

EDUCATION . . . new thoughts
I often quote a remark I heard
Woodrow Wilson make, years ago.
"The purpose of education," he said,
"is to make young people different
from their parents." Parents lose
sight of the fact that, sooner or lat-
er, their children are going to take
their lives into their own hands, and
exercise the inalienable human right
of making their own mistakes.

The last thing a school or college
should do is to discourage individual
thinking. I like what President Hut-
chins of Chicago University said the
other day. "If young people must
meet new ideas some time, it would
seem the part of wisdom to have
them meet those new ideas where
they are fairly presented by intelli-
gent people who have no axes to
grind."

Nothing can be worse than for a
boy or girl to get his or her new
ideas first from self-seeking propa-
gandists or political demagogues.

YOUTH . . . opens doors
There never has been a time, in
my experience, when so much
thought was being given to the ideas
of the young. On the one hand I hear
old fogies expressing alarm lest youth
get radical ideas from the study of
what is going on in Communist Rus-
sia and Socialist Germany; and on
the other hand I hear ardent young
men and women protesting that they
should be allowed to express their
own beliefs, whether they conform
to tradition or not.

I don't apprehend any danger to
civilization from the free examina-
tion of new ideas. A generation from
now the world will be what those who
are young today will have made it.
It will be their world. They will have
to live in it. And I am firm in the be-
lief that any new or "radical" ideas
that don't prove workable will have
been scrapped long before their
young proponents of today have
grown up.

TEAMWORK . . . of the future
My guess about the kind of social
order that is going to come out of
the thinking of the youth of today
is that it will be based very much
more upon collective effort, in every
phase of life than upon individual ini-
tiative. I have a feeling that we are
going to evolve in America some sort
of a collectivist philosophy which will
be neither Communism, Socialism—
as we use the term today—nor Fas-
cism.

It is certain that business will con-
tinue to become more closely organ-
ized. Social activities, even those of
children, are more highly coordinat-
ed than ever before. The whole ten-
dency of the human spirit today is
toward cooperation. Some where a
balance will be found, I believe, be-
tween the extremes of old-fashioned
rugged individualism and the sup-
pression of all individual liberty such
as prevails under Communism and
Fascism.

LIGHT . . . in churches
I vote 100 per cent. for the propos-
al that churches should be "lighted
up like motion picture cathedrals."
That was recommended to the Meth-
odist Protestant Church Conference
last week by its Lord's Day Commit-
tee.

The gloomy, colorless interiors of
most Protestant Churches give chil-
dren the idea that there is something
dour and solemn about religion it-
self. Only once in a while have I seen
an American church that gave the im-
pression of joy and happiness—and
my idea of religion is that unless it
is joyous and happy, it isn't much
of a religion.

The "show places" of Europe are
the great cathedrals, in which the
greatest works by the greatest art-
ists are displayed, and the "most
lavish" use is made of color and de-
coration. I would like to see more of
that sort of thing in our own church-
es.

HYMNS . . . in earnest
The Methodist Church has author-
ized a revised hymn-book—and I am
glad to see that most of the thrill-
ing old hymns and tunes have been
retained, and only a few of the "un-
singable" ones. I've often thought
that I could compile a hymn-book
that wouldn't have a single tune in
which the whole congregation could-
n't join in harmony, not a hymn
whose words did not carry some mes-
sage of brotherly love, or some "glad
tidings of great joy." And I would
fire the organist or choirmaster who
persisted in setting the tempo so
slow that the most joyous hymns
sound like a dirge.

One reason why I, though brought
up in the Congregationalist church,
like to attend Episcopalian services
sometimes, is that the Episcopalians
sing their hymns as if they were glad
to be there.

I hear many folk discussing "What's
wrong with the churches." I think
one thing wrong is that so many of
them are such dismal places.

CHILD IS BURNED
Miss Lucille Cook suffered a right
serious injury Tuesday evening when
she spilled boiling water from a tea
kettle. One foot was right seriously
burned, which will necessitate the
child's absence from school for some
time.

DUST FLIES ON FLORIDA CANAL

Hundreds of Scrapers Being Used in Developing Sea-Going Canal Across the State to Gulf.



OCALA, Fla. . . . Hundreds of mule-drawn scrapers are biting into Florida soil, digging the path which will be a sea-going ship canal across the state, joining the Gulf of Mexico with the Atlantic Ocean and thus taking coastwise ships out of the hurricane zone around the keys.

RURAL ELECTRIC CURRENT IS SEEN

Preliminary Surveys Made in County by Rural Electrification Authority.

Mr. Howard Ballard, Asheville engineer, working under the Rural Electrification Authority, has spent several days in Watauga county recently making preliminary surveys looking to the establishment of electric service in several different communi-
ties.

Preliminary surveys have been completed as follows: From Perkinsville to Alex Tugman's on Meat Camp through the Greene Valley neighborhood; from Perkinsville to Deep Gap, with an extension up New River to the Bamboo community; from the J. L. Fox place on the upper reaches of the Watauga River at Foscoe to Shulls Mills, and from Amanda to the state line at Zionville. The proposed high tension lines comprise a length of thirty-five and four-tenths miles.

Complete reports of the preliminary surveys have been forwarded by the engineer to the state REA office at Raleigh, where the merits of the proposals will be considered. Whether or not there will be favorable action will then be determined.

The surveys as regard the Bamboo and Shulls Mills sections were made at the instance of interested citizens, while others were undertaken at the request of the county agent's office.

DR. WIDENHOUSE RETURNS TO CITY

Methodist Pastor Unchanged. Rev. Graham Transferred to Marion Mills.

Dr. E. C. Widenhouse, pastor of the Boone Methodist Church for the past two years, was returned to the local congregation, when the appointments were announced at the closing of the Western North Carolina Conference in Salisbury Monday. Local Methodism was anxious for the former eminent minister to return, and the action was expected.

Rev. G. C. Graham, for the past four years pastor on the Watauga circuit, was transferred to Marion Mills, in the Marion District, and will be succeeded by Rev. J. W. Parker. Rev. J. M. Greene, a former resident of Boone, was given the Todd pastorate.

Of interest to Boone people was the naming of Rev. C. H. Moser, former local pastor, as presiding elder of the Gastonia District. Dr. W. A. Stanbury, native of this city, and one of the most renowned preachers in the Conference, was returned for a third year at West Market Street Church, Greensboro.

Rev. J. M. Downum of the Appalachian College faculty was among those entering the superannuate relationship.

Long Illness Fatal To Justice Brogden

Willis James Brogden, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, died at his home in Durham late Tuesday afternoon, death following an illness covering many months.

Next to the youngest member of the court, Justice Brogden had just passed his 55th birthday. The Supreme Court building was draped Wednesday and Capital building flags were lowered to half mast as funeral plans went forward. Services are to be held today.

FUNERAL FOR MRS. FARTHING IS HELD

Well-Known Resident of Boone Succumbs Sunday After a Long Illness.

Mrs. Addie Rivers Farthing, widow of the late J. Watts Farthing, and a well-known and esteemed resident of Route 1, died Sunday afternoon from an illness which had confined her since early last spring. A complication of ailments contributed to her demise. She was 78 years old.

Funeral services were conducted from the local Methodist Church at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon by the pastor, Dr. E. C. Widenhouse, who was assisted in the rites by Rev. J. C. Canipe of the Baptist Church, and Mr. Lee, Methodist minister of Cranberry.

Active pallbearers were A. E. South, P. A. Coffey, J. H. Council, Jeff Stanbury, William Winkler, Gordon Winkler, Henry Hardin, James Sudderth, J. B. Steele. Honorary: Dr. J. B. Hagaman, Dr. H. B. Perry, Dr. R. H. Hardin, William Todd, R. L. Bingham, Rob Rivers, R. R. Hodges, B. J. Council, J. S. Winkler, W. L. Trivette, W. W. D. Edmonston, W. D. Farthing, J. D. Council, B. E. Dougherty, Chas. Zimmerman.

A large floral offering was borne by: Mrs. Charles Zimmerman, Misses Ruth Farthing, Mildred Farthing, Mary Farthing, Blanche Blair, Mesdames Belle Winkler, Margaret Winkler, B. J. Council, W. D. Farthing, T. B. Moore, J. B. Steele and Jennie Critcher.

Interment was in the city cemetery the arrangements being by the Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home.

Surviving is one daughter, Mrs. Minnie Watson of Boone, and six sons: Dr. L. E. Farthing of Wilmington; Ed G., Charles, Zeb and Grady Farthing of Boone, and Don D. Farthing, of Cranberry. One sister, Miss Nannie Rivers, of Boone, also survives.

Native of Tennessee
Mrs. Farthing was the former Miss Addie Rivers and was born in Blountville, Tenn., the daughter of Dr. James G. Rivers and Jane Rhea Rivers. The family moved into Watauga county immediately following the Civil War and established their permanent residence in Boone. Mrs. Farthing was married in 1877 to John Watts Farthing and she had made her home since on the farm on which they settled. Mr. Farthing died many years ago.

Mrs. Farthing became a member of the Methodist Church in early womanhood and was a consistent believer in the Christian religion. She lived a life of fidelity to her church, her family and her neighbors, and was surrounded by a host of friends made through her many fine attributes of Christian womanhood.

CORN-HOG PLAN IS GIVEN APPROVAL

Watauga Farmers React Favorably to Federal Reduction, Poll Reveals.

The Corn-Hog reduction program of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration is believed by the farmers of Watauga county to be a beneficial measure, as was indicated in the referendum which closed Saturday evening, with an overwhelming majority for its continuance.

Assistant County Agent E. R. Daniel states that preliminary results indicate that 27 contract signers voted for the continuance of the reduction program while only four registered disapproval. One non-signer voted against the proposal.

EIGHT HUNDRED IS NUMBER AUTOS IN WATAUGA COUNTY

380 Trucks Operated Also. Local Registrations Show Decline in Motoring.

TEN COUNTIES PAY OVER 66 PER CENT TAX MONEY

Industrial Commission Have 47 Workmen's Compensation Cases; Coan Says 1500 Unemployed on Jobs Nov. 1; Other State News.

Raleigh, Oct. 28—Watauga county had 800 automobiles and 380 trucks registered in the office of R. R. McLaughlin, director of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, as of October 1, as compared with 825 cars and 375 trucks one year before and 750 cars and 350 trucks three months before. At the end of last year this county had 875 cars and 500 trucks, the figures show.

These figures are obtained by measuring a given number of cards on file and then with that as a standard measuring the cards for the county, giving a result within half a dozen of the actual count.

The total registration for the state was 470,279 motor vehicles, which is 32,079 more than the 439,200 registered a year ago and the nine months record this year is only 813 behind the 471,092 for the entire 12 months last year. This nine months registration includes 350,780 automobiles, of which 2,250 belonged to non-residents; 88,254 trucks and trailers of which 1,175 belonged to non-residents, and 1,245 motorcycles.

BIG COUNTIES PAY

Ten larger North Carolina counties paid slightly more than 66 per cent. of all the general fund taxes by the entire state for the first three months of this fiscal year, July, August and September, according to figures made public by the Department of Revenue.

The entire amount collected by the state's general fund in the three months was \$8,779,047.91, of which \$2,261,254.54 was paid by foreign corporations. The total collected for the three months is divided as follows: inheritance, \$1,057,778.93; license, \$782,377.03; revenue stamps, \$26,845.00; franchise, \$4,691,968.49; income, \$737,544.88; sales, \$2,272,314.39; beer, \$162,219.69.

Watauga county paid a total of \$10,901.65 in all of these taxes in the last three months, divided as follows: inheritance, \$42.76; license, \$1,317.75;

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MISS WILCOX IN HOSPITAL

Miss Jean Wilcox is a patient at a Statesville Hospital where she was taken the last of the week for a recurrent illness coming from a serious injury to the spine in a fall three years ago. An operation was performed Monday and Miss Wilcox is reported as doing well.

\$40,683 Watauga's First Quota WPA Money; To Employ 333

Work is Expected to Start Friday and Employment Peak Reached by 15th; Dozen Projects or More Gain Approval.

An initial allotment of \$40,683, funds of the Works Progress Administration has been made for expenditure on something like a dozen projects affecting Watauga county. It was learned Wednesday morning from Jim Rivers, District WPA director, who expects to have 333 local relief cases on the payroll by about the middle of November.

The allotment, made for the period including March 15, is relatively lower than had been anticipated. Mr. Rivers explaining that the projects had been placed as nearly as possible on a common labor basis, that is, in a manner providing the greatest degree of relief employment at points where the labor is most readily available. Where buildings are concerned, it was explained, the pro rata part of the present allotment will be used for the quarrying of stone, milling of necessary timber, excavations and perhaps placing of foundations. Objections had been raised in higher circles to the inclusion of this preliminary work as an integral part of the projects, but the District Director succeeded in his proposals.

The Projects

Among the projects which are already approved or in line for final approval, are the following: School buildings at Mabel, Bethel, Valle Crucis, Boone High, and the Boone School for Colored; completion of Glen Burnie Park at Blowing Rock; repairs to Courthouse, Athletic field and quarrying for Boone High School; Boone streets; county home grading and repairing; improvement of school grounds in several rural schools, and

SWEEPS CANADA

King Swept into Prime Minister's Office by Landslide



OTTAWA, Canada . . . Wm. Lyon Mackenzie King (above) is the new Prime Minister of Canada, being swept into office by a liberal landslide, which will give his party the largest representation ever to be seated in the Dominion Parliament.

JETHRO WILSON PASSES SUNDAY

Foremost Citizen of Beaver Dam Succumbs to Attack of Pneumonia.

Jethro Wilson, leading citizen of the Beaver Dam section, died at his home at Reese postoffice Sunday after an illness of only three or four days with pneumonia. He was 65 years old.

Funeral services were conducted from the Beaver Dam Baptist Church Monday at eleven o'clock, the pastor, Rev. R. C. Eggers being in charge of the obsequies and interment was in the nearby cemetery.

Survivors include the widow, one brother, J. R. Wilson, Reese; two sisters, Mesdames W. J. Hagaman and Wellington Swift of Reese.

Mr. Wilson was a native of Watauga county, the son of the late Alex Wilson and Nancy Snyder Wilson. He was known as one of the county's most substantial citizens, and had contributed a full share to the welfare of his community, county and state. He was deeply interested in the public good from a religious, educational and economic viewpoint, and his almost sudden death has come as a distinct shock to his friends throughout the county.

ANOTHER LARGE YIELD

Mr. D. G. Edminston of Route 2, believes he is entitled to be included among the local spud-growing champions, and reports a yield of 108 bushels of potatoes from a planting of 4 bushels. The tubers, of the Sir Walter Raleigh variety, grew on one-third acre of land, says Mr. Edminston and the yield was weighed to insure accuracy.

OWNERSHIP LAND AT BLOWING ROCK NOW ESTABLISHED

Mrs. J. M. Bernhardt Establishes Claim to Bit of Land at Scenic Wonder.

LAND GRANT PROTESTED BY RALEIGH COMMISSION

Owners Had Only Started Action to Clear Title; Conservation Board Anxious For Free Access To Scenery.

Raleigh, Oct. 28—Termination of litigation over ownership of the 307 square feet of land at the approach of Blowing Rock, outstanding scenic attraction in Caldwell county, was announced yesterday by R. Bruce Etheridge, director of the Department of Conservation and Development, following satisfactory establishment of the claim of Mrs. J. M. Bernhardt and family of Lenoir, to the property.

Court action was initiated by the Bernhards after the Department of Conservation and Development had protested the issuance of a grant to the property to the Bernhards through the office of Secretary of State Stacey W. Wade. The application for the grant, according to later developments, was for the purpose of clearing title to the property and did not denote that it was "vacant" or still held by the state.

After investigation showed the triangular strip of land, amounting to approximately one-hundredth of an acre, to be covered by a previous grant, Mr. Etheridge asserted that his department withdrew objection to issuance of the grant to the Bernhards and has so notified the Secretary of State to this effect.

Mr. Etheridge said that the office of Attorney General A. A. F. Seawell, which has represented the interests of the state in the case advised withdrawal of objection to the grant after a thorough investigation. The conservation director also stated that State Forester J. S. Holmes and officials of Pisgah National Forest, which was interested in the land, had looked into the matter and agreed with the decision to take steps to terminate the litigation.

The original intention of the Department of Conservation and Development, acting under a law passed by the General Assembly of 1935 which would preserve for the public benefit any state lands suitable for public parks or forests, according to Director Etheridge, was to retain the 307 square feet to preserve free public access to the natural phenomenon, Blowing Rock, if the state still held title to the property. After it was revealed that the land is already private property, Director Etheridge explained, the department withdrew objections to the grant.

A more detailed investigation of the position of the tract, it was pointed out, showed that it did not dominate the approach to Blowing Rock as at first thought and its ownership by the state would not assure free approach to the rock. Director Etheridge stated, however, that his department would not alter its policy of seeking to preserve the benefits of the scenic wonders of the state to the public.

Homecoming Event To Attract Throng

The annual homecoming day exercises at Appalachian State Teachers College are expected to draw a crowd of three thousand or more visitors, it is estimated by the sponsors.

Alumni meetings and an address by I. G. Greer, of Thomasville, will feature the days program and at 8 o'clock an outstanding athletic event will feature the clash of the gridiron squads of Appalachian and East Tennessee Teachers. At 8 o'clock the Playcrafters will entertain. The alumni program begins at 10:30 a. m., Saturday, November 2.

IVAN YOUNCE INJURED IN MOTOR COLLISION

Ivan Younce, resident of the Mabel community, was right seriously injured when the motorcycle he and Dick Campbell were riding, crashed into an automobile driven by Lee Teague of Boone Sunday afternoon. Young Mr. Younce received medical treatment at the Hagaman Clinic in Boone, one arm being seriously cut and the muscles torn loose the length of the member. He was otherwise less seriously injured as was Mr. Campbell.

The accident occurred near Mabel, but the Democrat had not learned whether or not the responsibility for the accident has been fixed.

Union county reports the poorest cotton crop in 25 years as a result of the summer drought followed by early fall rains and boll weevil infestation.