

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Miss Pearl Edminsten, of Lenoir, was a visitor in Boone early in the week.

Mr. T. Stewart Coffey, of Statesville, was here this week, on business.

Prof. E. J. Abernethy, of Gastonia, spent Saturday night with his sister, Mrs. J. D. Rankin.

Dr. Holland and W. R. Jurney, of Harmony, Iredell county, were in town a short while this afternoon.

Mrs. M. B. Woosley returned Friday from an extended visit to her mother, Mrs. Warlick, at Granite Falls.

Mrs. Julia Abernethy is spending some time with her daughters, Mrs. J. D. Rankin and Mrs. Mc. G. Anders.

Mrs. Anna Anders, who has been spending the winter with her daughter at Sturgills, is visiting the family of Dr. Anders here.

Many thanks to our friends who so kindly came in, settled and renewed so far this week, and to a goodly number of new subscriptions.

Mr. Ralph Hughes, of Newland, died at his home early yesterday morning, was announced by a phone message from that town yesterday morning. No particulars.

Our good friend E. J. Norris, one of the few surviving Confederate veterans, was in town the first of the week. His health has been rather poor for some time, but he is now slightly better.

Aside from our local bar, the following visiting attorneys have been seen here this week: Newland, Squires and Fletcher, of Lenoir; Burke, of Taylorsville; Aiken, of Hickory, and Love, of Newland.

The pretty home of Mr. W. H. Gragg, just south of the Mrs. E. S. Coffey property, is rapidly approaching completion. It is beautifully located, and will be very attractive when completed.

Mr. William Watson, of Deep Gap, father of our townsman, Mr. Albert Watson, of Boone, was in to renew his subscription Monday. He is now 74 years old; has raised to manhood and womanhood fifteen children, and is, despite his age, very active, still doing good work on his farm.

Mr. Wiley Harman, of Beech Creek, just rounding out his four score and ten years, died at his home Tuesday night. Mr. Harman was a thrifty citizen and accumulated considerable property, in fact much more than the average Watauga farmer. Interment was made yesterday.

We are indeed glad to learn that Mrs. T. Len Cooke, who has been in the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, where she underwent a severe operation, is now able to be out of the hospital, but as yet is not able to stand the trip home. She is with her daughters, Misses Bernice and Vera, who are teaching school there until April 1st.

The many friends of Ex-Lieut. Gov. W. C. Newland, of Lenoir, are glad to see him here this week, very, very much improved in health after his prolonged illness and operation. He says he is feeling fine but has not, as yet, entirely regained his strength. However, he was able to handle his part of the docket in court, which is always liberal.

During the present pretty weather the contractors are making good headway with the water and sewer connection on the streets of Boone. Just as soon as they are all made, work on our concrete streets will begin. If the weather continues fine we may confidently expect that concrete will all be poured within sixty days, or less time.

Rev. Billings, an aged and beloved Primitive Baptist minister, died at the home of his son, Mr. Reeves Billings, on Brushy Fork Tuesday morning. Mr. Billings came to Watauga county many years ago from Alleghany county, and his demise has brought real sadness to the people who have held him in high esteem. He leaves quite a large number of descendants who are numbered among our best citizens.

A heavy Dodge truck, owned and operated by Mr. Herman Wilcox, between Boone and North Wilkesboro was destroyed by fire near the foot of the Blue Ridge, on the east side, Monday afternoon. The truck was heavily loaded with freight consigned to Boone merchants, which amounted to several hundred dollars. The loss was complete. A short circuit is supposed to be the cause of the conflagration.

Mr. M. W. Beach, who more than 20 years ago, took up the printers' trade in The Democrat office and held a case in the little shop for a long while, has returned to his first love. Not, however, as a hand compositor, but as an expert linotype operator and machinist. He is an artist in his line and The Democrat

now boasts of as good a force as can be found in a country shop. Mr. Beach, wife and two small daughters are now residing in the house formerly owned by Mr. Robert Castle in Boone.

The Thomas Quintet, of Valle Crucis, was an attraction at the Pastime Monday evening. Mr. Hard Thomas and wife, two sons, Herby and Hubert, and little Miss Hazel, their youngest girl, a rare musical genius, compose the troupe. Young James Tester, another popular musician, accompanied them here. The violin, guitar, tango guitar and saxophone were the instruments used. The renditions were splendid, in fact, better than the major part of road concerts of the day. The music was very much enjoyed and we hope to have them with us again.

Mrs. Clint Thomas received the sad intelligence last Saturday that her mother, Mrs. W. H. Penley, died at the home of one of her daughters in Tacoma, Wash., on Monday of last week, after a prolonged illness. Mrs. Penley is a daughter of Ex-Sheriff Bill Beard, of Valle Crucis, and for a long while resided in Boone. She was a splendid lady and has many friends in Boone and the county. To her husband and children The Democrat extends sympathy, all of whom were present when the end came, except Mrs. Thomas, of Boone, who was almost crushed with grief when the sad news came.

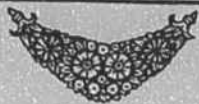
THEY "FLEW THE COOP"
On Tuesday morning last, at Lees-McRae Institute at Banner Elk, some knotted sheets were discovered dangling from a second story window of the dormitories for girls. Immediate investigation revealed the fact that four girls (names withheld), two from Avery county, one from Jefferson City, Tenn., and one from Savannah, Ga., had decided to forsake for a time the school, which had grown monotonous to them, and cast themselves upon the world, for better or for worse. That day it was found that the girls, on leaving the building, had made their way alone and afoot through the darkness of the night, rain, mud and slush, wended their way across the mountains in the direction of Boone. They arrived at the home of Mr. C. D. Taylor at Valle Crucis at 2:30 a. m. Tuesday where they were given lodging until morning. Leaving without eating the proffered breakfast, they continued their journey, passing through Boone about 10 o'clock, stopping at the Blackburn hotel where they made some changes in their clothing. From here they went to Blowing Rock, where they were located yesterday afternoon by Mr. Edgar Tufts, superintendent of the school, where they were enjoying the hospitality of the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Coffey.

The Avery girls had been located by home folks and returned on the early train out of Boone that morning. The two young girls from out of the state were together and expected to leave the next morning. When Mr. Tufts first approached them they were most stubborn, and said with emphasis that they would not return to the school. He had no right, he said, to take them by force, so he came back and interviewed Judge Finley, who referred him to the welfare judge, A. W. Smith. When Mr. Tufts got back later, he had an officer with him. He gave the truant girls their choice of either going back with him or with the officer. Amid moans and tears they chose the former. He and Mrs. Tufts left Boone in charge of the subdued but not conquered girls, at 11 o'clock last night.

This was a very risky, if not absolutely dangerous, move on the part of these girls of tender years. They had no money, no friends who knew them, and God alone knows what the consequences would have been after leaving the good home in which they were found. This should be a lesson to them and other girls in the institution as well. They have a real friend there in the person of Edgar Tufts, who would stick to them to the last, but he is as stern as can be when it is necessary.

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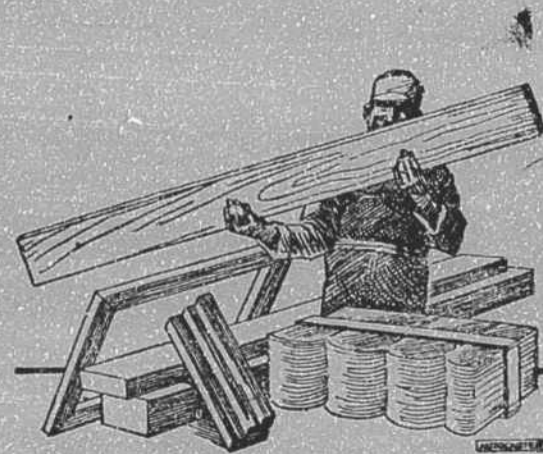
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