

PAGEANT TO SHOW HISTORY OF THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION

Annual Association to Commemorate One Hundredth Anniversary of Association and One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Three Forks Church

The annual session of the Three Forks Baptist Association will be held at the old Three Forks church Tuesday and Wednesday, August 27 and 28, and on Thursday, the 29th, an elaborate pageant has been prepared in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of Three Forks church and the centennial of the association carrying the same name.

The third day of the gathering will be of paramount interest, since at this time the history of the work of the Baptist church in the mountains of western North Carolina will be traced. The associational and church history has been prepared by Rev. A. J. Greene, and I. G. Greer, Smith Hagaman and Rev. J. C. Canipe will deliver addresses. Wade E. Brown, chairman of the executive committee of the association, will preside at the historical session.

The pageant, which was prepared by Rev. J. C. Canipe and staged under the direction of Prof. A. Antonakos, will show the history of the religious denomination since the days of the Indians, some of the early-day gatherings and closes with a scene indicating the present widespread activities of the church.

The first scene will be that of an Indian camp before the white man made his entrance into the mountain wilderness. Second, the organization of the Three Forks church on November 5, 1790. Third, a typical church conference about the year 1800. Fourth, the organization meeting of the Three Forks Association in November, 1841. The fifth and closing scene will reveal the activities of the present-day Baptist church.

Three large stages are being built in the open for the pageant and seats for 1,000 spectators will be provided.

The Association

The regular association which will be held Tuesday and Wednesday will be presided over by R. C. Eggers, the moderator, Clyde R. Greene is clerk to the association.

Indications are that the best reports for many years will be tendered by the churches, and following is the complete associational program:

Tuesday, August 27

9-9:25—Devotional and roll call.
9:25-9:45—Address of moderator.
9:45-10:15—Religious literature.
10:15-11:00—Temperance.

Noon Recess

1:00-1:15—Devotional
1:15-2:30—Missions.
2:30-3:30—Benevolences.
3:30-3:40—Closing Worship.

Wednesday, August 28

9:00-9:15—Devotional.
9:15-9:35—Obituaries.
9:35-10:00—Report of association missionary.
10:00-10:45—Woman's work.
10:45-11:15—Report of executive committee.

Noon Recess

1:00-1:15—Devotional
1:15-2:00—Christian Training
2:00-2:45—Sunday schools
2:45-3:15—Reports; Treasurer, finance, nominations, resolutions, time place and preacher.
3:15-3:30—Election of officers and miscellaneous.

Statement Boston Manufacturers Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 1939, AS SHOWN BY STATEMENT FILED
Amount Ledger Assets, Dec. 31st previous year \$7,389,733.48
Income—From Policyholders, \$2,922,681.91; Miscellaneous, \$307,942.31; Total, \$5,230,624.22
Disbursements—To Policyholders, \$574,252.75; Miscellaneous, \$2,325,360.71; Total, \$2,900,113.46
Fire Premiums—Written or renewed during year, \$4,180,069.52; In Force, \$7,743,807.75

ASSETS

Value of Bonds and Stocks \$6,167,361.51
Cash in Company's Office 2,925.25
Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks not on interest \$1,257,515.95
Agents' balances, representing business written subsequent to October 1, 1939 \$338,128.36
Agents' balances, representing business written prior to October 1, 1939 11,058.27
Deduct Ceded Reinsurance Balances Payable 71,900.10
Interest and Rents due and accrued 44,792.20
All other Assets, as detailed in statement 14,653.42

Total \$7,765,052.86
Less Assets not admitted \$ 684,611.17

Total admitted Assets \$7,080,441.69

LIABILITIES

Net amount of unpaid losses and claims \$ 79,077.68
Unearned premiums \$3,418,022.59
Salaries, rents, expenses, bills, accounts, fees, etc., due or accrued 2,628.50
Estimated amount payable for Federal, State, county and municipal taxes due or accrued 18,743.76
Reinsurance on paid loans 16.42
All other liabilities, as detailed in statement 6,377.45

Total amount of all liabilities except Capital \$3,524,866.40
Surplus over all liabilities \$3,555,575.29

Surplus as regards Policyholders \$3,555,575.29

Total Liabilities \$7,080,441.69

BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA DURING 1939

Fire Risks written \$17,765,570 Premiums received \$94,533
Losses incurred—Fire \$ 3,509 Paid \$ 4,677

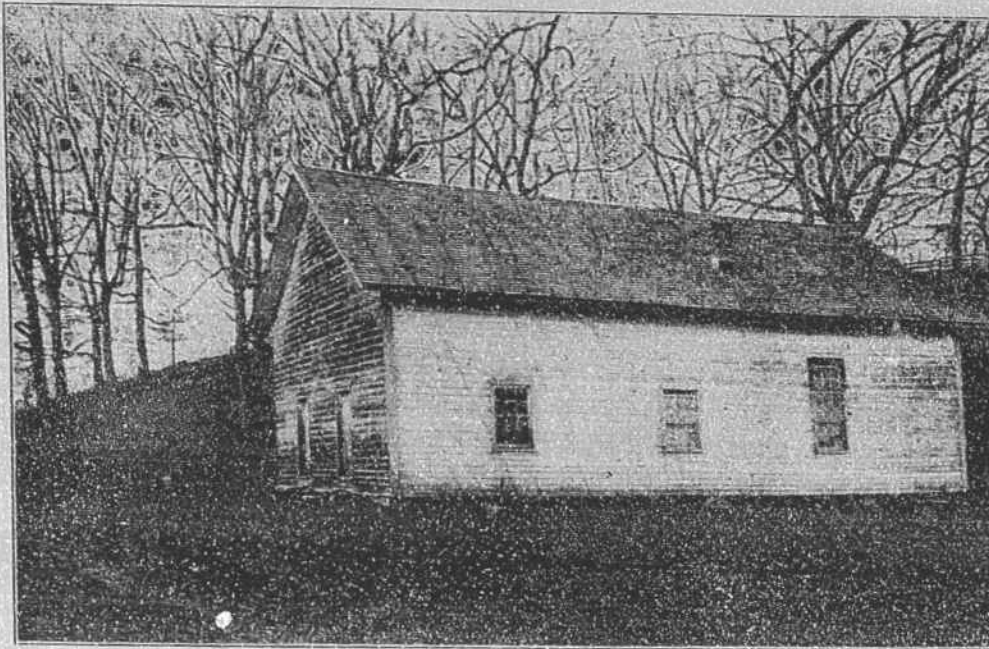
President, Marshall B. Dalton; secretary, H. Dwight Hall; treasurer, E. F. Robinson. Home office 60 Battery March, Boston, Mass. Attorney for service, Dan C. Boney, Insurance Commissioner, Raleigh, N. C. Manager for North Carolina, Home Office.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
Insurance Department
Raleigh, May 30th, 1940.

I, Dan C. Boney, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Boston Manufacturers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Boston, Mass., filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company, on the 31st day of December, 1939.

Witness my hand and official seal, the day and date above written.
DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner.

OLD THREE FORKS CHURCH BUILDING



The old Three Forks church building, the 150th anniversary of whose establishment will be celebrated at the association next week. The picture was found among those used in the publication of Arthur's History of Watauga County many years ago, and The Democrat is indebted to Mrs. Cora Council for the use of the picture.

PLANS LAID TO REHABILITATE PEOPLE STRICKEN BY FLOOD

A conference of agricultural and welfare agency representatives met in Raleigh Monday and laid plans to rehabilitate flood-stricken families in western North Carolina.

Arrangements were made to offer assistance immediately to the mountain section with the understanding that seed and feed loans, WPA projects and replacement of livestock and equipment will be extended to eastern North Carolina when families are able to return to their farms and the full extent of the damage is known.

Dean I. O. Schaub, director of N. C. State College extension service called the conference and presented reports from county agents in 20 western and northwestern counties, indicating that more than 5,000 farm

families in that area will need help. County agents and AAA committee are to be enlisted to certify families needing assistance in rural areas. Emergency cases will be referred to county welfare departments, which will provide food and clothing from the Surplus Commodities Corporation and register farmers for WPA employment.

The farm security administration and the emergency crop and feed loan division will offer financial assistance in long-time rehabilitation. Most of the counties said the most urgent needs are seed, forage and grain. The chance to earn money to obtain these farm commodities. Corn and hay losses were the heaviest throughout the western region.

Schaub has applied to the WPA and the highway department for immediate works projects so that farm families may earn money with which to buy seed and feed.

Counties reporting the most losses, and the number of families needing assistance in each, are: Caldwell, 500; Henderson, 500; Burke, 400; Watauga, 550; Yancey, 50; Yadkin, 300; Surry, 200; Jackson, 100; McDowell, 15; Rutherford 20 to 40; Davie, 100; Avery, 400; Alexander, 100, and Allegheny, 50. Reports from Ashe, Wilkes, Stokes and possibly other counties were expected to swell the list of needy families to 500.

U. S., CANADA TO FORM JOINT DEFENSE BOARD

Ogdensburg, N. Y., Aug. 19—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister W. L. MacKenzie King of Canada, after a momentous conference on a railway siding here, agreed yesterday to create a permanent joint Canadian-United States board to plan defense of the Western Hemisphere.

Providing an historically portentous implementation of the Monroe Doctrine, Mr. Roosevelt and the Canadian war leader agreed that the board will be established immediately and open joint studies "relating to sea, land and air problems, including personnel and material" for defense of North America.

In effect, the agreement appeared to link the interests of Canada and the United States for the future, and to present a warning to aggressor nations abroad that this country never will permit non-American domination of her northern neighbors.

FUNDS SPENT FOR RED CROSS

The Democrat is asked to state that monies collected by some individuals in the town for the relief of storm victims, was invested in clothing and first aid attention before the Red Cross reached the scene of disaster.

New South Wales became a British possession in 1788.

Landslide Is Another Jinx To Odus Watson

Deep Gap Man Says He Barely Escaped Landslide That Killed 8 and Injured 14

(Charlotte Observer, Sunday)

From the storm-swept region around Deep Gap, N. C., Odus Watson came to Charlotte today with a story of how he barely escaped the disastrous landslide which killed 12 and injured 14 last Tuesday night.

Odus, operator of one of the two filling stations on the Boone to North Wilkesboro highway, is accredited with having pulled nine of the victims from the tons of debris and water which literally fell from the mountainside to cover two residences and two filling stations on the road, not to mention the 13 homes destroyed in the valley below.

Yet he couples this calamity with many which have come his way, and has already made promise to his neighbors that he'll get along without relief. But at that, he does have a hard luck story which reads like tales manufactured for pure amusement, but real, nevertheless.

"When I first started logging on New river, my boss went broke, so I went to thrashing with a new machine I bought. I geared my tractor so high that it blew up and I lost all I had in it. Then I went to Montana, where a horse threw me, and I strained my back, so I began work in irrigation. At this job I took inflammatory rheumatism and spent all my money in the hospital, so I went to California to get a job in the redwood forest, but I couldn't pass the health examination there. I then came back to Deep Gap and bought a pickup to haul cattle, but it wrecked. I then went into the filling station business, but soon afterwards took pneumonia.

"One day a man came in and tried to swap me a gun, and it went

off and shot me in the leg, which laid me up for two months. To cap it all, Tuesday's slide took my filling station and farm crop. But I ain't going on relief. I'll go back to farming, filling station, or cow trading. The Lord knows, I'd rather have been washed away than to be on the relief."

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LADIES! HOW DO YOU LOOK TO OTHERS?

A series of questions which, when answered, enables any woman to find out how she appears to others. One of many interesting features in the August 25th issue of

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