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Revival Services on at the Baptist Church

A large attendance was noted at the opening service of the series of revival meetings at the Baptist church Sunday evening, when Rev. B. E. Morris, pastor of Western Avenue Baptist church, Statesville, preached his initial sermon in Boone. In the absence of the pastor, Rev. P. A. Hicks, the visiting minister was presented to his audience by Rev. C. H. Moser, of the Methodist church, both ministers bringing out the point that the meeting was in no wise sectarian but was being conducted for the common good of all Methodists, Lutherans, Presbyterians, Adventists and all others are cordially invited to take part with the Baptists in these meetings. A wonderfully fine spirit of co-operation was exhibited in the recently closed Methodist revival, and the other churches of the town are now cancelling so far as possible their regular services, in order that all may be privileged to attend the Baptist meetings.

Rev. Morris brings his hearers unusually powerful messages, dealing directly with the fundamentals of the Christian religion, and made it plain to his audience in the first deliverance that no sermons would be preached primarily from a text dealing with ladies' fashions, bridge parties, or any of the frivolities so often discussed from the pulpit, but discourses direct from the Scriptures would be used to direct the wayward to the straight and narrow path.

AUGUST EXPENDITURES ON 7TH DISTRICT HIGHWAYS

The sum of \$71,892.65 was spent on the highways of the seventh district last month, according to the report of Office Engineer C. A. Richardson, says the Winston-Salem Journal. However, this does not include money spent for work done with state equipment and with local convict labor. It is the sum actually spent with contractors.

The largest amount was spent on the road leading from Millers Creek toward Boone in Wilkes county. Other amounts spent on projects in this section include: Project 709, Route 18, Alleghany county, from Sparta to Whitesand, \$2,267.23; Project 7180, Route 175, Caldwell-Watauga county, from Blowing Rock to Avery county line, \$21,352.88; Project 7770-A, Route 50, Wilkes county, from Millers Creek to Boone, \$22,019.48.

AGED CITIZEN PASSES

At the home of his daughter, Mrs. Cora Norris, at 11 o'clock last Wednesday night, Mr. Richard Gragg, at the age of 74 years, died, after an illness of some weeks, although he had not been confined to his bed but a few days. The funeral was conducted from the Baptist church, the Rev. P. A. Hicks performing the last sad rites, after which the remains were laid to rest in the city cemetery.

Mr. Gragg was a plain, unassuming man, one who attended strictly to his own affairs, and let his neighbors alone, and as a result he was held in high esteem by those who knew him best. He had been a consistent member of the Baptist church for many years and did his best to live up to its ordinances.

Mr. Gragg was twice married—first to a Miss Lookabill, to which was born one daughter, Mrs. Norris; and the second time to a Miss Green, and six children were born. Mrs. Mary Anna Julian of Pine Flats, Tenn., who was present at the funeral being the only survivor of the second family.

A FINE REVIVAL

Rev. E. C. Hodges of Adams on last Sunday closed a series of revival services at the Gap Creek Baptist church. An unusually large attendance is reported throughout the meeting, the church was greatly revived, and ten additions thereto noted.

Lees-McRae Opens First Year as College

Banner Elk, Sept. 13—Lees-McRae opened its thirteen year as a school and its first year as a junior college, with an address by Dr. A. A. McLean, of Lenoir, at the chapel exercises in the North Carolina building yesterday morning. Dr. McLean, who is president of the board of trustees of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, traced the growth of the institute from the elementary schools of its early history to the junior college of today, with its varied curriculum and its opportunity for specialized vocational training.

There has been an enrollment, so far, of over two hundred students and the registration is not yet completed.

BLOWING ROCK SCHOOL OPENS

1929-30 Session Begins With Enrollment of 50 in High School and About 200 in Grades; Number of Talks Made by Ministers

Blowing Rock, Sept. 18.—School opened in Blowing Rock Monday morning, with a first-day enrollment of 50 in the high school and about 200 in the grades. Monday was spent, following the opening exercises, in organization, and the school began operation in full Tuesday.

Despite the rainy weather, a large number of patrons were present for the opening. Rev. Claude Moser, Rev. P. A. Hicks and Rev. B. E. Morris, pastor of the Western Avenue Baptist church, Statesville, were present, assisting in brief inspirational services, and County Superintendent Smith Hagaman made a brief talk on the necessity of co-operation to success.

Much appreciation was expressed for the music furnished by the Blowing Rock orchestra, of which Don Johnson is director. Other members taking part in the musical renditions were Stuart Cannon, Bynum Crisp, Marshall Foster, Jay Knight and Miss Hazel Blaylock, pianist.

On Friday preceding the opening, a meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association was called by the president, Mrs. Howard Holshouser, and a series of school activities was discussed, beginning with the raising of money to level the school grounds and sow grass, which will be done this fall, it is planned. Mrs. Holshouser spoke again at the opening Monday, inviting the patrons of the community to enlist with the organization for this work.

Quite a few Blowing Rock young people have returned to school or to positions away from here. Among these are William Holshouser, who has entered Davidson College; Miss Katie Holshouser, who has returned to her position of librarian in the Winston-Salem schools; Miss Lucile Reid, who left Monday for Greensboro, where she will be a student at the North Carolina College for Women; Howard Klutz, who, after graduating as one of seven honor students among the several hundred at Davidson last June, will study law at the University of North Carolina this winter; Miss Corine Knight, who is a freshman at Lenoir-Rhyne; Hickory; Miss Carrie Sudderth who returned early in the month to her work at York, S. C., after a month spent with her family here; Mrs. Betty Williams Custer, to Washington, D. C., after a visit here, where she was joined by her husband for the return trip; Miss Jarice Greene to her work as teacher of physical education in Suffolk, Va., after spending the summer with her mother at the Greene Inn; Miss Polly Hayes, who will graduate this year at Mitchell College preparatory department, and Miss Elizabeth Sudderth, who is now well initiated as a freshman in the Appalachian State Teachers' College.

Spencer Greene has resigned his position as manager of the Carolina Store here and with Max Cannon, who was employed during the summer at the Craig Grocery, will motor to the Pacific coast. He has been succeeded in the local store by Ralph Lyons, a former employe of the Carolina Stores in Boone.

The Stony Fork Baptist Association met last week with Sandy Flat Baptist church of which Rev. Ed Robbins is pastor. Of the many inspirational talks and addresses heard during the two-day session, one of the finest was that made by Rev. T. Hensley of High Point. Rev. D. M. Wheeler was elected moderator, Rev. B. F. Wilcox, clerk, and the Middle Cane Baptist church was selected as the host church for the next association.

The branch of the Hodges Drug Store opened in Blowing Rock in the spring will continue in business here during the winter, under the management of Blaine Trivette, who has popularized the drug store corner with both all-the-year-round and summer residents in the short time since its opening.

CENTRAL TIRE CO. SECOND IN GODDYEAR SALES EVENT

The Central Tire Company has been notified of its standing in second place in the mid-summer Goddyear sales contest, which closed on September 1. A Hickory dealer took first place in this district, which comprises sections of both North and South Carolina. One hundred and eleven dealers competed for honors with the local dealer, many of them operating in towns many times the size of Boone, and Manager Winkler is to be congratulated upon his high standing.

Judge Oglesby Speaks at Cove Creek High School

Sugar Grove, Sept. 17.—Judge Oglesby and Attorney John H. Bingham were visitors at chapel exercises Friday morning. Judge Oglesby spoke to the student body and used as the basis of his splendid address a sign he once observed upon a house. "For rent, with or without power."

From this simple sign he stated that the future life of his hearers would either be a power in the community or else, like the river before it is harnessed, it would run on and on into the ocean and be lost forever. He mentioned some of the most important powers every man should develop—the power of love, of knowledge, of character, of appreciation of the beautiful, of physical fitness and of service to others, using apt illustrations to carry home each point. It is doubtful if any address ever delivered to the pupils of the school has made a more lasting impression upon the student body.

Mrs. Maude Spainhour is visiting relatives in Morganton.

Rev. Walter E. Wilson, former pastor of Cove Creek Baptist church and teacher in the high school, was a visitor to the community over the week-end.

Mr. Will Payne has recently purchased the Grover C. Atkins home. The enrollment of the high school continues to increase. There is now an enrollment of over 200 in the high school department alone.

Mr. Porter of Nebraska is organizing a high school orchestra in the school. About 25 young people indicated their desire to join the first morning and more than 35 instruments were counted, owned by these about to join.

Miss Ruth Coffey will give lessons in piano on Mondays and Tuesdays of each week at the school here.

James M. Horton left Friday for Wake Forest College, where he will take senior work this year.

Old Contact Recalls Ancient Mercantiling

Statesville Landmark.
Mr. Herman Wallace has in his possession the original contract in which his father, Isaac Wallace, was associated with Lewis Elias and Jacob Rintels, all of Statesville, in a partnership known as Wallace, Elias and Company, operating general stores in Statesville and Boone before the outbreak of the war between the states.

The contract, signed in the handwriting of the three local men, bears date of April 1, 1866, and is written in the clear, legible hand that prevailed in the ante-bellum days of the goose-quill pen, long before the period of the steel or gold pen.

The total amount of cash put into the business by the three pioneer Statesville business men was \$2,851.41. The contract prescribed that no stockholder in the enterprise should draw a salary exceeding \$600 per annum; that no trade, swap or purchase exceeding \$2 should be made by any member of the firm without previous consultation with the other parties; that the contract was to be in effect for three years; and that no member of the firm should withdraw from the partnership without first giving six months notice.

The document, now nearly seven decades of age, had been kept in the effects of Mr. Julius Wallace in New York City for many years prior to his death. There are now only two surviving children of the late Isaac Wallace, Messrs. Herman and Sig Wallace, of Statesville.

A series of revival meetings will begin at Zion Hill Baptist church next Sunday. Rev. L. C. Wilson will do the preaching and no definite date has been set for the closing of the services.

Farmers Are Asked To Attend Kiwanis Banquet

Governor O. Max Gardner will be the guest of honor and speaker at a banquet sponsored by the Winston-Salem Kiwanis Club on Thursday, September 24th, at 6 p. m. at the Hotel Robert E. Lee. Governor Gardner's address will consist of a discussion of the state's agricultural program and other phases of the agricultural situation of special interest to both the farmer and the business man.

Hon. Sanford Martin, editor of the Winston-Salem Journal and chairman of the Kiwanis agricultural committee, has mailed a letter to County Superintendent Smith Hagaman, urging him to co-operate with the organization in its efforts to secure a representative group of farmers of Watauga county to attend the meeting. Personal invitations will be mailed out to a group of farmers who might be interested in being present at the informal dinner.

DR. PERRY WINS IN DAMAGE CASE

Suit Brought Against Local Physician
Practice Consumes Three
Superior Court; Fall Term
Last Thursday

The fall term of Watauga superior court closed last Thursday, the last week having been devoted to the trial of civil cases. The most important of these suits, which consumed three days of the term, was the damage suit brought against Dr. H. B. Perry, widely known local physician and owner of the Watauga Hospital, by Doris Wilson by her next friend W. C. Miller, alleging malpractice in connection with an appendix operation and asking damages in the sum of \$8,000.

The suit grew out of an operation performed by Dr. Perry in 1923, when the "stab" of an appendix was not removed. Sometime later, however, the remaining portion of the appendix was taken out at another hospital, following which the action charging malpractice was commenced. Attorneys Ralph G. Bingham, W. C. Newland and T. C. Bowie appeared for the plaintiff while Dr. Perry was represented by Attorneys Brown & Bingham and Hayden Burke of Taylorsville. The latter led the brilliant defense and the case aroused unusual interest, not only locally but throughout the state. Dr. Henry Long of Long's Sanatorium, Statesville; Dr. Crowell of Lincoln, president of the State Medical Society, and Dr. Mason, eminent New Jersey physician, furnished the expert medical testimony, each of them endorsing the method of procedure carried out by Dr. Perry and explaining in detail in medical parlance the theory upon which such operations are based. Attorneys for the plaintiff, notwithstanding the fact that two doctors had been summoned on their behalf, did not introduce any medical testimony, which fact furnished considerable capital for Attorney Burke in his address before the jury. Governor Newland and Judge Bowie made the plea for the plaintiff and the case was given to the jury Wednesday morning. The verdict was rendered Wednesday afternoon and the popular physician was declared not guilty.

Both plaintiff and defendant were represented by brilliant legal talent and the suit was one of the most colorful civil actions to come before Watauga superior court for many years. Interested parties from practically all sections of the state were present at the hearings.

A SCHOOL TEACHER OF YE OLDEN TIMES

Mr. J. Lewis Glenn, of Sugar Grove P. O., one of The Democrat's old friends, and a very substantial citizen in the Beech Creek section, where he was born and reared, has been a frequent caller at "the shop," while attending court. He is quite an interesting talker, and his visits are always much enjoyed, as he delights in reminiscences of the days long gone. He was one of the pioneer school teachers of Watauga and says he taught in almost every district from Boone to the Mitchell county line, beginning when he was twenty, and bidding farewell to the school room when he was forty-five. For the quarter of a century, he never failed to teach two schools per year, which meant 50 terms to his credit. He was asked as to the amount of salary a teacher received in those days, and replied: "Oh, well, I only got \$18.00 per month when I began, but just about the time I quit, the salary was advanced to \$25.00 per."

"When I quit teaching," he said, "I began work on the farm and since then I have been busying myself in giving my children educational advantages that I did not have in my early days." And just how well he succeeded is known to all his friends in Watauga. Different members of the family have college degrees and others rapidly advancing to the goal. The family is an ideal one. Mr. Glenn was made a wonderful success, and despite his advancing years, is still active, both on his farm and in public affairs, and it is good to say that he is in easy circumstances, despite the fact that he was left a fatherless and motherless boy when he was only six years old.

ATTEND MEETING

Mr. and Mrs. John Greer and son Carl, Mrs. Jessie McGuire and Miss Edna Holtslaw of Boone spent yesterday in Lenoir attending the Stevens meeting. Miss Holtslaw whose home is in Roseland, Fla. is well remembered in Lenoir by the friends she made while attending school and as a teacher in Davenport College. She will be a teacher in the Boone High School this winter. — Lenoir News-Topix.

NORRIS-KOBLER

Mrs. C. C. Greene of Boone, R. F. D. 2, has announced the marriage of her niece, Alma Estelle Norris, to Mr. J. Nelson Kobler of Roanoke, the wedding having taken place in Roanoke on August 31. Mrs. Kobler is a native of Watauga county, having for the past several years resided in Roanoke, and the announcement is of interest to many friends locally.

Ashe Civitan Club Receives Charter

About twenty-five members of the Boone Civitan Club, their wives and guests, were present at the meeting of the Ashe County club held at the Pine Crest hotel, Glendale Springs, last Thursday evening. The occasion was the presentation of the charter to the baby Civitan club in the Carolinas association, and the gathering was a very happy one. The meeting was presided over by Civitan I. G. Greer of the Boone club, and Rev. Herbert Spough, of the Charlotte club, presented the charter to the newly formed civic organization on behalf of the Carolinas District Association. Mr. Spough in his presentation appealed to the new Civitan club to live up to the Civitan creed and to adopt the Golden Rule for its guidance. He said that whatever a club sows that will it reap. "Your club will be under the Golden Rule or it will be under the rule of gold," he declared.

Attorney Ira T. Johnston, vice president of the Ashe county club, accepted the charter on behalf of his organization. Beginning his talk in a humorous vein, Mr. Johnston closed with an appeal to the members of the civic organization to live up to the ideals as set forth in the Civitan creed, and in doing so, it would aid materially in building a nobler citizenship in Ashe county.

Short talks were also made by Dr. C. H. Pugh, president of the Gastonia club, J. L. Seagraves of the Ashe club, I. G. Greer and W. H. Gragg, of the Boone club.

At Camp Yonahlossee Today

Just before the charter presentation program was taken up, the Boone club unanimously accepted the invitation of Prof. and Mrs. W. L. Winkler to hold the meeting this evening at Camp Yonahlossee, six miles southwest of Boone. Wives of the club members are invited and a delightful time is anticipated.

Cattle Dealers Help Eliminate Scrub Sire

Local cattle dealers are materially aiding the Watauga Livestock Association in its efforts to get rid of the scrub bulls of the various communities, by offering to buy these animals wherever found at the very highest price they can pay. Reports of the purchase of several of these sires have come to the association, and communities are beginning to vie with each other in their efforts to first establish themselves in the purebred column.

Officials believe that the farmers of the county will not be content until the scrub sire is definitely eliminated from the herds.

Mr. G. P. Hagaman, secretary of the Livestock Association, is in receipt of the following letter from Mr. W. E. Shipley, a successful catleman, of Wallace, Va., dealing with the subject of purebred cattle:

"Just a few suggestions that I would make in regard to buying purebred sires, nothing in The Democrat your bank offering to aid as far as possible. Now, to buy dairy breed bulls, if your members interested in buying will, at this season buy young bull calves, say six weeks old, they can buy real good blood for a little outlay of money. One of my boys had a little money he got out of his tobacco crop last fall and I bought him a registered Guernsey bull calf six weeks old for \$35. He is out of an imported dam that produced 640 pounds of butter fat last year, and his sire has a great record. He would now bring \$200."

"As to beef breeds, if enough of your members would get in for enough to make a carload I would suggest not to wait till next spring to buy yearlings, but would buy 6-months old registered calves weighing around 500 pounds, and I would buy line breed calves. If you could buy them worth the money in this way you will save at least \$50 per head and when the breeding season comes your bulls are ready for service."

"Four or five thousand dollars ought to buy 40 real good registered sires, and when the farmers and cattle grazers of southwest Virginia find that a carload of registered bulls have gone into Watauga county, the home market will be established. Governor Stuart asked me one time if I were going to buy a fancy drove of steers where would I go? I told him I would go where they kept good purebred bulls. He says 'You are right!'"

WOULD DESIGNATE FEDERAL HIGHWAY

Large and Enthusiastic Gathering at Blowing Rock Saturday Looking to Establishment of Federal Highway Route Through This Section

About 75 representative citizens of Boone, Blowing Rock, Linville, Lenoir, Sparta, Jefferson, Galax and Independence, Va., gathered together last Saturday afternoon at May-view Manor, Blowing Rock, for the purpose of starting a movement to secure a number for a proposed federal highway connecting No. 121 at the Virginia line and running via Sparta, Jefferson, Boone, Blowing Rock, Linville, Pineola, Crossnore and Altamont where it would merge with state highway No. 69. The meeting was sponsored by the town of Blowing Rock, under the leadership of Mayor G. C. Robbins and a sumptuous banquet was given in honor of the assembly.

Prof. I. G. Greer of Boone was made temporary chairman of the meeting, while Attorney Ira T. Johnston of Jefferson acted as secretary. The meeting was one of the most enthusiastic highway gatherings ever held in the county. State Highway Commissioner R. A. Doughton informed the assembly, through a representative, that he would ask that the number be adopted and the route designated without delay, while Mr. Kistler, highway commissioner of the seventh district, brought the assurance that the portion of his roads affected would be dependable every day in the year within the next four months. Commissioner A. S. Hanes of this district, sent the information that his link of the thoroughfare is now a thoroughly dependable road 365 days in the year. Congressman R. L. Doughton addressed the gathering and promised his full and hearty support to the movement both as a member of congress and as a private citizen. Mr. Doughton is a member of the house committee on roads and outlined the procedure in getting a federal number. The matter is first taken up with an association composed of highway chairmen from each state. Following the favorable action of this organization on a project the bureau of roads, operating under the department of agriculture, recommends that the route be adopted by the federal government, and the route is at once placed on the map as a federal highway.

Others present at the meeting included the chief engineer for the state highway commission; Mr. W. A. Merchant of New Jersey; Mr. M. M. Mebane of Great Falls, S. C.; C. W. Hughes of Columbia, S. C.; Hugh MacRae of Linville and Wilmington, and R. L. Gwyn of Lenoir, and business and professional men from each of the towns in this section to be affected, several of whom made timely talks or suggestions.

A permanent organization was formed, which is to be known as the Western North Carolina Park to Park Highway Association, and I. G. Greer of Boone was named as chairman and G. C. Robbins of Blowing Rock secretary. An executive committee was also named which includes two members from each town through which the federal highway is expected to pass. This committee is to be called together by the secretary at any time and the organization is expected to keep working until a great federal highway is completed through this section linking Montreal and Miami. The local link of the thoroughfare will connect the Great Smoky Mountain National Park in Tennessee and North Carolina with the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia, and will provide one of the most scenic mountain highways in eastern America.

It is pointed out by the sponsors of the movement that North Carolina or especially this section, is completely isolated insofar as federal highways are concerned. The only thoroughfare of this kind touching North Carolina traverses the eastern section of the state, and inasmuch as the major part of the tourist travel from north to south, follows national highways, the success of this venture means the success of this section as one of the greatest resorts in the country.

MRS. SHERRILL DEAD

Mrs. Jason Sherrill, of Reese, died at her home last Friday, a stroke of paralysis about 24 hours before, being the cause. Interment Saturday at Forest Grove. Mrs. Sherrill was 72 years old, and one of the beloved characters in her community. She leaves a daughter, her only child, and a husband. A number of relatives and friends in Boone attended the funeral.

Farmers of Avery county have closed a deal for the third co-operative carlot shipment of lambs this season. They also sold 7,500 pounds of onions and two more cars of Irish potatoes co-operatively.