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## SECOND NORMAL TERM IS NOW UNDER WAY

There Now Are 709 Enrolled; 72 N. C. Counties and 27 in Other States Represented

The second summer term of the Appalachian State Normal opened on the 13th, the 12th and 13th being given over to registration, and the regular class work began Wednesday morning. There were a few delays in the registration. The number enrolled at present for this term is 709. This is 224 more than the second term last summer, or a little more than 45 per cent increase. This makes the entire enrollment for this summer 1,625, as compared with 1,134 last summer, making an increase over last summer of over 43 per cent.

The students are from 72 counties in North Carolina and 27 counties in other States, making 99 counties represented. As to the number from each county, Wilkes is leading with 70. Iredell has 50, Union 46, Yadkin, 42, Surry 24, Cleveland 24, Catawba 30, Alleghany 23, Caldwell 23, Gaston 23, Watauga 22, Mecklenburg 21, and 62 counties with fewer each.

There are students from seven States, including North Carolina, South Carolina with 11 counties represented, Virginia, Virginia with eight counties, and other adjoining States having fewer.

Dr. L. C. Painter, head of the English department of education of the Mississippi State College for Women, has entertained the student body at chapel for two days and gave an interesting program on the evening of the 15th. He is a man of wide information on English literature.

On the 16th, Rev. Carreder sang several solos which were greatly enjoyed.

## LENOIR MASONS PLAN BEAUTIFUL TEMPLE

Robert Upjohn, one of the country's leading architects, of New York City, was here Tuesday in conference with the Masonic building committee in reference to plans for a Masonic temple for Hibernia lodge. According to E. A. Poe, one of the members of the committee, Mr. Upjohn will submit plans for a five-story building to occupy the lot on which the Chamber of Commerce building now stands.

These plans provide for the first floor for business houses, the second floor for offices, with the third, fourth and fifth floors for lodge rooms for the Masons, Chapter, Commandery and Eastern Star. The estimated cost of the building is approximated at \$100,000. The members of the building committee are Mark Squires, E. A. Poe and E. F. Allen.—Lenoir Topic

## DEFEATED CANDIDATE TO RUN INDEPENDENTLY

Lawrence Wakefield, defeated for the Democratic nomination as candidate for the legislature in the June 5 primary, has announced that he will run as an independent candidate. In issuing this announcement Mr. Wakefield has set a date for a mass meeting at the courthouse on July 31. All who are not satisfied with po-

## MANY PERISH FROM HEAT IN THE MIDDLE WEST

Chicago, Ill., July 19.—Upwards of a dozen persons died today from the record-breaking heat wave which overspread the middle west yesterday and brought mercury to new high levels today.

The middle west and northwest probably will have another hot day tomorrow, weather bureau officials indicated tonight.

Chicago experienced its hottest day of the year when the mercury reached 94 at 4 o'clock. Six deaths were attributed to the heat. Two deaths were reported from South Dakota. Lisbon, N. D., reported an official reading of 108. Minnesota reported three deaths and one occurred at Alliance, Neb. Points in Nebraska, Missouri, the Dakotas, Minnesota and Illinois reported today was the hottest of the year with the mercury hovering about the century mark.

Yuma, Ariz., claimed the distinction of leading the perspiring parade of cities with a temperature of 112. Omaha reported the hottest July in the history of the weather bureau there when the mercury climbed to 101 for the second time this year.

Two more deaths here tonight from the heat brought the total for Chicago today to eight.

## BIRTHDAY DINNER

In celebration of his 73rd birthday anniversary, friends of T. J. Palmer of Leander, gathered on July 18th, and gave the aged citizen a delightful dinner. Mr. Palmer has been in very poor health since last January. There were about 125 people present for the dinner and all seemed to enjoy the occasion. Rev. R. L. Palmer and Rev. L. C. Wilson were present and made talks.

## PAGEANT PLANS BEING FORMED

Mr. Davidson Writes Chamber of Commerce Outlining Program For Historic Event

The following letter in regard to the proposed historical pageant was read before the session of the Chamber of Commerce on Monday night by Mr. J. N. Davidson, who was one of the originators of the idea. It has been suggested that the American Legion at their next meeting take action on this matter to the end that the occasion may be of the very best.

"I presume that you all know that there is a movement to celebrate the 150 years acquisition of Watauga and adjoining counties by staging a historical pageant and exposition to show the development of the mountain section for the past 150 years. There is not as yet any definite program worked out, but it is planned to make it broad enough to take in all the most important phases in the life and growth of Watauga and adjoining counties.

"We should show, for instance, the development of our school system by staging five or six different schools of different types and periods, beginning with the type of school of 150 years ago, then the type of about thirty to forty years later and so on till we come down to our present school system. All those types of schools should be represented as near historical as possible in every detail. The dress of the children and teacher, the arrangements of the rooms, the text book and the mode of teaching of each period should be just as they were at that time. We should show the social development by staging five or six types of social gatherings, beginning with a gathering of old pioneers till we come to our present time. The apparel of the men, women and children, the arrangement of the houses, the setting of the tables, and the greeting and conversation of each gathering should be as near historical as possible. We might show in the same way the changes in the marriage ceremonies, the difference in church services, the agricultural developments, the development in the means of transportation, and many others. We might also show the leading figures of our county, as Daniel Boone, Howard and others. A pageant of this kind would take up about three days; the fourth day could be used to stage a street parade in the afternoon and a historical masquerade at night. In connection with the pageant, we should have an old exposition of relics, as old tools, arrows, looms, plows, etc. Also, an exposition of the best products of our county, such as dairy products, garden products, fruits, livestock, canned goods, hand work, etc., valuable prizes to be awarded for the best.

"A pageant of this nature would not only be of great educational value, but if properly arranged and well advertised might easily bring from ten to fifteen thousand people to Boone. I do not know how you feel about it, but as for myself I am more interested in the present and future than in the past. We are all anxious to see our town and county grow. We are blessed with a wonderful summer climate which no one can fail to appreciate. The only great obstacle, bad roads and streets, have been removed. All we have to do now is to have people to come here. Any one who spends a night here during the summer months will boost our town. We need publicity to get the people to come, but paid publicity is very expensive and no matter how much we will spend we will not be able to spend as much as our competitors. It is cheaper to do things which will give us the right kind of publicity without having to pay a cent. A pageant will give us publicity in and out of our state. The first article about the pageant in the Democrat was reprinted in the Johnson City Chronicle and the Winston-Salem Journal without solicitation whatever. If we had an advertising agent who would call the attention of other papers, every paper in the state would have written about it already. If the pageant becomes a reality, every paper in the state and many out of the state will give us free publicity and the many thousands of visitors will add thousands of new boosters for Boone. It will not only pay in the future but it will more than pay for itself right at once. Even if we do not figure the money the crowds will spend in our hotels, restaurants, and other business establishments the gate receipts alone will undoubtedly bring in more than double the expense.

"It will take lots of work and money to put over this project right, but as we expect it to be a paying business the money ought to be raised in a business-like manner by selling stock and a business manager hired on a straight salary or on a commission basis, and the artistic work directed by a paid artist. The work must begin at once as it would not be advisable to have it any later

## EDWARD GRAY FARTHING CLAIMED BY DEATH

Edward Gray Farthing, eleven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Farthing, died at the home of his parents in Boone last Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock, after a very short illness. He went home from school Wednesday afternoon feeling right badly and grew worse during the night. Doctors Perry and Hagaman were summoned, and up to the time of his death everything possible was done, but the disease baffled their skill. Interment was made in the city cemetery Sunday afternoon, the funeral services being conducted by his pastor, Rev. F. M. Huggins, assisted by Rev. H. B. Woosley. The audience assembled filled the large auditorium of the Baptist church and the floral offerings were beautiful and profuse, many of them coming from his school mates. The children of the third and fourth grades rendered the music, while a number of the smaller children were flower bearers, all of which made a scene one would not soon forget.

Gray was never very robust and as a consequence, through his short life was ever shielded by his parents. He was a good child from every viewpoint, and probably no boy was ever more attached to home than he. The parents have the deepest sympathy of all in this their great sorrow.

## MRS. M. B. BLACKBURN HOSTESS TO BIBLE CLASS

Mrs. M. B. Blackburn entertained the Woman's Bible class of the Methodist church on last Friday evening. There were twenty present. After the devotional exercises were over and some minor business matters discussed, the meeting was open for social pleasures, which were much enjoyed.

Our highly esteemed friend Mrs. A. V. Bennett, added much to the pleasure of the occasion. There were three visitors present, Mrs. Matheson, of Mooreville; Mrs. Coffey, of Hickory, and Mrs. Whitener, of Charlotte.

After the exercises were over, delectable edibles were served in charming style and were greatly enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. Blackburn and Mrs. Hardin have the thanks of the class for the pleasant time they gave the ladies.

## NORTHERN MISSIONARIES PAY VISIT TO "MOUNTAIN WHITES"

The Misses Watson, two ladies from Brooklyn, N. Y., are here for a few weeks' vacation and are living at the home of Mr. A. E. South. They have a sister in Boone who has been assisting Miss Cora Jeffcoat, mission worker of the Lutheran church for the past year in Watauga. They are workers along the same line, and will, while here, investigate conditions that are said to prevail among the "poor mountain whites." We feel sure that when the ladies look over the field in this county they will find less abject poverty than in any section of like territory in the state. And, by way of parenthesis, we will say that our good county claims the distinction of being the Athens of the mountains from an educational viewpoint. There is not an ambitious boy or girl in Watauga who cannot procure an education here fully covering a second year college course. These are the true conditions, regardless of stories to the contrary that have been heralded far and wide through the press and otherwise. An exception is often used as a rule. One of the lady visitors is superintendent of the kindergarten schools in her home city and we are glad to welcome her and her co-worker into our town and county.

than the first part of September. I am closing my letter with the following suggestions:

"(1) The Chamber of Commerce shall agree to take the lead in the pageant movement and subscribe to not less than one hundred dollars worth of stock. (2) To appoint a program committee, an advisory committee, a research committee, an advertising committee, a committee to hire a suitable business manager, and a committee to sell stock. (3) To invite the counties of Ashe, Alleghany and Avery to take part in this celebration. Every organization in the county of Watauga ought to have some stock; the Royal Arch Lodge has already agreed to take not less than \$50 worth of stock and we are confident that the other organizations as well as individuals will follow this example. I am confident that we will not only lose any on the stock but that it will pay big dividends. If the fiddler's contest brought in \$500 clear profit to the American Legion, why shouldn't eight shows in four days, one in the afternoon and one at night, in large tents of about three or four thousand capacity, bring profit."

## A CHERRY UP IN OLD WATAUGA

Thrills to a Mountain Traveling in Cherry Tree in Boyhood

(By G. H. Hurraygraph)

Cherry hunting in Watauga country is as full of thrills as a small boy going to a circus. I went cherrying up near the top of the state Friday. I wanted to frisk in a cherry tree as in the days of my boyhood, and transfer the fruit from its parent stem, with my own hands, to my mouth, which had been watering, so to speak, for this delicious mountain fruit. I did once more, to my heart's content.

Watauga county is one of the capstone counties of the State. It is noted for its marvelous growth of everything the soil can produce; abundance of all kinds of grain for man's sustenance; the most beautiful flowers for his admiration; the most delicious fruits for his various tastes; virtually the Canada of North Carolina, a land "flowing with milk and honey," and a hospitable people unexcelled.

Up there are mountains piled upon mountains, covered with forests and flora that bewilder one with their greatness and beauty. Great mountains under cultivation, with the most luxuriant crops that look like they are clothes hanging on a clothes line. Fields and mountain sides covered with daisies, like a white spread of driven snow, with their golden hearts shining in the sunlight like the buttons on the drapery of the night. Patches of wheat, rye and oats, with shocks almost as thick as the growing grain. Hill Powell, my companion on this trip, said that the beauty of buying a farm in this rugged country was that you could cultivate both sides of it, so steep were some of the mountains. It does seem so, and if you fell off one side you would land on the other.

In going up in the big mountains this time I had a Hill along with me. There are some hills you cannot carry to the mountains. Hill Powell, of the News-Topic office, at Lenoir, flivored in on me Friday morning early, and we took the road for the highlands up under the eaves of heaven.

Boone is the most attractive place I have seen in many a day. All kinds of work going on, and the town has taken on the spirit of improvement to a remarkable degree, and is becoming a handsome mountain metropolis. The air of thrift and progress is most evident throughout its domain. Cherries were there; red and black, two trees loaded down, in the courthouse yard. They belonged to Watauga county and we touched them not, but simply gazed upon their beauty with an envious eye and passed on. Bob Rivers, who lives beside a running brook that flows on forever, has a black-heart cherry tree beside his home, literally covered with cherries and presents such a lovely appearance that he won't let the birds even feast on them. Beside this tree is a combination picture of beauty. A grapevine has fallen in love with this cherry tree, and has spread itself all about one portion, as well as pear trees, and has induced roses to mingle themselves in its coils, and fruits and flowers are there in a happy family. In Boone I just rambled around among rambling roses, white, pink and red. Never saw such a beautiful profusion of them. They adorn nearly every mansion and cottage door.

We invaded the Cove Creek section. This is a wonderful country. Beautifully nesting among the mountains like a flower garden in its well cultivated farms that cover the valleys and lay upon the mountain sides like the latest fashions in women's dress suits.

Up in this Cove Creek country we found cherries in the greatest abundance. At the lovely mountain home of E. A. Wilson there were many trees full to the tips of the limbs with the most tempting fruit. We stopped right there and our desire for cherries was fully satisfied. We filled ourselves and all the buckets we had with us and brought down from the mountains a good supply. A whim was gratified that reminded me of boyhood days, when we would steal awhile away and find a cherry tree. Since this trip we have been rolling in "cherry rolls." They are hard to beat.

Valle Crucis was at the end of the summer school, which was to close that night. The attendance was good. The new rock church is a beauty. It is not quite completed, and friends of the school can hasten that time by a liberal contribution to the work of finishing and furnishing. Everything about this school looks thrifty and inviting. It is one of the most restful places in the mountains, and it is a wonder to me that more people do not seek its quiet retreat during the summer season. This school for girls is one of the prides of the Asheville diocese of the Episcopal church.

We found Blowing Rock as lively as usual, with a good influx of summer visitors at all of the places for entertainment of visitors. To me old Blowing Rock village has passed away and behold, all things are becoming new. New houses, new arrangement of streets, new faces; but the same old rock, the same old mountain views that inspire and thrill you, but ever new in their costumes of verdure and shifting scenes as sunshine and shadows play around their towering heads; the same invigorating air; and the same refreshing waters that flow from the heart of the mountains.

The whole trip was a beautiful panorama of nature as it is spread out in Northwestern North Carolina, and is here for the eyes of the whole world to behold and wonder over. The cherries were the best that ever grew and ripened under North Carolina skies.

## EDITOR RIVERS VISITS IN WINSTON-SALEM

"Watauga Newspaper Man Comes Down From Hills and Visits Twin-City"

Winston-Salem Journal, Saturday.

Down from the hills of Watauga, down through the valley of the Yadkin, came R. C. Rivers, editor and publisher of the Watauga Democrat. He passed through Winston-Salem Friday night and paid a visit to his contemporaries at the Journal office. Mr. Rivers never walks into any place but he makes a "hit." There is just something about the clear emphatic voice and smile that makes one know he is talking to first of all "a man" and then possibly a Democrat.

Thirty-seven years ago R. C. Rivers, who up to that time had done a little carpentering and called himself a roustabout, started a little sheet. He says he was just experimenting and is still experimenting. He pulled the first issue of the journal off the famous Washington hand press and continued to do this for twenty years. That press is still in his office, now as a curiosity, however, because the Watauga Democrat is equipped with an excellent country printing shop including a motor-driven press and linotype machine with other modern equipment.

When he was first experimenting, Mr. Rivers printed a hot Democrat paper but time has mellowed him considerably and now he says that when a radical's cow dies it gets the same prominence in his paper as if it belonged to an orthodox Democrat. Anyway the carpenter-editor-publisher numbers his friends by the score in the party of the opposition. He says he just can't help being a Democrat as that just comes from the inside.

But more than a Democrat, Mr. Rivers is a booster of his home county. He believes in those hills and what comes from them and he doesn't mind telling it in Winston-Salem.

## NEWS OF VALLE CRUCIS

Valle Crucis, July 21.—Mrs. G. W. Caudill returned last Saturday from the Presbyterian hospital, Charlotte, much improved in health. Miss Nannie Taylor is at home again.

On Wednesday of last week the Community Club entertained the summer school and other summer visitors in the valley at a picnic supper which was much enjoyed by all.

Mrs. J. P. Burke and infant daughter, Elizabeth, arrived home last Wednesday.

Gordon Taylor has accepted a position with the Blowing Rock hotel.

Mr. B. S. Graves, of Yencynville, is a visitor at the home of Rev. J. P. Burke.

On Tuesday of last week there was a concert at the school for the benefit of the new church building fund. Miss Ruth Rankin, of Boone, Rev. Stephen Gardner, Washington, and Dr. Wade K. Brown of Greensboro, were the artists performing, and rendered some fine music.

The Summer School for Religious Education closed last Friday night and the faculty and pupils left on Saturday looking forward to another session next year.

The little daughter of Joe Presnell fell off a fence and broke her arm Wednesday morning.

The public school term began here this week, with Mrs. Aubyn Farthing and Miss Susie Taylor teaching.

## TWO DEATHS IN PLANE CRASH AT HENDERSONVILLE

Hendersonville, N. C., July 19.—Robah Blane and Mack Colt, both of Hendersonville died Sunday afternoon at a local hospital where they had been carried after plunging 100 feet in an airplane piloted by C. D. Colquitt, of Atlanta. Colquitt was seriously injured but is expected to recover. The plane fell at Mountain Home, a short distance from here after going into a nose dive. It was demolished.

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## TEXTILE CHEMISTS AT BLOWING ROCK

Southern Section of Organization Held Session at Greenpark Hotel Saturday

The Southern section of the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists held its summer meeting at the Green Park Hotel, Blowing Rock, last Saturday. About forty members of the organization were in attendance. Many of the largest mills in North and South Carolina were represented.

James H. Purdy, general manager of the Southern Worsted Corporation of Greenville, S. C., read an interesting paper on the "Manufacture, Dyeing and Finishing of Worsted." C. W. Gaddy, manager of the knitting department of the Wiscasset Mills of Albemarle, delivered a most interesting talk on the "Manufacture Dyeing and Finishing of Full-Fashioned Hosiery." Mr. VanRine, of the E. I. DuPont Company of Wilmington, Del., made a talk on the fastness of colors on textiles and made the prediction that within a few years all wash fabrics could be dyed with fast colors. DuPont showed a film illustrating its dye works which proved very interesting for those in attendance.

Leonard S. Little, of the Pacific Mills Inman, S. C., presided as chairman.

The next meeting of the Southern section will likely be held in Spartanburg, S. C., about the middle of September, according to Charles H. Stone, of Charlotte, who is chairman of the arrangements committee.

Saturday's meeting closed with a banquet Saturday night in the Green Park hotel dining room.

## COOLIDGE ATTENDS CHURCH AT SARANAC LAKE CHURCH

Paul Smiths, N. Y., July 18.—A drive to Saranac Lake, fourteen miles distant, to attend morning services at the First Presbyterian church, marked the second Sunday spent by the President and Mrs. Coolidge in the Adirondacks. In the ride across the mountains to the church, where they worshipped last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge were recognized by many of the natives who had gathered outside their little cottages to wave as they passed. Their route through Saranac Lake was crowded with cars and people, and at the church a throng had gathered, unable to gain admittance to the small building in which only the early comers had found seats.

## WATAUGA GETS \$209 OUT OF MOTHER'S AID FUND

Quotas totaling \$34,118.27 have been apportioned among the 74 counties which have signed contracts for mother's aid work, says the monthly bulletin of the North Carolina State board of charities and public welfare.

Watauga county will receive \$209 from the fund, the money being distributed on a per capita basis. Mecklenburg leads with an appropriation of \$1,254. Alleghany county will receive \$115, Ashe \$326, Avery \$160, and Wilkes \$507.

## CHURCHES OF BOONE JOIN IN EVENING SERVICES

The various churches of the town united in a vesper service last Sunday evening, and it is planned to continue these services for the rest of the summer. To this end a committee has been appointed to arrange seats and other equipment. There was a large attendance on the Service Sunday evening and short talks were made by the different pastors on the different phases of church work.

## HOT WEATHER ADVICE

Let us suffer too much during the hot waves of this summer, may we remind you that these are good rules for everybody:

Dress lightly, keep out of the sun as much as possible, eat enough but not too much, and don't swallow water or other cold drinks all day long. Hot tea, without sugar or milk, is better than any of them, and the warm or hot bath is more cooling in its effects, than the cold one, for all except the most rugged. Don't get scared as long as perspiration is free. When it stops and the skin gets dry and feverish, then look out for yourself, and do it instantly.

Fruits and salads are estimable foods in hot weather, but so they are in cold weather, too, and it is wise to remember that starvation is not a good preparation for meeting any emergency.

## LIVINGSTON CLUB

The Livingston Club met Monday afternoon with Miss Anita Winkler at her home in east Boone. The guests assembled in the parlor which was attractively decorated with nasturtiums and ferns. After a short program the club discussed the Woman's Missionary conference which was held in Wilkesboro yesterday.

After the refreshments, the club adjourned to meet again next month.