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NEWS FROM THE NORMAL SCHOOL

Many Interesting Visitors. Faculty Lays Down 14 points for a Normal. Other Items of Interest.

The following friends have visited the Normal. Rev. C. L. Jackson of Wadesboro and Rev. F. M. Huggins, Pastor of the Boone Baptist church. Mr. Jackson has been conducting a revival at the Baptist church during the past two weeks and quite a number of conversions are reported. Rev. S. A. Bennett, Dean of Religious Education of Elon College and little son and Mr. Arthur K. Moore who is in charge of Athletics at Elon. The Normal was glad to have these good friends. Mr. Jackson conducted devotional service and made a splendid talk. Mr. Bennett also conducted devotional service and made a most helpful talk to the student body.

Prof. I. G. Greer of the Normal delivered an address at Hendrix in Ashe county at an educational rally on the 23.

The Faculty of the Normal has been discussing for a number of weeks what are the real functions of a Normal and the following fourteen points have been agreed on as some vital points which the Normal will strive after as at least a part of its ideal.

1. To recognize that children are citizens in embryo.
2. To encourage studios and investigating habits.
3. To give the science of teaching.
4. To give the art of teaching.
5. To develop a judgment as to dress, when and with whom to dress.
6. To develop a judgment as to what to say, when, and to whom to say.
7. To recognize the tax payer as a potent factor in our educational system.
8. To teach economy and the habits of industry and thrift.
9. To impress the importance of health habits and sanitation.
10. To inspire one with willingness to work.
11. To train for tactfulness and adaptability.
12. To emphasize the importance of team work and full cooperation with local, county and state authority.
13. To appreciate the beautiful and a care for property.
14. To lead people to see that it is not what we teach, but what we are, that counts.

PRESIDENT ISSUES PROCLAMATION

Washington, Oct. 27.—Thanksgiving that the United States has been brought with safety and honor through another year was proclaimed by President Coolidge in setting aside Thursday, November 26, as the day of Thanksgiving for the American people.

Listing the conditions for which the president thinks the people should be grateful, the proclamation said:

Through the generosity of nature He has blessed us with resources whose potentiality in wealth is almost incalculable.

"We are at peace home and abroad. We have been indisturbed by pestilences or great catastrophes."

"Our harvest and our industries have been rich in productivity."

"Our commerce spreads over the whole world."

"Labor has been well rewarded for its remunerative service."

"As we have grown and prospered in material things, so also should we progress in moral and spiritual things. We are a God fearing people who should set ourselves against evil and strive toward righteousness in living and observing the Golden Rule we should from our abundance help and serve those less fortunately placed."

"We should bow in gratitude to God for His many favors."

Governor McLean has named half a hundred North Carolinians as delegates to the 18th National Conference on Taxation to be held in New Orleans during the week of November 9th. While many have been called it is a safe bet that few will go, as there is no allowance for expenses.

ANNUAL EVERY MEMBER CANVASS AT BAPTIST CHURCH

The annual every member canvass of the Boone Baptist Church will be made next Sunday. This is a necessary part of the church work. It should not be an irksome task, as it is the Lord's business. No church can run without giving attention to its church finances. Every member is asked to make a pledge of what you think you can pay in during the year. The pledge should be a weekly pledge. There should be an increase in our pledges, if the church is going to full time preaching.

These pledges are to be made for the local expenses of the church, and for the mission cause. Our mission objective for the year is \$1000.

The plan for making this canvass is to receive all the pledges possible at the church next Sunday then check up on the cards, and go out Sunday afternoon to see the others. Will you not be at church next Sunday prepared to make your pledge and thus facilitate the work of the committee.

Why not pledge the tenth of your income to the Lord and make an estimate, as near as you can, of what that would be. There are some who give the tenth. More should do it. The Lord will bless you if you honor Him with your substance."

The following committee is appointed with respective sections to be visited:

State Normal School—Ladies, faculty and students, Mrs. J. A. Williams, Mrs. Emma Moore, Miss Isabelle Ledbetter. Men—faculty and students, Vance Howell, Jeter Ramsey, Dewey Mast.

Town, Baptist church to Water Street, J. T. C. Wright, J. L. Qualls, Water Street toward Cove Creek, A. Y. Howell, Ed Qualls.

Baptist Church to Hospital, Mrs. D. J. Cottrell, Mrs. A. I. Greene.

Pine Street and Street by Cemetery, I. G. Greer, G. W. Gragg.

Baptist Hospital and to Winkler's residence and Oak Street, G. P. Hagaman and Clyde Greene.

Mr. Winkler's toward Blowing Rock, W. D. Farthing, Smith Hagaman.

Hospital toward N. Wilkesboro, W. R. Gragg, W. D. Coffey.

Depot Street, Railroad section, old Turnpike and School Campus, Elsie Farthing, Ruth Cottrell.

Toward W. W. Gragg's, W. C. Greer, R. H. Townsend.

Every member is asked to cooperate to make this an effective canvass. You can do this by being at Sunday School Sunday morning and make your pledge, or if you cannot be at the church be at home in the afternoon to receive the committee. This is simply a business proposition for the Lord, and it is hoped that it may be done thoroughly and effectively.

Boone Baptist Church

Sunday School 10 a. m.

Every member canvass for local expenses of church and for Mission objects.

B. Y. P. Us meet at 6 p. m.

The series of meetings recently held in the church seems to have resulted in a deep spiritual revival. The word of God was proclaimed in great power, and as a result there were 17 baptisms Sunday night. There were a number who came by letter. Among these five were received by letter Sunday before the meeting began.

There are other Baptists living in town who ought to put their letters in with us. The church would be glad to welcome them and stands ready to serve them, as well as all the others.

Blowing Rock Baptist

Our meeting is in progress at Blowing Rock this week with Brother Griggs doing the preaching. Please pray for the meeting that the church may be revived and souls saved.

WHISPERINGS OF AUTUMN

(James M. Downum.)

Tint of autumn, sun and shadow,

On the mountains far and wide,

Speaking in a truer language

Of the things that are to be:

Of the scenes that shall be lasting

When the leaves of autumn fall,

Ways that shall be leading onward

To a high and noble call.

Autumn's leaves so swiftly falling

Leaving twigs that shall remain,

Waiting for the coming springtime

And the flowers on the main,

Gorgeous scenes display their beauty

Touching hearts with purity,

Whispering forth so true and plainly

Of the days that are to be.

NEWS BREVITIES FROM RALEIGH AND THE STATE IN GENERAL

(BY M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 27.—The contest between employees of the state and the salary and wage commission was the center of interest in Raleigh during the past week. The horrible tragedy at Rex Hospital which took the toll of a baby's life by burning also was the object of sympathetic interest. The Governor made addresses during the week to the Negro state fair and to the Railroad Firemen at Charlotte and then departed for Washington to appear before the Ways and Means Committee of Congress and oppose the inheritance tax. The will of J. B. Duke made public interested North Carolinians because of the large sums which were added to Duke's endowment fund. They will also made further provisions for charitable and religious objectives in North Carolina.

The Salary and Wage Commission withdrew from its stand abolishing six of the holidays established by the legislature when the Attorney General advised the body it had no power to undo what the General Assembly had done. The commission got back at the employees however by stating it was considering cutting the annual holiday to six days unless the department heads cooperated with it in reducing the number of legal holidays. The matter is still at issue. The Commission had a hearing on salaries and classifications last week and decided to give consideration to a few appeals but denied the great majority. The State Highway Commission estimates it will lose 100 trained engineers who had been promised salary increases but which were denied by the wage body.

The tragedy in which the ten hours old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Smith was burned to death aroused Raleigh citizens. The child was placed in a receiving basket immediately after birth and died a few hours later. It was then that a heating pad had been left in the basket and that death had resulted from burns. The coroner's jury held that the cause of death was negligence and carelessness at the hospital but did not file any criminal charges against anyone. Two nurses who had charge of the child are under suspension at the hospital pending further investigation.

The Governor's address to the Negro State Fair applauded the great progress the race has accomplished since the days of slavery. The Governor however expressed the idea that the further progress of the negro was dependant upon the continuance of a state governed by white men. The Fair was said to be a wonderful exhibit and the negro officials deserving of much credit.

Governor McLean travelled to Charlotte the middle of the week where he addressed the Trainmen in session there. The Governor lauded the progress made by labor and also commended the trainmen for their devotion to duty which he said had been the means of making the American railroads "one of the wonders of the world." Friday Mr. McLean appeared in Washington to urge abolition of the Federal tax on inheritances as unfair and an attempt on the Federal government's part to take one of the sources of taxation. He appeared with several other governors to support the stand in the matter taken by Secretary Mellon and they appear to have been successful for the committee will recommend a bill about in line with what the Governors desired.

The will of James B. Duke takes another opportunity of making this great business man and philanthropist secure for time to come in the regard of his fellow man. Mr. Duke left another \$17,000,000 to Duke University which already will benefit handsomely by the income from the \$10,000,000 Duke foundation. The additional money will be used in part, according to the will, for the creation of a great medical school and hospital as a part of Duke University. He also left additional sums to the Duke Foundation, the income from which goes to charitable, religious and educational purposes in North and South Carolina. Mr. Duke

also remembered his personal employees at his various estates and in his official household, they all receiving legacies of from one year's salary to \$40,000 to his secretary. A number of others employed in his various enterprises will get handsome sums and the young 13 year old daughter Doris is the chief beneficiary, his wife having been already provided for in gifts before his death. Should the daughter die without children the Duke foundation will come into the major portion of the income from the estate of about \$150,000,000.

George Ross Pou, superintendent of the State Prison, has adopted a new honor system at the prison where by convicts will be let out to road work contractors and receive a daily stipend to be held at the prison for them. A feature is that the men will be on their honor and should any escape a certain portion of the funds of the others will be used to pay expenses of recapture. The convicts thus will pay to have their fellows recaptured. The system is calculated to cut down expenses.

Grand Master Caster of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, concluded a tour of the State in the interest of the Order of Odd Fellows at Henderson on last Thursday evening. The Grand Master has held private conferences and public meetings in seventeen of the nineteen districts which afforded an opportunity to touch elbows with the membership from the mountains to the sea and secure first hand information on the progress of Odd-Fellowship in various sections of the state. Grand Secretary John D. Berry and the Grand Treasurer accompanied the Grand Master to practically all of the points visited and report that the Order is on the upward trend. They are especially pleased with the interest manifested in all of the district meetings. The tour recently completed by the Grand Master is said to be only the beginning of the forward movement he had planned to inaugurate when elevated to that position.

The registered electorate of Wake county voted on last Tuesday to loan the State Highway Commission the sum of \$1,300,000 for the purpose of paving important roads leading out of Raleigh. The majority was decisive and it is said that route 50 from Cary to Apex will receive the first consideration.

If the Legislative Committee of North Carolina Association has its way about it a constitutional eight month minimum school term will be provided for by the General Assembly of 1927. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction is backing the suggestion to the limit and educational leaders generally are in hearty sympathy with the movement. It is said that more normal colleges for training teachers will be advocated.

Henry L. Stevens, State Commander of the American Legion, in Raleigh recently to appear before the Salary and Wage Commission let it be known that the Legion is not going into politics while he is at the head of the organization. He assumed this attitude during the pre-convention campaign and is said to have won over John Hall Manning on that issue.

The surcharge on Pullman passenger fares is to be reinstated on December 10th according to a ruling of the Interstate Commerce Commission, which means that a berth within the state now costing \$2.50 will draw \$3.75 on and after the date mentioned, the opinion of the decision is in line with the general policy of the Federal Commission's policy of fixing rates applicable to all the states.

The official organ of the state department of education is in authority for the statement that in three years there will be no teachers in the public schools who have educational qualifications of less than graduation from a standard high school. This opinion is based on the present rate of decrease in the number of these

COUNTY SCHOOL TEACHERS WILL ASSEMBLE AGAIN on 7th

The next meeting of the Watauga Teachers' Association will be held Saturday November 7th at the Boone Public School. In accordance with requests received from county teachers, the morning session will be open so that all who desire to do so may observe classes taught by the Demonstration School faculty. The following program has been arranged for the afternoon session which will begin at 1:30 p. m.:

1. How to Achieve Regular Attendance.
2. Music and Folk Songs by Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Greer.
3. How Can a Teacher Discipline a School Without Using Corporal Punishment?
4. Treating the Child as an Individual.

These topics will be presented by one or more selected speakers before being thrown open for discussion. Every teacher is asked to think about these ideas before he or she comes, and if possible, to contribute to the discussion.

Watch the Democrat for next week's announcement.

WILHELMINA HYDRICK,
Chairman.

TWO KILLED IN NEWLAND CRASH

Mrs. John H. Price, of Johnson City, whose husband was instantly killed when their automobile plunged down an embankment near Newland on Monday afternoon, followed her husband to the Great Beyond when Tuesday afternoon death resulted from the injuries she had received. Her death came at Grace Hospital, Banner Elk, where she was taken from the scene of the wreck.

The body of Mr. Price was brought to Johnson City on Monday and on Tuesday evening the body of Mrs. Price was taken there by motor.

Mr. Price was killed instantly, his head being crushed apparently when the car fell on him, crushing his face against the stones on the embankment. Mrs. Price's skull was broken at the base of the brain and her jaw bone crushed.

An examination of the tracks of the car indicated that the wheels had gone straight through the soft earth at the side of the road, climbed a low rock wall, and when the rear axle struck a low projecting log the car somersaulted, throwing the five occupants out, then turning over again and landing on its wheels over a hundred feet below.

non-standard teachers now employed in these schools which have prevailed during the past five years. In 1920 there were 5,698 non-standard white teachers of county and city schools. Late statistics indicate the employment of only 1,720 thus showing the good old times are passing off the stage.

Dr. Charles E. Mardry, executive head of the Baptist Board of Missions of North Carolina, sounds an encouraging note on the financial status of that denomination at this time. The statement is based on the partial report of Walters Durham, treasurer of the state Convention, showing that \$350,000 has been received during the fiscal year for the denominational program. Another hundred thousand is expected before the meeting of the convention in Charlotte next month.

The State Department of Agriculture ascertains that the State led in the production of soy beans, first in the yield per acre, and third in the number of acres under cultivation last year. The value of the crop was \$5,998,767. The acreage is larger this year but the harvest is not expected to measure up to the 1924 crop it is said.

A GOOD JUDGE

Charlotte News

Judge Finley has emerged from the confusions incident to the Rockingham trial, the same honest, conscientious, discerning jurist that he has long been known to be. His charge to the jury was clearcut, virile, impassioned and impossible of misapprehension except by those whose minds were made up on other than the law of the land.

THE BLACK BEAR TRAIL

Distinguished Folk Here in Interest of Scenic Highway Entertained by Chamber of Commerce.

The most representative meeting and the doubtless the most far reaching in its purpose ever held in or near Boone was held in the Daniel Boone Hotel on Thursday evening of last week.

The Boone Chamber of Commerce gave a dinner to the scores and scores of distinguished men who came as delegates from Virginia and Maryland, South Carolina, Florida and numerous towns and cities of North Carolina.

Spartanburg, S. C. and Marion, N. C. did themselves the honor of furnishing the largest delegations present.

The Daniel Boone Hotel prepared and served a dinner in a way that reflected credit on itself, the Chamber of Commerce and the town.

W. H. Gragg, president of the Chamber of Commerce delivered an address of welcome after which he introduced Prof. I. G. Greer, B. B. Dougherty and Superintendent Smith Hagaman who in turn spoke of the scenic beauty of Western North Carolina and of the honor and pleasure of having such a distinguished body of the country's leading citizens within our gates.

Hugh McRae, of Wilmington, one of North Carolina's most progressive and outstanding citizens acted as chairman of the meeting. After explaining at length the purpose of the meeting, numbers of representatives from the various states and towns were called upon for speeches and then out of interest and enthusiasm flowed impassioned oratory unrestrained.

It was the purpose of the meeting to discuss and inaugurate ways and means by which the National Government might be induced to give a federal number and insignia to a number of state and National highways which are to be constructed ways which are to be consolidated into one great national highway extending from Quebec, Canada crossing the United States in almost a direct line to Miami, Florida. This highway is to be known as the Black Bear Trail, whose insignia is to be a big black bear posted on fences, trees and posts in profusion. All the way from Canada to Florida, so the tourist may thread his way through valley, over mountain, through city and town without even inquiring the way or being told you are on the wrong road.

This great highway is to pass thru about eighty cities and towns, Boone happily being one of them. It is interesting to note that Boone is exactly midway between the termini of this great road—same number of miles on either side.

The most casual observer can readily see the tremendous significance of such a highway. Not only would the state and nation be interested in making this one of the greatest if not the greatest trans-continental highways of the United States, but such a stream of tourists would pour over it every day in the year that every point touched by it would not only become known across the continent, but hundreds would stop and invest. The tourist from the land of the orange groves will be attracted by the balsam groves of the Grandfather; the traveller from the peering plains of the Carolinas will be inspired by the cool of our towering hills. Many of the brain tired millions of the great commercial cities of the north will come, forget and rest in the shadows of our great mountain peaks. The tourist passing over this entire route can experience nothing like it elsewhere in all the world for variety of climate and scenic beauty.

This is not a dream but with the united effort of the states, cities and towns through which it passes will no doubt in the immediate future become a glorious consummation.

The next meeting will be held at Winchester, Va.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

Preaching service at eleven, also Sunday evening at eight o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all.