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PATTERSON FARM ONE OF FINEST IN NORTH CAROLINA

Principal of Boys' School Tells of Development in Happy Valley. Three Hundred Acres Now Under Cultivation. Fine Dairy and Beef Herds. Dobbin in Charge for Past Twenty Years. Agriculture Stressed.

Rev. Hugh A. Dobbin, principal of Patterson School for Boys and rector of picturesque Chapel of Rest in the Happy Valley of Yadkin River, spent a few hours with friends in Boone Friday morning, and during his visit at The Democrat office, spoke interestingly of the huge farming operations being conducted by him and "his boys" on the 1370 acres of land which comprise the school property.

The school property is located on the old Sam Patterson Farm, which was bequeathed to the Episcopal Church several years ago by that eminent gentleman who served for many years as commissioner of agriculture. This piece of property is looked on as perhaps the most productive in Northwest Carolina. Over three hundred acres of the loamy bottom land is now under cultivation, with two tractors, six mules and the most modern field equipment, operated by the students, being employed to care for the Herculean task.

These twenty-two boys, who are spending the summer in practical agricultural pursuits, are all well versed in the duties of farm life, and they take great pride in the appearance of their growing crops. Seventy-five acres of corn, which is expected to average forty bushels, has been cultivated the second time; sixty acres of splendid wheat will soon be ready to harvest; ten acres in rye and ten in oats bear promise of bountiful yields. A field of thriving potatoes, a flourishing plot of cabbage, and two good vegetable gardens, keep the boys busy but happily employed.

In addition to the grain and vegetable crops, seventy-five tons of excellent hay is expected to be cut this year in the school's meadow, says Mr. Dobbin. This hay will be used to winter the large herd of purebred Short-horn cattle, which now range on the hillside pastures, and also to feed the well-tended Jerseys and Holsteins that furnish milk and butter for the student body.

The dairy barn, says Mr. Dobbin, is one of the most modern in the section. It was built two years ago, and is equipped with all necessary apparatus for the handling of the large volume of milk which is taken from the herd. An electric cream separator is in use here, and after the butterfat has been taken the whey is borne to the pig lots where a group of pure-bred swine are cared for.

Everything on the Patterson farm is good. From the work animals and dairy cows to the chickens and turkeys, each animal and fowl is of lofty breeding. No scrubs are tolerated, for scrubs, according to Mr. Dobbin, are a liability rather than an asset. Practically all of the food consumed by the student body, which during the nine-month term averages fifty, is produced on the farm, and large surpluses are usually marketed. Mr. Dobbin states that more than a thousand bushels of last year's corn is still in the cribs.

Frank Beard, of Valle Crucis, a graduate of State College, was in charge of the agricultural department at Patterson school last year, and under his skilled instruction many interesting experiments were carried on. Each boy is given an opportunity to study machinery, tilling methods, livestock husbandry and all other branches of the work, from the "ground up."

The school owns its own electric plant, which is located on Buffalo Creek and enough current is generated to furnish power and lights for the entire community. The two school buildings are of brick construction, while the library, rectory and church are sturdy wooden structures. Other buildings on the farm include tenant houses, stock barns, poultry houses, etc.

Mr. Dobbin has been at Patterson School for twenty years, having succeeded Rev. Malcomb Taylor, who had been in charge for three years. He was born and reared at Todd, in the eastern part of Watauga, and had been a minister of several years standing when he assumed the principalship of the new school. During Mr. Dobbin's years of service more than a thousand boys, many of them penniless, have received training in Happy Valley, and prepared themselves, mentally and spiritually, for lives of usefulness. And Patterson School is now considered one of the most thorough preparatory institutions in Western North Carolina.

Besides agriculture, boys at Patterson receive a regular literary course, courses in electricity, carpentry, smithing, business management, and various other pursuits. Five instructors are employed during the regular term, one of whom acts as athletic director—for the boys play

Lead G.O.P. Campaign



Everett Sanders, Indiana, former secretary to Calvin Coolidge, will direct the Hoover-Curtis campaign. He was elected Chairman, Republican National Committee at Chicago.

HUNDREDS ATTEND CLUB FISH FRY AT STATE HATCHERY

State Senator W. R. Lovell Delivers Address on Conservation Problems. Boxing Card Draws Much Interest. Clay Well Pleased With Results of Outing. Blowing Rock and Many Other Towns Represented.

On Friday evening a crowd of men and women estimated at around five hundred enjoyed a fish fry and outing made possible by the Watauga Fishing and Hunting Club at the Rutherford Hatchery. State Senator W. R. Lovell, as the main speaker of the occasion, "cut his eagle loose," and in characteristic oratory painted a verbal picture of the sport-man's paradise which lies in Western North Carolina, the necessity for conserving this glorious asset, and the important role that the local club plays in the propagation of fish and game. Professor I. G. Greer, who acted as master of ceremonies, introduced Senator Lovell, and made a few remarks on the problems confronting conservationists.

The menu, which consisted of lake trout, baked potato, cole slaw, pickles, corn pone and hot coffee, was thoroughly enjoyed by the assembly, the plates being served by Boone women. Following the dinner three boxing events took place in an improvised ring near the center of the hatchery grounds, which attracted an unusual interest. Johnny Cutsnaw, Asheville fighter, and Battling Charley Norton, local heavy, held first place on the card for a scheduled three-round encounter. But early in the second round Cutsnaw took into the Boone hopeful with a barrage of body blows and a few well-timed hooks to the profile, ending the colorful contest with a technical knock-out.

Bobby Foster, Meadville, Penn., lightweight, won a popular decision over Harley Eckert, Youngstown welter, in the main event of the evening. The five-round bout was featured by cool ring strategy and brilliant footwork, especially on the part of young Foster, who is amateur lightweight champion of Northwest Pennsylvania. As an additional feature of the card Frank Wike and Frank Robbins, both of Boone, were paired for a three-round affair, but shortly after the going in the initial frame, Wike landed a terrific right to his opponent's chin for a knock-out.

Luther Clay, president of the Fishing and Hunting Club, stated Monday that his organization was well pleased with the results of the outing, and that plans are being made for another at an early date. Many permanent improvements, including picnic tables, outside broilers, etc. have been constructed by the club on the hatchery grounds, which may be used by the public.

More than twenty-five residents of the summer colony at Blowing Rock were present at the "fry" Friday evening and many other North Carolina and Tennessee towns were represented in the assembly.

Holshouser Named as Postmaster at B. Rock

Howard F. Holshouser has been appointed postmaster at Blowing Rock it was revealed in a news dispatch from Washington last week, and will succeed C. S. Prevette who has had charge of the postoffice for the past four years. Mr. Holshouser has been engaged in the insurance business at Blowing Rock, has been a member of the town council, and is one of the leading civic figures of the resort town. It is supposed that the commission will be forwarded and that the postoffice will change hands within a short time.

as regularly as they work: baseball, basket ball, football, and other games dear to youth. Mr. Dobbin and his school are well worth visiting.

WALSH DEFEATS SHOUSE FOR CHM. OF CONVENTION

Majorities Are Short of Vote Necessary to Nominate. Victories Start Parade on Floor. Roosevelt Forces Are Worried as Selection of Presidential Candidate Approaches. Baker May Stand Chance.

Chicago.—Three times a Roosevelt hurricane smashed the opposition in Tuesdays' intense session of the Democratic convention, elevating Senator Walsh of Montana to the permanent chairmanship, settling in its own way the two delegation contests and in general burling on with an enthusiasm generated for a supreme effort to capture the presidential nomination by a two-thirds majority.

But the majorities in every instance were more than a hundred short of the 770 that will be required to nominate, the attempt to allow leeway for a simple majority nomination having been given up finally by all hands. Ending the six-hour meeting, the convention specifically adopted the 100-year-old rule.

Welcomed by an uproarious Rooseveltian procession that twisted in both directions through the congested aisles, and with cheers that drowned some few shouts of derision, Senator Walsh was given a 626 to 528 margin.

In the other two roll calls, the Rooseveltian flock seated the Senator Huey Long delegation from Louisiana by 638 3-4 to 514 1-2 and the Minnesotans led by Einar Hoidale, on a count of 658 1-2 against 492 3-4.

Although they have been expressing confidence all along, partisans of the New York governor held their breath just the same during the first and at times disorderly helts of the rollcall in the Louisiana contest. Not until each state and territory had been called, and a return to those which has been passed momentarily, was the outcome certain.

James A. Farley, Roosevelt manager, exclaimed immediately "that was our weakest vote," as he joined the cheerers. But it proved not to be, a slightly lighter lead coming for Walsh.

As the convention convened Wednesday at noon, observers conceded that Newton D. Baker, secretary of war in the Wilson cabinet, would stand a good chance of the nomination should Roosevelt fall in the first few rounds of balloting.

Money May Be Removed Without Paying of Tax

Commenting upon the new federal revenue bill which went into effect last week, and under the provisions of which bank checks in any amount are taxed 2 cents each, G. P. Hagan, cashier of the Watauga County Bank explains that funds may be withdrawn at the window without having to be assessed with the Federal tax. All checks which are negotiable however must bear the 2 cents burden. The ruling covering the issuance of counter checks follows: "Counter checks and receipts for money withdrawn are not taxable if the instrument is non-negotiable, is in effect and form a receipt, does not contain instructions with the words, pay to the order of, etc., or similar language and is presented in person."

P. T. McNeil, Senate Nominee, Visits Here

Hon. P. T. McNeil of Jefferson, recently nominated on the Democratic ticket to represent this district in the State Senate, visited with friends in Boone Tuesday and incidentally looked after the political fences in this section. Mr. McNeil received the nomination in the June primary by a two to one vote over his opponent, H. C. Tucker, and Professor Troy I. Jones was the successful candidate on the Republican ticket.

Man Wanted in Watauga Arrested at Johnson City

Tolbert Presnell, wanted at Boone on charges of shooting at the home of an officer, stealing chickens and manufacturing whiskey, was arrested Thursday morning by Deputy Sheriff Harry Swadley of Washington County, on the Jonesboro-Limestone highway in Tennessee. He was placed in jail at Jonesboro and authorities here were notified of his arrest. Sheriff Farthing brought Presnell to the Watauga jail Saturday where he will await trial at the fall term of Superior Court.

A CORRECTION
In the story concerning the fatal shooting of Roy Hayes, which appeared in the Democrat last week, relatives point out that there are two slight errors. Russell Hollars and not Roy Hollars accompanied the youth when the accidental shot was fired, while Mrs. Roscoe Hollars instead of Mrs. Walter Hollars is one of the surviving sisters.

PRESIDENTIAL PROSPECT



ALBERT CABELL RITCHIE, governor of Maryland, who is being backed by many delegates for the Democratic nomination for President in the Chicago convention now in session. Governor Ritchie was born at Richmond, Va., and has been chief executive of his adopted state for nearly sixteen years. He favors repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment.

FIDDLERS MEET IS A BIG ATTRACTION

Information Is that Large Crowd will Attend Annual Legion Event Friday and Saturday. Opening Attraction of 4th.

The old-time Fiddlers Convention, which has become an annual event in American Legion circles, will be held again on Friday and Saturday of this week, as the initial attraction of a round of fourth of July entertainments, and information coming to organization workers is to the effect that the attendance will be unusually large, and that the program will be entered into by a greater number of individual musicians than in the past. Prizes have been offered under six different classifications and many musicians, violins and violas have already signaled their intention of attending. A small admission fee is being charged which will be used to further the Legion's work in this community.

E. T. & W. N. C. Road Will Run Excursion

On Monday, July 4th, the Linville River Railway Company will operate an excursion train from Boone to Elizabethton and Johnson City. Adult round trip tickets will be sold for the trip at fare of \$1.00 to either Elizabethton or Johnson City, Tenn. Tickets are to be good for return within three days. It will be noted that the Linville River Railway Company is on that day selling such excursion tickets at fare of less than one cent per mile. These are the lowest fares ever offered by that railroad.

GERMAN ABILITY TO PAY WILL BE DECIDED THIS WEEK

Lausanne, Switzerland.—Monday saw the opening of the crucial week of the Lausanne conference, during which may be written the answer to Europe's most important question, whether France and Germany can agree to bury the reparations hatchet. Premier Ramsay MacDonald, of Great Britain and Foreign Minister Dino Grandi, of Italy, were awaiting Premier Edouard Herriot of France and Chancellor Franz von Papen of Germany, who went to their respective capitals Friday to get their answers to the question.

The first direct effort at this conference of France and Germany to solve their most vexatious problem was made on the day of the departure of their two leading statesmen in most friendly but still inconclusive conversations.

FAMOUS AIRMAN KILLED BY AIRPLANE PROPELLER

Rosedale, Miss.—John Hunter, one of four brothers who achieved fame at Chicago two years ago by setting a world's airplane endurance record, was killed here Monday by the propeller of his ship.

He and two of his brothers, Walter and Kenneth, were on their way to their way to New Orleans, with three amphibian planes with which John and Kenneth intended to use on the air mail route between New Orleans and Plottown, at the mouth of the Mississippi River.

The planes were forced down here late yesterday by a heavy rainstorm after they had been warmed up this morning, John climbed out on the wing of his ship to untie it from the dock and the whirling propeller struck him on the head.

LARGE CROWD IS EXPECTED HERE ON 4TH OF JULY

Moose Order and American Legion to Stage Picnic and Patriotic Celebration. Head Counselor of Order to Deliver Address. Baseball Game, Boxing Bouts and Ball to Feature Entertaining Program.

Members of the Loyal Order of Moose from many points in the states of North Carolina and Tennessee are making plans to attend the picnic and patriotic celebration to be staged in Boone on July 4th by the local Moose organization and Watauga Post American Legion, according to reports reaching Chairman J. C. McConnell of the entertainment committee.

Elaborate preparations are being made to care for the crowd, which is expected to be the largest in Boone's history. The Honorable W. M. Trickett Giles, head counsel of the National Moose organization, will deliver the main speech of the day. Mr. Giles is said to be one of the most colorful figures on the American platform, and his speech is expected to be a patriotic masterpiece. He will be introduced by Senator W. R. Lovell, of the local bar association.

To Be Held in Legion Park
The addresses and picnic dinner, the latter to be brought by those who participate, will be held in beautiful Legion Park, in the Daniel Boone addition. Stands, tables and all necessary equipment has already been installed, the ground cleaned, and everything put in readiness for the big day. County housewives are urged to bring enough food for their own folks, and a supply for visitors.

In the afternoon at 2 o'clock a ball game between two crack Watauga teams will be played on College Field, under the auspices of the American Legion, following which a flash-by card of boxing bouts will be witnessed. The main event will be between the popular Johnny Cutsnaw of Asheville, and Jack Holsclaw, Elk Park heavyweight, who are scheduled for five rounds of boxing. Both of these men are well known locally, are of practically the same weight and experience, and fans are assured plenty of thrills when they go into action.

Preliminary to the main event Hick Roberts and Norman Winters will be featured in a three-round battle, following which Harold Roberts of Elk Park and Charlie Norton, Boone hopeful, will push leather for a like number of rounds. As a conclusion to the boxing card five or more local negroes will stage a battle royal, probably blindfolded, the man on his feet at the finish to receive the entire purse, plus all of the applause of razzberries, as the case may be. The boxing events will begin at 4:30 o'clock.

Dance in Evening
In the evening at 8:30 o'clock the American Legion will sponsor a dance in the ballroom at Hotel Critcher, to which the public is invited. A good orchestra has been procured to furnish the music.

The program committee has not fully decided whether or not a patriotic parade will be formed, but it is understood that a number of other entertaining features are being planned, which will add greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion.

Chevrolet Replaces \$10,000 Automobile

The W. R. Chevrolet Company recently traded one of the new model sixes for a Locomobile in good order and with only 21,000 miles on its speedometer, its owner having been anxious to enjoy the low cost features of the biggest selling car in America. The big car cost its owner \$10,000. There is a general tendency, says the local agency, on the part of the wealthier families to get away from the big, expensive and cumbersome cars formerly used and to substitute the easily handled economical lightweight cars.

MATTIE LOU HARMON BADLY INJURED WHEN STRUCK BY CAR

Miss Mattie Lou Harmon, sixteen-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Harmon, was seriously injured near her Vilas home Saturday when struck by an automobile piloted by Frank Council of Boone. Miss Harmon had just gotten out of the automobile which her father was driving and started across the highway to the home of Conley Glenn, when the Council car, traveling at a nominal speed, turned the curve and struck her. The accident is said to have been unavoidable.

The young lady's condition, which has been very serious, is said to be improving, and her permanent recovery is expected. Miss Harmon is one of the most popular young women in the Vilas community, and her injury has been widely deplored.

Mr. Wiley Lewis, of Bristol, visited relatives in this community last Sunday.

BLOWING ROCK IS B. & L. HOST IN 1933

Convention City is Named at Wilmington Meeting. Local B. & L. Official Starts Movement and Is Made District President.

Blowing Rock was selected as the place for the 1933 convention of the North Carolina Building and Loan League, when the organization met in annual session at Wilmington last week. W. H. Gragg, secretary of the Watauga Building and Loan Association, was the instigator of the movement which resulted in the naming of the popular resort city. Mr. Gragg was named president of District Nine during the business session.

Besides Mr. Gragg, H. Grady Farthing, a director of the local association was in attendance at the Wilmington meeting.

Business Houses Will Close on 4th of July

The various stores and business places of the town, including both banks, will be closed all day Monday in celebration of the fourth of July. It was announced Tuesday, and the managers of the various institutions ask that customers anticipate their needs insofar as possible and provide for them beforehand, in order that there may be the minimum of inconvenience.

Those who have signified their intention of closing for the day are: J. M. Moretz, Boone Feed Company, Will C. Walker, Carolina Stores, Watauga Motor Company, Peoples Industrial Bank, Watauga County Bank, Smithy's Store, A & P Tea Company, Five to Five Store, Louise Shop, Spinhours, Central Barber Shop, G. G. Stephens, Johnson-Stuart Company, Central Tire Company, City Barber Shop, Highland Furniture Co., John W. Hodges, Cash Wholesale Grocery, Harris and Gaitner, W. R. Chevrolet Company, R. B. Phillips, West End Garage. The cafes and drug stores will remain open as usual.

BOONE MAN WILL VISIT SEVERAL WESTERN STATES

Mr. Elmer Rankin leaves Boone today for Atlanta where he will join a travelcade along with seventy-six other teachers for a two-months tour in the South, West, and Northwest, passing through twenty states and one foreign country. Among the many places of interest on the trip will be New Orleans, San Antonio, Jaurez, Mexico, Carlsbad Caverns, Grand Canyon, the Olympic games in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Yosemite National Park, Salt Lake City, Death Valley, Pikes Peak, Yellowstone National Park, Colorado Springs, Kansas City, St. Louis, Paducah and Nashville. The tourists will return to Atlanta on August 30th.

PAY DAY AT BUILDING AND LOAN OFFICE TUESDAY

Officials of the Watauga Building and Loan Association have announced that the offices will be closed Monday for the fourth of July, and that the monthly dues on instalment stock will be received on Tuesday instead of Monday as is customary.

Marshall Brothers of High Point harvested 8,250 pounds of alfalfa hay at the first cutting from a field of only 2 1/2 acres. They have 30 acres to alfalfa which averaged better than a ton of hay per acre throughout at the first cutting, they report.