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FIVE CENTS A COPY

Sandy Flat School Building Nailed Up

Notice is Tacked on Door Stating "There Will Be No More School Here."

Mrs. Dana Sale, teacher of the public school at Sandy Flat on Monday morning, and to her surprise found the door securely nailed, as were the windows, with this notice tacked on the door in a big, bold hand:

"NOTICE"

"This is to notify you there is to be no more school at this place, so take warning."

"K. K. K."

Our informants laid no blame on the Klan for this dastardly act, but think it is some designing person party who had in some way been peeved over the school. Mrs. Sale was badly frightened over the threat, but is now quiet and is going on with her work. The author and finisher of this outrageous notice has stepped far beyond the protection of the law and all good citizens should assist in his apprehension and conviction. No such conduct should be tolerated by the good people of the county.

DEMOCRAT WILL BE ISSUED AS USUAL CHRISTMAS WEEK

It has for many years been the custom of The Democrat to suspend publication Christmas week, but this year, owing to the business in the paper that it would affect, makes it mandatory for the paper to appear, therefore the paper will be issued as usual during Christmas week and correspondents and advertisers are asked to send in their copy as usual.

NEWS IN AND ABOUT LENOIR

Lenoir, Dec. 8.—The burning of the Barnhardt furniture plant with the charred remains of the body of John King found in the ruins and reports from the Caldwell hospital as to the unfavorable condition of Floyd Gobel and W. W. Carson has caused more excitement in Lenoir than anything that has happened since the World War. With those 172 men thrown out of work, many of their families at the mercy of the public for food and fuel and clothing, and quite a number still suffering from injuries, Lenoir has awakened from its peaceful, prosperous lethargy and responding to the call of the distressed. Everywhere on the street corners Saturday groups of men were gathered discussing the fire, their escape from death, etc. In this age of increasing automobile facilities and fast living, even the mountain folk soon forget, but the fire of November 30 will not soon be forgotten.

Mrs. C. W. Coffey has returned from New York city where she has been taking treatment for the past six weeks under an oculist. She has received relief but at the cost of her eye.

The poultry show held here December 2 and 3 was quite a success. More than 300 birds were entered and about \$70 paid out in cash premiums. A guessing contest was an interesting feature; \$5.00 in gold to the one guessing nearest to how many grains of corn a young Black Jersey giant cockerel would consume in one day. Miss Christine Cook, daughter of Job Cook, won the prize, her guess being 280. The bird consumed 283 grains. Pet stock, such as peacocks and pheasants were also on exhibit.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Barlow and children attended the birthday dinner given to Mr. S. F. Horton by his bride of a few months at their home, "Cove Haven" last Sunday.

DEATH OF MRS. C. M. WATSON

Mrs. C. M. Watson, of Deep Gap, died in the Wilkes Hospital on November 28, following a very short illness with something like blood poisoning. Mrs. Watson was the daughter of Mr. Lee Greene, and is survived by her father, husband, five children and eight brothers and sisters, one of whom is Mr. Rufus Greene, of Boone. Interment was at Deep Gap on December 1st. Mrs. Watson was a devout Christian, and just before the end came, talked to her children and other loved ones and died happy in the faith which had meant much to her while living. Her age was about 40 years.

The Chinese knew how to make bread from wheat as early as 1998 B. C.

ACTIVITY IN LOCAL BUILDING CIRCLES

Boone Laundry Expects to Erect Modern Structure Next Year; Many Residences Being Built

The Boone Steam Laundry is planning to erect a new building sometime next year, according to Manager R. K. Johnson. The proposed building will be 50 by 100 feet, and will cost between \$50,000 and \$75,000. The complete plans have not as yet been worked out, but it is stated that the plant will be equipped with the very latest type of laundry machinery and equipment that will enable the concern to handle all the business of Boone and the surrounding communities.

R. M. Owens is planning extensive improvements to his blacksmith and machine shop. Mr. Owens came to Boone several months ago from Welsh, W. Va., and announced at that time that he would greatly improve the plant.

The woodworking plant being constructed on the Blowing Rock road in East Boone is rapidly nearing completion, and will add materially to the industrial activity of the community when placed in operation. The shop will be equipped with modern machinery and will specialize in hardwood materials, it is understood.

New Residences

Dr. J. B. Hagaman and Dr. Gaither plan to erect new homes in the Daniel Boone Cabin Colony early in the spring.

H. S. Story has recently completed a new eight-room bungalow on Oak street in East Boone.

John Greer has recently completed a modern home in the Daniel Boone Park.

Howard W. Mast is erecting a new filling station, which is to be leased to the Sprinkle Oil Company.

PRUNING IN WINTER PREVENTS PEAR BLIGHT

Raleigh, Dec. 8.—Cutting out and destroying in winter, the twigs and limbs of pear trees killed by blight during the growing season will control the destructive "fire blight" and eliminate the source of infection for the following year.

Pear blight is produced by a bacterial germ, says G. W. Fant, extension plant disease specialist at State College. "This disease causes much concern to growers during the growing season, although it is during the winter months only that preventive measures can be put into practice. The disease is characterized by a death of the blossoms, young twigs and later the larger limbs, giving twigs of affected trees the appearance of having been scorched by fire. No method of control by spraying has yet been found due to the manner in which the disease works beneath the surface of the bark.

Twigs affected with fire blight can be distinguished in winter by the adhering dead leaves and Mr. Fant states that it is a good practice to go over all affected trees during the dormant season and cut out, as far as possible, all blight twigs. The cuts, he explains, must be made several inches below the lower limit of the canker in order to cut out all diseased wood. It is advisable also to disinfect the pruning implement after making each cut by dipping the implement into a solution of bichloride of mercury prepared in the proportion of one part of the material to 1,000 parts of water. This solution should be prepared in an earthen or wooden vessel. Pruning can be accomplished more easily if two sets of tools are used, keeping one set in the solution while the other is used for cutting. Pruning during the summer months has little value, states Mr. Fant.

Fire blight is not confined entirely to pears although it is most prevalent on this tree. Apple trees, are sometimes severely injured, however.

A Popular Invention

"Some philosopher has said that a man makes a good mouse trap, the world will beat a path to his door."

"What of it?"

"His statement has been very stimulating to investors, I take it. Over 3,000 kinds of mouse traps have been patented."—Pittsburgh post.

It has been found that a marketable oil can be made from cherry stones. The stones are heated, the shells broken and the oil made from the kernel within. The shells are used for fuel.

VOTED CATS AND DOGS IN PHILADELPHIA ELECTION

The following appeared in the Atlanta Constitution under a Washington date line of November 24: "Charges that dogs and cats have voted at each election during the past 10 years in Philadelphia were made in a letter by George H. Frazer, a storekeeper of that city, received today by Senator Norris, Republican, of Nebraska.

"The letter was a copy of one Fetzer had sent J. E. Connell, of Indiana, Pa., defending Norris' action in campaigning in the Keystone state against Wm. S. Yare, whose stronghold is Philadelphia. "If you lived in this city and knew of the crooked, false and dishonest elections, voting and counting, I hardly think you would want to criticize any man for trying to expose it," said Fetzer, who described himself as a Republican. "In one particular division they had 280 registered voters," he added. "It was checked up and found that 245 of these were fakes—men and women who had never lived there, some dead for 10 years, and several being the names of cats and dogs." Before leaving to fill a speaking engagement at Carlisle, Pa., tonight, Norris said he would consider possible action on the letter upon his return.

So far as The Democrat can learn, those charging "crookedness" in the recent election in Watauga county, have not uncovered any evidence that would tend to show where cats and dogs were allowed to exercise franchise privilege. The fact remains, however, that those who have become of age since 1908 and who are not able to read and write are about as much entitled to vote as if they had been dead for ten years.

REPUBLICANS ONLY WANT BOOKS, SAYS PROF. GREER

The Winston-Salem Journal of last Saturday says: "The only object of the movement to investigate the election in Watauga county, which went Democratic for the first time in years at the last election, is to require registrars to turn in their books," thinks Professor L. G. Greer, of Boone, who was a visitor to Winston-Salem. Professor Greer, who is a Republican, does not think the matter will be pressed further than that. He does not expect any sensational developments.

Professor Greer is a member of the faculty of the Appalachian State Normal school and was in Winston-Salem with Mrs. Greer, en route to Chapel Hill to give a program of folklore under the auspices of the Institute of Research at the University. Prof. Greer is one of the highest authorities on folklore in North Carolina.

TREASURER OF BAPTIST MISSION BOARD IS SHORT

Richmond, Va., Dec. 7.—A shortage has been found by auditors in the accounts of George E. Sanders, of Richmond, treasurer of the foreign mission board of the Southern Baptist convention, Dr. George W. McDaniel, president of the convention, announced here tonight in a public statement which placed the amount at approximately \$92,000. Mr. Sanders, an employe of a local bank, admitted the shortage when questioned tonight, but said he was not certain of the amount.

BOONE ROUTE ONE NEWS

Miss Margaret Grubb visited Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Taylor last Sunday. Frank Carroll visited at the home of Nat Phillips at Brownwood last Sunday.

Dean Yates, of Hopkins, was a recent visitor at the home of Granville Norris.

Bob Adams, of Kannapolis, visited his daughter, Mrs. Nellie Norris, last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wall, Miss Margaret Grubb, Mrs. Emma Carroll and B. L. Carroll, made a business trip to North Wilkesboro recently. Mrs. Carroll was taken suddenly sick on the return home, but is able to be up at this time.

Miss Myrtle Phillips, of Brownwood, spent last Saturday with Miss Sarah Norris.

Quite a few attended the burial of Mrs. Charles Watson at Laurel Springs last Wednesday.

Mr. Leon Greer, of Hopkins, Ashe county, is building a residence near C. W. Taylor's. The house will be ready for occupancy in a few days.

Mrs. Nelia Taylor was recently thrown from her horse and seriously injured. Two ribs were broken.

NEWS OF A WALK AT BLOWING ROCK

Happenings of Interest During Past Seven Days in Blowing Rock

(By RUFF GILLET)

Blowing Rock, Dec. 8.—School committees of Blowing Rock, Silverlake and Sandy Flat districts will meet in the near future to decide upon a site for the new consolidated school building, which is to be erected at a cost of approximately \$35,000. This meeting was decided upon at a conference Monday between the Blowing Rock school board and Smith Hagaman, county superintendent of education.

The county board is known to favor the site of the present Blowing Rock school, with the addition of some adjacent land. Since two other sites have been under consideration, however, it was thought best that the county board take no action until the boards of the three districts concerned in the consolidation plan could agree on a site.

Work Begins on Standpipe

Steel construction work has been begun on the 170,000-gallon standpipe, the last unit in Blowing Rock's new \$100,000 water and sewerage system. The bottom of the standpipe is in place and work on the walls is expected to begin soon. Meanwhile the city is using the Mayview Park reservoir.

As a result of disappointing tests of the Green Hill well, the third in the series supplying the town with water, it has been decided to sink the well 100 feet deeper. The well is now 303 feet deep, but the tests showed a natural flow of only a little more than eighteen gallons a minute.

Last week the town council called for bids for the maintenance and operation of the water and sewerage systems. The operator will be responsible for the upkeep of the systems, will read the meters, keep the books and collect bills.

Farewell Service for Mr. Huggins

The Rev. F. M. Huggins preached his farewell sermon in the Blowing Rock Baptist church Sunday night. A large congregation was present to hear the sermon and to bid the pastor good bye. Members of the congregation expressed regret at the departure of the pastor, under whose ministry the Blowing Rock church, costing \$15,000, has been built and paid for in full.

The pupil committee has made no decision as to the selection of a successor, pending the action of the Boone committee on whether or not the Boone church will go on full time after the Rev. Mr. Huggins leaves. If this is done, it is probable that the Blowing Rock church will obtain a part-time pastor in co-operation with the Cove Creek church.

Methodist Services

The Rev. M. B. Woolsey will be in Blowing Rock next Sunday for services, he said in Boone early this week. It is hoped that the heating system of the church will be completed in time for the meeting, as the last services had to be postponed because of the cold and lack of heat in the church.

To Sell Land for Taxes

A. M. Crutcher, town tax collector, has announced that several parcels of land will be sold for taxes at the courthouse in Boone on January 3. The total taxes due on the land is \$408.95 and the costs of the sales will total \$12.95, making a grand total of \$421.90.

More Fire Hose

Town officials have been informed that 750 feet of fire hose for Blowing Rock has arrived at Lenoir and awaits transportation here. A sample of the hose has already been brought here and has been tried satisfactorily at a fire plug on Main street. Another shipment of 750 feet will arrive later, it was said by A. C. Williams, clerk of the council, to make up the 1,500 feet required by law.

The new \$5,000 fire truck ordered by the city is due to arrive here December 17, Mr. Williams said, and it is probable that a volunteer fire department will be organized as soon as the truck is ready for operation.

S. A. Jenkins, right-of-way engineer for the Bell Telephone Company, was in Blowing Rock last week in connection with the purchase of the right of way for the line from Lenoir here. The surveyors have completed laying out the course of the line, and Mr. Jenkins is now

Non-Suit Entered In Election Case

As we go to press it is learned that the suit instituted sometime ago praying for the issuance of a mandamus against certain election officials, some of Watauga county's best citizens, has been satisfactorily settled and it is sincerely hoped that good feeling will now prevail among all citizens to the end that peace, happiness, brotherly love and prosperity may abound in the land.

The plaintiff petitioner took a non suit, which ends the proceedings, an outgrowth of alleged laxity in turning over the registration books to the proper authorities.

BASKET BALL SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED FOR NORMAL

The basket ball schedule for the boys' team of the Normal school is completed, with the exception of six games, the dates of which have not been decided upon by Chappell Wilson, director of athletics. The announced dates are as follows:

Dec. 10.—Mars Hill at Mars Hill.

Dec. 13.—Tennessee Teachers College at Johnson City.

Dec. 14.—Milligan College at Milligan, Tenn.

Dec. 18.—Wilkes Twins at Boone.

Jan. 12.—North Wilkesboro at Boone.

Jan. 18.—Wilkes Twins at North Wilkesboro.

Jan. 29.—Catawba College at Catawba.

Feb. 19.—Wingate College at Wingate.

PRESIDENT DISCONTINUES RECEIVING LARGE CROWDS

Washington, Dec. 6.—President Coolidge, it was announced today by his secretary, Everett Sanders, has discontinued seeing large parties of callers as it takes too much of his time. This information was given in a letter to Senator Overman, who had asked that the president see a class in government, taught by Miss Henriett Elliott, of North Carolina College for Women at Greensboro.

"It has been found that these receptions encroach to such an extent upon the president's time that he has reluctantly consented to their discontinuance," Mr. Sanders said.

Steps for the purchase of a right of way over the course, thus surveyed.

The pupils of the Blowing Rock school will present a bus supper on being night for the benefit of the school. The party will be entertained with contests in which the prettiest girl and the ugliest man will be elected. The pupils gave a birthday party Wednesday night for Principal A. E. Mercer. A Christmas entertainment is being planned by the school for Tuesday night, December 21.

Rev. Charles C. McKaynor, pastor of the Rump Memorial Presbyterian church, was host Saturday evening to the Men's Bible class and Mr. Whiting, of Skulls Mills, was special guest. Among the new members received were Paul Klutz, Stuart Cannon, Charles Cannon and Howard Oxentine. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Gene Pitts, Mrs. Frank Coon, Mrs. Joe White and Mrs. E. G. Underdown.

Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary were entertained Saturday evening by the High School Girls' society. The girls presented a play on mountain missions. Members of the east were Margaret Sudderth, Elizabeth Sudderth, Edna Miller, Christine Johnson, Lois Klutz, Susie Greene, Velma Cannon, Edith White, Lucile Coffey and Mrs. Pearl Webb of the school faculty. The beginnings of the Crossnore school were recounted by Mrs. Phil Robertson.

The wedding of Miss Ethel Cannon of Blowing Rock to Mr. Donald Banner of Florence, S. C., has just been announced. The wedding took place in Johnson City, Tenn., on December 6. Mr. and Mrs. Banner will live in Augusta, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Cannon announce the birth of a son, Stuart, Jr., November 30.

Mrs. Lee Robbins was given a surprise party recently by her five children, who appeared unexpectedly with filled baskets. Mrs. Robbins has been confined to her home by illness, but is improving.

Mrs. J. A. Wood is visiting Mrs. Stutz and will be here for some time.

NEW OFFICERS ASSUME DUTIES

Were Inducted Into Office Monday Morning; All New But Sheriff and Register of Deeds

All Watauga county officers elected at the November election took the oath of office Monday morning, pledging allegiance to their country, state and county and pledging to carry out the duties of their office with every concern for the welfare of the public.

S. C. Eggers, chairman of the retiring board of commissioners, administered the oath to Austin E. South as clerk of the court. Following this Clerk South gave the oath to all other county officers, which included Roby Greer, T. C. Baird and J. Y. Walker, of the board of county commissioners; Mrs. Pearl Hartley, register of deeds; Sheriff L. M. Farthing, and Emory Greer, treasurer.

The board of commissioners organized by electing Roby Greer as chairman, and began functioning at once, being in session all day Monday and Tuesday, and it is understood that they, with Auditor Smith, were busy Wednesday in familiarizing themselves with the business of the county which will be in their keeping for the next two years.

With two exceptions, the officers taking oath Monday are new, the exception being the sheriff and register of deeds. Emory Greer has been serving by appointment as county treasurer since the office was created but was elected for the first time by a vote of the people for that office.

Sheriff Farthing and Mrs. Hartley are entering upon their second term as sheriff and register of deeds, respectively. Mrs. Hartley being the only Republican to emerge victorious in the recent election, which is a great tribute to her as a lady and an official.

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST IN ROMINGER COMMUNITY

Rominger, Dec. 5.—The revival meeting at Zion Hill Baptist church was a great success. 35 attached themselves to the church, 23 were baptized on Sunday, November 28, and eight more appeared to be baptized at the next meeting in December. The church seems to be greatly revived. Rev. L. C. Wilson did nearly all the preaching. Mr. Wilson is a great man and the church and pastor here were glad to have his wonderful services.

Mrs. Florence Rominger has returned from the hospital at Banner Elk.

Mrs. Beulah Edmiston, teacher of the school here, is recovering from satisfaction and everybody seems to like her work.

Everybody busy here the week gathering corn.

Rev. D. A. Greene went from the revival here to begin one at Flat Springs church.

Sunday school has twice as new life at Zion Hill. Quite a number of new members enrolled as the result of the recent revival held here.

SHORT SESSION OF CONGRESS CONVENED ON MONDAY

Washington, Dec. 6.—With a setting resembling a college homecoming celebration, congress launched into another session today with an unwieldy program for its brief business schedule of about two and a half months.

Promptly at noon the gavels fell in senate and house and the legislative grind was on. Although a bit of the dramatic accompanied opening ceremonies the senate when qualification of Arthur R. Gould, of Maine, was challenged as he stood waiting to be sworn in. The rest of the procedure was gone through perfunctorily in both houses.

After old friends were again united and new ones acquired, a rush fell over the broad chambers of the big white building on the hill as the clock struck 12. Vice President Dawes and Speaker Longworth brought down their stumped mallets, a prayer was offered and the routine begun.

SENATOR MCKINLEY PASSES

Martinsville, Ind., Dec. 7.—Senator William B. McKinley, of Illinois, died at the Homelawn sanitarium here at 4:10 p. m. today. Death followed an illness of several months. He was brought here the latter part of August suffering from prostatic cancer. He was 70 years of age.