 in the ladies parlor of the Methodist church. All ministers of the county are invited to attend and become members.

MORRISON SAYS HE WILL SUPPORT MAX GARDNER

Raleigh.—Former Governor Morrison's visit to Raleigh recently left an impression on his auditors that his excellency desires rather to support Max Gardner who was his opponent in 1920, than to fight him personally or by proxy.

There is a growing suspicion that the agitation against Gardner by a few individuals was ill-timed and was sprung at the most unseasonable period of possible state politics. It came so early that Gardner and his friends could organize against it, and then it was personally unfortunate. The Gardner men have not been fighting Morrison, the quarrel is between the ex-governor's and the present governor's policies.

Mr. Morrison is not hard on Mr. Gardner. One gets an impression from his talk that Governor Morrison greatly desires to show his friendliness to Gardner by supporting him in 1928. It is entirely probable that such activities as Mr. Morrison engages in will be confined to the general assembly which must enact the legislation for a progressive state. He would hardly confer upon future governors legislative powers by which they can cut appropriations and thereby virtually make them. It is not written that his former excellency will seek to separate future governors from from these great powers which had been denied him, but the Morrison campaign of the future will be directed toward making North Carolina actually and honestly progressive.
But there seems a good deal less opposition talk for 1928 than there has been in the last fortnight. Candidates can save themselves trouble by getting right.

B. AND L. ASSOCIATIONS IN N. C. SHOW GAIN OF \$14,000,000

The building and loan associations in North Carolina show a gain last year of \$14,000,000 in assets. They loaned \$25,000,000 to build 8,000 homes to house 40,000 of our citizens.

In the past five years these associations show a gain in assets from \$29,000,000 to \$70,000,000. This is a splendid record and one in which we should feel much pride.

However, when we compare North Carolina with other states in this particular, we find she falls far short of the position she should occupy. We find there are fifteen other states with a greater investment in building and loan stock. Twelve of these show a greater gain in assets in 1924 and three states each show a greater than the total investment in building and loan in North Carolina. We find also that twenty states have a larger investment per capita than does North Carolina, and the per capita investment of ten of these is more than double that of North Carolina.
Of the more than two and a half million population in this state only \$1,474 of this number were patrons of these great agencies of thrift and home building. Of this number probably 80 per cent are either borrowers or anticipate borrowing in the future for the purpose of paying for homes.
It is evident therefore that the building and loan associations in North Carolina so far have failed to properly inform the public at large of the splendid advantages of building and loan stock as a medium for the investment of savings of the people.
No group of financial institutions in the state can boast of a cleaner record of stability than can our building and loan associations, and the average interest yield on money invested in these associations last year was .05928, or nearly 6 per cent. Yet millions of dollars went out of the state in various forms of securities, paying not any better return and no doubt many of them of doubtful value.
It is safe to assume that 90 per cent of our people do not understand the functions of these institutions and this can be overcome only by concentrated effort and judicious advertising on the part of the building and loan associations.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Watauga County Bank will be held in the bank building on Monday October 5th, at 1:30 p. m. All stockholders are requested to be present or send proxy.

GRUESOME DISCOVERY MADE AT MORGANTON

Morganton, September 25.—Wednesday morning a patient from the State Hospital who has the freedom of the grounds and had gone into a thicket just behind the hospital to set a squirrel trap made a gruesome discovery. About 300 yards from the Enola road and on the State grounds lay a pile of clothes and bones, outlining a man's form and several yards from the body was a skeleton.

Coroner J. B. Riddle was notified and summoning a jury made on investigation. The man had evidently been dead for some time and the evidence pointed to suicide. Above the spot where the skeleton lay was stretched a wire to which dangled a fragment of cloth. The coroner's jury reached the conclusion that the man, possibly a patient at the State Hospital hanged himself and that the body hung suspended in the secluded place, unnoticed until it dropped from decay.

About seven months ago a patient by the name of McCrary disappeared mysteriously from the Hospital and until this time nothing had been heard of him or no trace found. The theory is that the bones and clothing discovered represent the mortal remains of McCrary.

Considering the length of time that has elapsed the clothing was in fairly good condition. The blue of the shirt and the heavy work shoes were evidence that it was the body of a farm patient at the Hospital. In the pockets of the trousers was change to the amount of \$1.10.

The remains were placed in a coffin and after such further investigation as the Hospital authorities can make will be given decent burial in the Hospital cemetery.

TELLS OF WONDERFUL GROWTH OF MIAMI

We are using a paragraph from a letter recently received from Mr. H. W. Horton of Miami, Fla.:

"This town has enlarged its boundaries so as to take in some territory that has built up over the edges of the old corporation, and has more than doubled its population. We now have about 250,000 people, and if they had taken in Coral Gables, Miami Beach and Hialeah, all of which is really a part of the city, there would have been another 100,000 population, and they are coming so fast that the railroads cannot haul material fast enough to build homes for them. There is demand for all the men that can be found, but the question is getting material fast enough and housing for them."

CONFEDERATE RESOLUTIONS

Confederate reunion for the year 1925 Camp Nimrod Triplet No. 1273
We the committee on resolutions in behalf of the faculty and students of the Appalachian State Normal at Boone, Sept. 24-25, for their tender care, keeping and feeding veterans and friends through the reunion, and the cordial invitation to hold the next Reunion by kindness of the Normal School.
E. M. GREER
GEORGE ROTEN, Com.

DR. VANCE'S TRIBUTE TO WALTER L. ALEXANDER

The following tribute to the late Walter L. Alexander of Blowing Rock was written by Dr. James I. Vance.

Before turning to my sermon, I should like to claim the privilege of paying a brief tribute to the memory of Walter Alexander, whose sudden death during the past week, has saddened the hearts of all lovers of Blowing Rock.

I have known Mr. Alexander since the days when he first came as a young man to this sky-line country, in search of recreation and adventure. From the first this matchless region cast its spell on him, and no man has done more to open the gates of these lofty peaks and wide spaces to the world than he.

He was a man, big-hearted, broad visioned, generous, magnetic. He saw what could be done, and he had a masterly way of putting into reality his dreams and visions. Much of what we have around us here in this famed resort on the roof of the world, we owe to his creative vision and constructive genius.

He was incapable of doing a thing that was small or mean. His nature was big in tolerance and human kindness. There was something about him that drew people toward him and the friends he made he kept.

Blowing Rock and its friends must never cease to cherish the memory of Walter Alexander. His one weakness I would call more of a disease than a transgression. We all know the brave fight he made, and the kind God, who measures men, not by the goal they reach, but by the goal they seek, not by their freedom from frailties but by their soul struggles, knows the brave fight Walter Alexander has made through the years.

Today in this church where he sat a few Sundays since and worshipped with us, we would say: Peace to his ashes! Blessed be his memory!

And we would like to extend our deepest sympathy too, to his devoted wife and precious children, on whom the crushing sorrow of his tragic death has fallen like a bolt out of a cloudless sky.

COUNCIL HALL

The following invitation has been received by friends of the couple in town, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. David McKee Hall request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their sister

Miss Margaret Hooker Moore to Mr. James Hardin Council on Thursday the fifteenth of October at eight o'clock in the evening at the Methodist Church Sylva, North Carolina

BEAUTY

Beauty is of the soul.—Cultivate it.

Not chunks and stumps and rocks and sticks and trash, but grass and trees and shrubs and flowers—How different!

The Great Creator has given us numerous wonderful examples of beauty and the means of producing it.—Use them.

Don't let trash or weeds remain where something useful or beautiful should be.—Health and beauty demand this.

303 Miles an Hour



Lieut. Alfred Williams, U. S. Navy flier, who in an unofficial test at New York last week flew a 20-foot Curtiss racer at a speed of 303.5 miles per hour, the fastest speed ever attained by man.

INTERESTING FACTS FOR WATAUGA DAIRYMEN

Forty four milk condenseries in Wisconsin paid an average of \$2 per hundred pounds for August milk delivered to the factories. A cheese factory in Watauga county paid \$2 per hundred pounds for August milk delivered to the factory.

The butter and cheese class 4 milk prices for the New York district for August were announced as follows this week by the New York Milk Conference Board and the Dairymen's League: Milk testing 3.5 would net the farmer \$1.56 per hundred pounds. Figuring the skim milk and butter milk at 30c per hundred they would receive a total of \$1.86 per hundred pounds.

North Carolina consumes 7,677,369 pounds of cheese per year. Last year we made 80,000 pounds of cheese. It costs 25 per cent less to produce a gallon of milk in North Carolina than it does in Wisconsin or New York. If the cheese factories of North Carolina can pay just as much or a little more for milk delivered to the factories than the factories of Wisconsin or New York, why should the farmers of western North Carolina be willing to allow all this money to leave the state. Last year we paid Wisconsin and New York \$1,689,021 for cheese.

When we can make enough cheese to supply our state and have a surplus we can help to supply other southern states that do not manufacture a pound of cheese.

LEES-McRAE INSTITUTE HOUSED IN NEW QUARTERS

The following is taken from the current number of "The Pines," a monthly organ of Lees-McRae Institute:

On the morning of August twenty-sixth, Lee-McRae inaugurated a new schedule for the session; new, because the school year is to be arranged like that of other educational institutions instead of opening in April and closing in December, as in the past twenty-one years. This is made possible by the erection of buildings suitable for winter among the mountains. To some of us pioneers in the work who remember the days of smoky kerosene lamps, small wood heaters, and water carried from a neighbor's well, "Tennessee" with its electric lights, furnace heat, and water piped from the basement to all parts of the building seems almost palatial. We rejoice that the Master gave His servant a vision of the development of this work, and that friends have made possible our comfortable home.

We have already enrolled 116 pupils 81 of whom are in the High School and 92 are in the boarding department.

NEWS FROM THE NORMAL SCHOOL

A meeting of unusual interest to the State Normal and the surrounding counties was the conference of the County Superintendents, High School Principals and High School teachers at the Normal on Friday the 26th. They held their conference in one of the large recitation rooms of the Administration Building. The County Superintendents from Ashe, Avery, Caldwell, Mitchell and Alleghany were present. Various topics of special interest to high school organization and work were discussed. Dr. J. H. Highsmith presiding and impressing many vital interests of the school system. The outstanding figure of all was our beloved state Superintendent, A. T. Allen, who when these met all in a body on the platform of the large auditorium introduced the various Superintendents to the student body and the Superintendents in turn presented at President Dougherty's request, the Principals and teachers of their respective counties. Each of the Superintendents made a few appropriate remarks. About forty were present from these counties, Ashe and Avery having about a dozen each and smaller numbers from the other counties, and from the interesting discussions of the various phases of high school work led by the Vice State Director Highsmith, many helpful facts were brought and enthusiasm inspired that will doubtless mean much to the high schools of this section. All these were entertained at dinner by the Home Economics Department.

The old Confederate Veterans held their annual meeting at the Normal on Thursday and Friday and as usual were entertained by the Normal at Eswell Home. At chapel on Thursday they were present and gave some of their old martial music for the measure of those present. Prof. Greer gave in a pleasing way the address of welcome to those beloved old men. These lines are fast growing thin, there being only about a dozen present. Prof. Dougherty, Rankin and M. B. Woosley made addresses to them in their meeting.

The Normal is glad to honor those noble heroes whom also all are now glad to honor.

DEEP GAP NEWS

The consolidated school at Deep Gap is progressing nicely. It is given up by all our people that the present team bids fair to be the best school we have ever had. Our good teachers seem to be striving to the limit for this end. Everybody is behind the school and this combined makes things go.

Mr. Howard Steadman brother in law of Mr. A. G. Miller holds a position at the Deep Gap Cash Store as clerk and bookkeeper. Howard is a good jovial fellow and has made many friends since he came here. We understand that he may later make his permanent home here.

Clydia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Watson is visiting at the home of her parents here. She lives in the state of Montana and this is her first visit back home in two years or over.

Mr. Dancy, a real estate man from North Wilkesboro has recently been over in Deep Gap looking out some property for a list of prospective clients. He will be back in a few days on this same mission we are told.

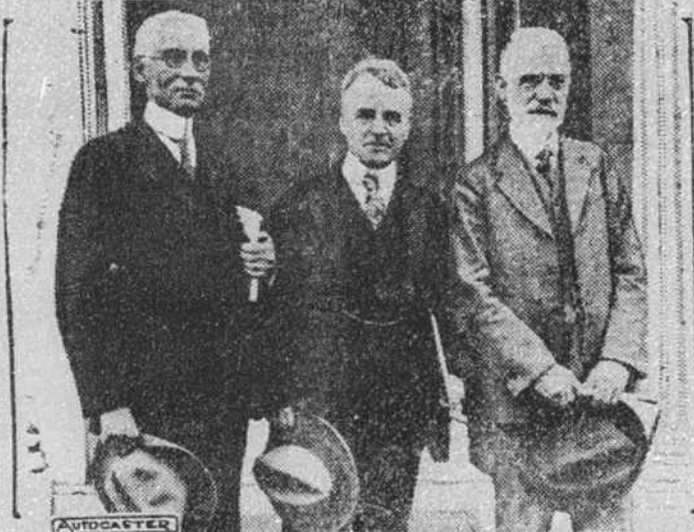
The Deep Gap Railway Company is doing a good business hauling extra freight from Bowie to this place. Business seems to be picking up and this will speed greater things to come.

Miss Priscie Green, the little blind girl recently gave a concert and recital at the home of Mr. A. F. Nichols. She plays sweetly upon the guitar and sings the old time and modern songs.

She received a nice collection and one Rev. E. G. Greer of Fleetwood offered to give as much as all those who were present and made good his word. He also made the blind girl a present of an Oliver typewriter so that she could write her work and letters to people who were not blind. Rev. Greer is a very open hearted man when it comes to gifts to the blind.

Editor Nance of the Northwestern Herald, and J. D. Stanbury, Clerk of Court of Jefferson were visitors for the week end at Miss Louise Hodges.

Our Air Defense Their Herculean Task



The officers of President Coolidge's air board, now in session at Washington, as they took up their herculean task of finding an efficient air defense for the U. S. Left to right, they are: Vice-Chairman, Judge Arthur Denison of Michigan; Chairman, Dwight Morrow of New York, and Secretary Wm. F. Durand.