

By J. C. R.

MOUNTAIN IDYLS

Did you ever stand at the top of that beautiful waterfall near Valle Crucis, where gurgling, laughing Dutch Creek plunges eighty feet, so the neighbors say, from a moss-grown wall of granite to a crystal pool beneath? ... well I did! And what an eye-ful! ... state-ly hemlocks, slender poplars, magnificent oaks, standing sentinel over a far-flung orchard of rhododendron and mountain laurel ... over a tangled infinity of wild mountain loveliness! Down through this canyon of green boughs, and limpid pools, and white rapids, and waving wild-flowers the vision wanders to Valley Mountain with its patchy acres of corn ground, its miniature pastures, its grazing flocks ... to rustic homes in the valley where happy children play! A trout—one of the native speckled kind—splashes the pool as he seeks a belated dinner ... a bob-white calls his mate from a distant grain field ... a late sun sends shafts of gold through the secluded bower ... and you turn your back, reluctantly, on something that will live in mem'ry for many a day! That's Dutch Creek Falls ... which lies within the hospitable precincts of Valle Crucis!

Did you ever pause for a just a moment in the gap of Rich Mountain ... along about sunset ... when Mother Nature has brought out her pallet, her brush's and colors to splash heavenly designs on the western skies ... to gild, during the receding moments of twilight, a landscape to halt the feeble breath of man? No? Well I did! Away to the left of you lies Grandfather's face, carved in ancient stone ... a wreath of filmy cloud caught in his whiskers ... and Hanging Rock, which guards the enterprising village of Banner Elk ... and the towering pinnacles of the Beech ... and the crest of the Roan with its magnificent balsams hidden by the blue haze of distance ... and the far-away Unakas of East Tennessee ... and the smoky spires of countless mountain chains not catalogued in the Sketch Man's mind! The scene is fast changing ... darkness settles in the tiny valleys ... lights appear in the windows of many a distant cot ... the crest of Rich Mountain carries its last flush of subdued gold ... day is done!

Did you ever stop at Lawyer Lovill's home, just west of the village, as night draws on her ebon garments ... to puff a pipe on his wide veranda ... to enjoy his stories and strengthening philosophy? Well, I did! An embryonic millwheel in the nearby brook lends its cheerful tune to a chorus of crickets ... a screech owl, way up on the face of the Pinnacle offers his plaintive call ... a breeze, carrying the chilling hint of approaching fall weather stirs the tall Lombardy poplars and tamaracks ... you lean deep in your rocking chair ... inhale a couple of good deep draws of the Lawyer's "hillside navy" ... you draw your coat closer ... and kinda wonder why you ever have to leave it all! ... why you ever have to worry over installment collectors ... over printing newspapers ... over past-due notes ... over grocery bills ... over the opinions of other people ... over a thousand and one of those pesky little things that make life miserable for we of the two-legged horde? A visit up to Lawyer Lovill's house during the early night hours makes a fellow feel that way!

BRAINS APLENTY

Here's a little ditty we gleaned from the Christian Herald ... a good story, and something to fill this column: It it's brains you're looking for, I've just heard of some you'll be bound to respect. Out in Omaha, the officials who hire men for the Farm Credit Bureau have one of those highly scientific intelligence tests to which every candidate is subjected. Up to a few days ago, these tests included a couple of catch questions—the kind that couldn't be answered. You proved you had brains by not trying to answer them. Well, all went according to plan until a young University of Iowa graduate turned up for the exams. He was asked the two questions—and to the honor of the scientists he answered both of them. Here they are, with his answers: "How long," read the question, "is a piece of string?" "A piece of string," said the bright boy from Iowa, "is twice as long as the distance between its center and either end." Think over that one. "How far," read the second question, "can a dog run into the woods?" To which the young Iowan answered: "A dog can run only half way into the woods. After that he's running out of the woods." The joke was on the scientists. But that's only half the joke. For the test contained another question; one

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IN "BABY DERBY"

Eleven Children Born to Canadian Wife Since 1926.



TORONTO, CANADA.—Above is Mrs. Lilly Kenny, mother of fourteen children, 11 of whom were born since October 21, 1926. Below is Mrs. Grace Bagnato, mother of 23, nine of which were born since October, 1926. These two lead in the baby derby to win the Millar will bequest of \$500,000 to the Toronto mother giving birth to the most children between October 31, 1926, and October 31, 1936.

J. L. GRIDER DIES IN CROSSVILLE, TENN.

Former Resident of Watauga Dies After Long Illness. Sister Resides at Peoria.

The Crossville (Tenn.) Courier tells of the death of Mr. J. L. Gryder, 77 year old, who passed away at his farm home near that place on August 23rd, after a long illness.

Funeral services were held in the Crossville Baptist Church on Sunday, the 25th. The body was taken to his old home in Jefferson County where interment was made in Shady Grove Cemetery.

Surviving are two daughters, Miss Nola Gryder, who has been a teacher in the Crossville city schools for several years, and Mrs. J. E. Nelson, who lives with her husband on a farm adjoining the Gryder home place. He also leaves a brother, J. N. Gryder, of Crossville, and a sister, Mrs. S. C. Greene, of Peoria.

Chevrolet Dealers Win Excess Sales Award

Members of the organization of the W. R. Chevrolet Company of Boone have each been awarded wrist watches, valued at \$27.50, for their superior salesmanship in having practically doubled their quota of sales of Chevrolet cars during the month of August. The awards were made by William E. Holler, general sales manager of the Chevrolet Motor Company, to the following: W. R. Winkler, Dallas Cottrell, W. T. Payne, Hamp Blackburn and L. L. Bingham.

WITHDRAWS APPEAL

Kermit Wilcox Tuesday appeared before the Recorders Court, withdrew his appeal to Superior Court and asked to begin serving his sentence of eight months on the roads for larceny of mules, passed several weeks ago.

of the kind that you'd get away with in New York, but not in Omaha. Here it is: "If A gave a mortgage on a mule to B and the mule had a colt, who would own the colt?" And for that one the bright boy's answer was: "A mule can't have a colt."

LOCAL FARMERS RECEIVED OVER SEVEN THOUSAND

Figures for A. A. Rental and Benefit Payments Are Made Public at Raleigh.

HIGHWAY PATROLMEN ARE ASSIGNED TO NEW POSTS

One Motorcycle Officer to Be Stationed at Boone. Extra Session of Legislature Not Likely. WPA Projects are Hastened.

By M. R. DUNNAGAN (Special Correspondent)

RALEIGH, N. C.—Watauga County farmers received \$7,732.61 in AAA rental and benefit payments distributed to growers co-operating in the crop adjustment programs during the fiscal year ended last July 30th, Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College, reports. These payments, he adds, are only a part of the increase in farm income. The rise in prices paid to growers for their commodities has in many instances increased their income more than the amount of rental and benefit payments, Dean Schaub said.

Total payments in North Carolina for the fiscal year were \$14,732,147.51, of which \$8,015,380.21 went to cotton growers, \$5,945,844.43 to tobacco growers, \$719,363.20 to corn-hog producers and \$51,589.67 to wheat growers. Expenses of administering the programs for the year were \$1,147,290.71, about seven per cent of the amount distributed in the State. Most of this went to county and community committeemen named from local farmers to aid county agents.

IMPROVE STATE INSTITUTIONS

The Governor and Council of State have been busy in recent days getting ready for Federal funds as grants to supplement State funds for improving, enlarging and equipping State institutions. The General Assembly provided for a bond issue of \$500,000 for the three State hospitals for the insane and Caswell Training School, and for \$2,000,000 for other State institutions but on projects to be self-liquidating. The bond issue has been ordered and the plans are to get these projects approved before the deadline this week and next.

CONVICTS ESCAPE

Six convicts in the Macon County camp near Franklin jumped on a lone guard trying to overpower him and escape. One escaped, but the guard shot one, likely to death, stopped another with a load, clubbed a third with his gun, and two others surrendered to a nearby guard who came to the aid of his lone fellow. Most of the prisoners had bad records, inaurder, robbery and the like.

PATROLMEN GIVEN POSTS

Sixty-six State Highway patrolmen were paraded before Governor Ehringhaus who issued them commissions as State officials Friday, after they had been sworn in by Justice Clark, and they were then assigned to the respective posts over the State by M. C. S. Noble Jr., executive assistant commissioner of revenue. Two of them fill vacant places on the guard, the 64 being added by act of the 1935 General Assembly, making a total of 121 officers and men, headed by Captain Charles D. Farmer. The troops and divisions remain the same. (Continued on Page 3)

Republicans to Meet in Greensboro on Friday

Russell D. Hodges, chairman of the local Republican committee, has received official notification of the meeting of G. O. P. leaders and followers, which is to be held at the Robert E. Lee Hotel, Winston-Salem, at 8 o'clock Friay, September 13th. Mr. Hodges joins State Chairman W. C. Meekins in the hope that a large number of local Republicans will attend the meeting, and asks that those contemplating making the trip notify him at their earliest convenience.

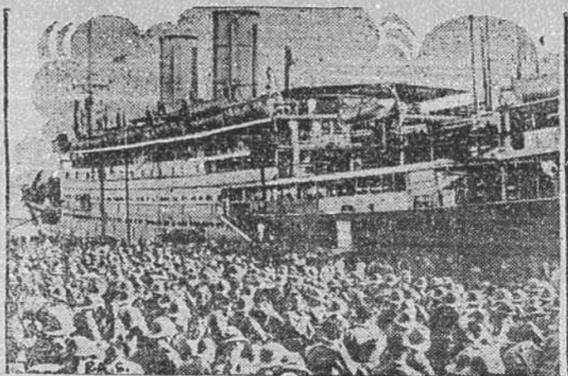
The 8 o'clock meeting follows a meeting of the executive committee, and will be featured by a speech from John D. Hamilton, executive director of the Republican National Committee. Mr. Hamilton is known as a hard-hitting, brilliant speaker and has served as Speaker of the Kansas House of Representatives. Leaders in the State organization will also speak.

SUNDAY EXCURSIONS

The Sunday excursions to Johnson City over the narrow gauge railway are to continue through September, says H. W. Wilcox, local agent for the road. The train leaves Boone at eight o'clock in the morning, returning in the afternoon at 6:30 in the afternoon every Sunday during the month.

ITALY POURS TROOPS TO ETHIOPIA

Transports Embark With Soldiers Bound for Trouble Zone in Africa. "Sila" Division on Steamer Gange.



NAPLES, ITALY—The above picture is no unusual scene here these weeks as Italy embarks its crack divisional troops for the Ethiopian war front. Photo shows "Sila" division embarking on the steamer Gange.

BAPTISTS MEET IN ASSOCIATION

Ninety-fifth Assembly of Three Forks Association Held Last Week at Brushy Fork.

The ninety-fifth annual session of the Three Forks Baptist Association was held at the Brushy Fork Church Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, and churchmen state that the attendance was perhaps the largest in several years.

W. D. Farthing was re-elected moderator, and Clyde R. Greene was elected clerk of the Association.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. W. R. Davis of Blowing Rock and I. G. Greer, superintendent of the Mills Home, spoke on the orphanage work. Superintendent Smith Hagan of the Baptist Hospital, gave an account of the activities of his institution, and Secretary Huggins of the State Mission Board spoke from the standpoint of missions, as did Miss Mary Mark, returned missionary from China.

It was decided that the next association will be held with the Zionville church.

Big Gain in Membership

The report of associational progress, made by Rev. W. C. Greene, indicated that the membership had increased during the year by 197, while the total membership of the group of churches represented in the Association is 5,479. The total number of Baptists in the county would also include the membership of about a dozen churches of the Stony Fork Association.

The report further showed that there were 376 baptisms during the past year, an increase of 24 over the preceding year, and that the Sunday School enrollment is 4,473, or a gain of 313.

The financial report indicated that the group of churches had contributed a total of \$15,564.62 for all purposes, or a gain of \$1,873.75.

Street Lights Shot Out by Night Riders

Mr. George T. Robbins, head of the Northwest Carolina Utilities plant which furnishes electrical energy to Blowing Rock, was in town Saturday, and tells The Democrat that for the sixth time this summer the streets of the resort town have been thrown into utter darkness as unknown prowlers smashed the public lights with rifle shots. Friday night 45 of the lamps were destroyed, a BB rifle being used as the miscreants cruised through the town in the early hours of the evening.

Mr. Robbins has offered a cash reward for information leading to the arrest of those who so wantonly satisfy their preference for darkness, and has bright hopes of ascertaining their identity.

Deeds Prepared for 3 Sections of Parkway

RALEIGH, N. C.—Charles Ross, general counsel for the State Highway and Public Works Commission, said Monday deeds transferring the rights-of-way for sections of the Shenandoah Mountains National Parkway from the State to the Federal Government would be ready within the next month.

Ross said he had informed the National Park Service at Washington he would have the deeds executed, recorded and other necessary steps taken to make the transfer of the following tracts:

Section 2B to Air Bellows Gap, 7.7 miles, September 10; section 2C to Mulberry Gap, 10 miles, September 20; and section 2D to Horse Gap, 11.7 miles, September 30.

DISTRICT LEGION MEETING FRIDAY

Mrs. M. H. Shumway, Department President of Auxiliary, to Deliver Address.

A special district meeting of the American Legion and Auxiliary will be held in the new Legion hut Friday night, September 6th, at 7 o'clock. All local veterans of the World War and their wives are invited to attend.

Special installation services are to be held and all post officials for the coming years are to be installed at this time by Department Commander Hubert Olive over Radio Station WET at Charlotte. All post officials of this entire district are expected to attend and all veterans and their wives of Avery, Caldwell, Burke, Mitchell and Watauga counties are invited.

Sandwiches and coffee will be served by the Auxiliary and many distinguished guests will be here. Mrs. M. H. Shumway, department president of the Legion Auxiliary, Lexington, will be the principal speaker.

Mrs. D. W. Logan Dies in Winston-Salem

Mrs. D. W. Logan, member of a prominent Watauga County family, died at Winston-Salem Saturday night from a heart attack, having never fully recovered from an operation performed recently. She was 30 years old.

The body was returned to the home of the mother, Mrs. Bynum McNeil, at Zionville, where funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon by Rev. W. C. Payne and Rev. Roscoe Trivett. The body was laid to rest in the family graveyard where a large crowd of friends gathered to pay their respects.

Surviving besides the mother are two children, Lucy Mae and Anna Belle Logan; four brothers, Grady, Joe, H. W. and James McNeil, all of Watauga County; and six sisters: Mrs. S. M. Glenn, Missoula, Mont.; Mrs. George Jackson, Missoula, Mont.; Mrs. R. S. Castle, West Lafayette, Ohio; Mrs. B. H. Castle, Canton, Pa.; Mrs. Glenn Moretz and Miss Annie McNeil, Zionville.

Mrs. Logan was born and reared in Watauga County, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bynum McNeil. She received her education at the Appalachian Training School in Boone and had made her home in Winston-Salem for the past six years, where she was floor manager at Silver's store. She was popular in her home county as well as in Winston-Salem, and leaves a host of friends to mourn her passing.

Projects Pile in as WPA Deadline Draws Nearer

RALEIGH, N. C.—The rush to beat the September 12th deadline on project applications continued Monday at the office of George W. Coan Jr., State Works Progress Administrator.

Coan announced here last night that he expected not less than \$27,000,000 in applications would have been approved by his office within the next two days. He said State headquarters had received applications totalling \$35,000,000.

Projects approved yesterday by the State WPA brought to \$17,000,000 the applications thus far approved and sent to Washington, he announced.

Meanwhile in Chapel Hill Dr. H. G. Baily, acting director of the State Public Works Administration, said his office had received 130 applications for projects to cost \$18,081,000.

Mrs. R. C. Mabry of Concord spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John K. Brown.

BROWN WILL BE IN CHARGE OF TEXT BOOKS IN COUNTY

Local Attorney Will Collect Ben- and Receive Non-Attendance Reports.

BOOKS MAY BE READY MIDDLE OF WEEK

Brown Will Be in Office of Superintendent Each Afternoon After 2 O'Clock and All Day Saturday Taking Requests.

Under the new State school book rental and distribution system, County Superintendent Howard Walker announces that he has secured the services of Wade E. Brown, local attorney, to work out the details of the system in this county, distribute the books to the principals of the various schools, and make the rental collections as provided by law.

Mr. Brown will also be in charge of enforcing the school attendance law. All reports of non-attendance will be handed to him for immediate action.

School books are expected to be ready for distribution not later than the middle of next week. The students are to make their requests for books to their teachers, the teachers to their principals, and the principals to the county superintendent. The rental fee is to be collected in the same manner. Students wishing to purchase books will send their orders directly to the county superintendent.

This method will be followed strictly and it is requested that teachers and students offer their co-operation. It should also be understood that no free text books are available, but that all are required to pay the rental fee to the teacher before the books can be released.

Mr. Brown will be in the county superintendent's office each afternoon of the week after 2 o'clock and throughout the day on Saturdays for taking care of book requests.

Flower Show Will Be Held September 7th

The Flower Show sponsored by the Ladies Missionary Society of the M. E. Church and Circle 4 of the Baptist W. M. U. to be held in the Qualls Building on Saturday, September 7, will be open from 10 to 12 in the morning for the purpose of receiving entries. The show will enter the flowers of any Watauga resident. Hours for the show will be from 2 to 5 p. m. and from 7:30 to 9:30.

Attractive and useful prizes will be given for the following displays of flowers:

Best vase of dahlias, 3 or more blooms; largest and most perfect dahlia bloom; best collection of dahlias; prettiest bowl of asters; prettiest bowl of marigolds; prettiest arrangement of gladioli; prettiest arrangement of zinnias; most attractive arrangement of mixed flowers; most attractive arrangement of hydrangeas; most attractive arrangement of wild flowers; prettiest potted plant; most attractive projects; decoration for luncheon table; miniature garden; window box.

Sponsors cordially invited everyone to enter this show, and see what a wonderful collection of flowers can be grown in the Lane of the Sky.

J. R. Blair Is Now A Kentucky Colonel

Mr. J. R. Blair, native Boone man but now a prominent furniture manufacturer of Thomasville, has been commissioned as a Kentucky Colonel by Governor Ruby Laffoon, the designation having come in the nature of a complete surprise.

Mr. Blair is a son of the late George N. and Mrs. Blair of Route 1, and a brother of H. Neal Blair of Boone.

A CORRECTION

A suggested purchase of the Coffey lot on Main Street in Blowing Rock, published in The Blowing Rocket for August 31, 1935, as part of an account of a meeting held at Blowing Rock last week, was entirely without his knowledge or authorization, it was stated to the Blowing Rock news. Paper this week by the owner, Mr. Tom Coffey. The meeting was held to discuss the possibility of purchasing the Coffey lot as the site for a town park, and was attended by year-round and summer residents on Wednesday, August 28th, in the Mayview Manor ballroom.

Since Mr. Coffey disclaims the proposed purchase, the publishers of the Blowing Rocket are glad to make this retraction through the columns of the county newspaper. The meeting was reported with as news of local interest in the Blowing Rocket, whose next issue will not appear until next June. The Publishers, The Blowing Rocket.