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### FARMERS TOUR VIRGINIA VALLEY

Visit Many Places of Interest, Including Gettysburg; Arrive Home Saturday, Night Tired But Happy

Greatly filled with enthusiasm over taking a trip through the valley of Virginia to Washington, seventy-seven men and women of Franklin county left Louisburg about six o'clock Monday morning July 11, on the farmers tour. There were three buses in this group in which the people were equally divided, one bus of men, one of women and one of boys.

Leaving Louisburg they went by the way of Henderson, Oxford, Roxboro and South Hill, Va. By dinner time they had reached Brookneal, just outside of which place they spread their lunches. After they had eaten, they drove on to Lexington, where they were much impressed with the great hills on which the city is built.

Natural Bridge was reached about six o'clock Monday evening and about an hour and a half was spent by taking pictures and viewing the natural bridge, the salt-peter cave and the Lost River. The buses arrived at Lexington about nine o'clock. The lunch was spread in the gym at the Washington and Lee University where they all ate supper. The men spent the night in the gym and the women in the dormitory.

The next morning, July 12, the people were taken about the buildings of the University and into the Lee Chapel. Here they saw Valentine's equestrian statue of Lee, which represented the General as asleep with his own left hand lying upon his sword.

With Mr. Lewis, farm agent of Rockbridge county as a guide, the party visited several farms. One of which was the Alphin Farm, where at the time of the visit the manager was thrashing wheat which is used as food all winter. Here also was seen cattle that was being raised for beef and they were told that a beef cow born in May never lived to see Christmas. At the other farm, called the McCormick Farm, they saw beef cattle and the place where the first McCormick reaper and binder was made. The barns on these farms were typical of the barns in that part of the country and very different from the barns in Franklin county.

As they left Rockbridge county and entered Augusta county, the farm agent of the latter pointed out the places of interest. At Staunton, Virginia, they visited the Dear and Dumb school and also the birthplace of Woodrow Wilson. They ate dinner at a cafe in Staunton and they started for the Shenandoah Caverns by the way of Harrisonburg. They arrived at the caverns about four o'clock and in groups of twenty-five were guided around in the cavern. Among the beautiful formations that were seen in the Shenandoah cavern were the Dome of the Capitol, which is one of the most massive crystal stalagmites in the cavern and resembles very much in formation and appearance the Dome of the National Capitol at Washington City; the Indian wigwam, suggestive of the days of the Indian tribes; the Diamond Cascade, a formation whose beauty cannot be shown in picture or in words; the Rainbow Lake, a crystal pool, illuminated by the most modern form of indirect lighting and reflecting unnumbered stalactites in almost indescribable; and Bacon Hall in which hangs formations which are exactly like strips of bacon.

Tuesday night was spent at Woodstock, Va., in the Massanutten Military Academy.

Wednesday morning the trip was continued from Woodstock to Winchester, Charlestown, W. Va., where John Brown was tried and sentenced, Harpers Ferry where John Brown's Fort now stands in which building he was captured; Frederick, Md., where they stopped to get dinner. Dinner was taken at the Francis Scott Key Hotel which was so named because Frederick was the birthplace of Key who wrote the Star Spangled Banner. After dinner they drove to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and guided by the battlefield guide were shown the battlefield and the conditions of the battle of Gettysburg. They were allowed to drink from a spring out of which both the northern and southern soldiers drank. Westminster, Maryland was reached by night, where the men slept in the fire house and the women in the town armory. The tourists were ready to start again early Thursday morning for Washington City. They left for Washington by the way of Baltimore where they saw the white steps being scrubbed. Washington was reached by nine o'clock. They were taken all around through the Capitol and then through the Congressional Library. They dined at the cafeteria in the library and afterwards were taken to the agricultural department.

Neither Senator Simmons nor Secretary Jardine, on account of illness and vacations, were there to greet the group but their assistants gave the party a delightful time. They were taken to the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument, where everyone went to the top and then to the cemetery. They remained over night in the Tourist Camp on

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### COL. A. D. WATTS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Statesville Man Victim of Uraemic Poisoning; Noted Political Leader; Had Served in State and Federal Revenue Department and Had Represented His County in Legislature; Held Funeral Today

Statesville, July 15.—Col. A. D. Watts, former collector of internal revenue and recognized as a leader in the State's Democracy for many years, passed away at 5 o'clock this afternoon at Dr. Long's sanatorium here, suffering with uraemic poisoning. Col. Watts entered the hospital Saturday, July 9, for treatment. Wednesday he had a sinking spell and dropped into unconsciousness, from which he never rallied. His death had been expected momentarily for more than 48 hours before the end came.

Funeral services were held from the residence of J. E. Boyd, on Davis avenue, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Dr. Charles E. Raynal, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, and Dr. J. H. Pressly, pastor of the First Associated-Reformed Presbyterian church. Interment was made in Oakwood cemetery.

#### Active Political Career

Alston Davidson Watts, who was 61 years old, was born in Iredell county, six miles west of Statesville, March 12, 1866. His father was Thomas A. Watts, former sheriff of Iredell county. His education was received in the old Statesville academy, at the Huntersville high school, at Bingham school and he later spent a short time at Davidson College. For four years prior to 1894, he was secretary to Congressman John S. Henderson, in Washington City. In 1897 he became associated with J. A. Hartness in the publication of the Statesville Mascot, continuing in the newspaper business for several years. He was representative of Iredell in both houses of the general assembly of North Carolina. As a member of the state legislature, he was instrumental in the enactment of the Watts law. He was later appointed secretary to United States Senator F. M. Simmons.

#### Former Revenue Commissioner

Col. Watts was appointed deputy collector of internal revenue for the western district of North Carolina under President Woodrow Wilson, with headquarters in Statesville. He was later appointed by Gov. Cameron Morrison to the office of commissioner of revenue. Resigning this position, he formed an income tax company in 1919, which he headed for several years. For some time he had been engaged in making income returns for corporations.

Col. Watts was never married. He is survived by four sisters and two brothers—Mrs. J. E. Boyd, Statesville; Mrs. Edna Watts McAuley, Huntersville; Mrs. Nora Watts Coddington, of Alabama; Miss Maggie Watts and John Watts, who reside at the old homestead in this county, and Pressley Watts, of Statesville.

### FORD-SAPIRO LIBEL SUIT IS ENDED AT AUTO CITY

Detroit, July 18.—The legal phases of the Ford Sapiro libel suit came to a formal end today when Judge Chas. C. Simons, in Federal District Court, signed an order of discontinuance.

The stipulation of discontinuance agreed upon Saturday by counsel for Sapiro, plaintiff and Henry Ford, defendant, was presented to Judge Simons by counsel for Mr. Sapiro. The court immediately signed the order.

### THE OPEN AIR SERVICE

Rev. E. C. Crawford, the popular pastor of Louisburg Circuit will preach another one of his charming sermons at the open air service the fourth Sunday night on the college campus at 8 o'clock. The public is most cordially invited to attend. The choir will furnish some soul-inspiring music. We believe we shall have a wonderful service.

Come out and bring your friends.

### SERVICES AT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. J. D. Miller, rector St. Paul's Episcopal church has announced the services for next Sunday as follows: 10 a. m., Sunday school. 11 a. m., Morning prayer. 8 p. m., Union services at college campus. All are invited.

### METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. J. P. Cross will preach at the Methodist church next Sunday 11 a. m. Brother Cross is a very interesting gospel minister, a fine student of the word. Be sure to come out to hear him.

We hope our good choir will arrange a fine program of music. The pastor will be away in a great Asheville Conference from the 18th to 21st. He will be back to take part in the services Sunday.

Let me say that on Monday following the fourth Sunday we expect to have a great tent meeting at Green Hill. We invite all Louisburg and the country churches to attend.

O. W. DOWD, Pastor.

### BOY READS AT THREE YEARS

John Lindsay Harris, Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Harris, Reads Eloquent At Five Years

John Lindsay Harris, five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Harris, is the most wonderful boy of his age in Louisburg or that history gives record of having been here. Not only is he an exception in Louisburg but so far as is known at present his ability and fame reaches throughout North Carolina and abroad.

Although only five years of age and never having attended school, John can read fluently almost anything he wishes. He paid the FRANKLIN TIMES office a visit recently and while here he read newspapers, blotters and many forms of advertising. Once in a while he would come to a word he could not pronounce, but it was very seldom. It would startle one to see how easily he could call many big words. He could read better than many children at twelve and fifteen years of age who had advanced in school.

When he was three years old John surprised his mother by reading for her a story from a first grade book of his sisters and told about it. Since then he has been reading constantly. He can read the funny papers as well as grown ups. He doesn't hesitate but reads right along. Although his enunciation is not so strong he gets every syllable and calls his words plainly. It can easily be seen that he does not depend upon memory. Sometimes he will stop and spell his word to get his pronunciation. He is no less than a wonder.

Among the things he read while at the FRANKLIN-TIMES office was the following, only failing to pronounce the three words in black faced type:

What printed forms do they run the business world. If your business needs a pencil, it needs a printed form.

Printed forms should not be carelessly bought. They are too important. The printing is important. That's why we believe in using Hammermill Bond and the best printing we can turn out for our customers.

There are many ways in which we can help you. We can help you standardize all your printed forms and save time and money for you. We can help you put different forms on different colors, so as to distinguish them apart and prevent mistakes in filing and handling.

If you want good printed forms on good paper—Hammermill Bond—give us a chance to serve you.

John is an exceptionally bright little boy, has a pleasing expression and delightful manners and demeanor. There is nothing smart about him. He delights in reading and experiences very little embarrassment at reading for strangers.

He paid a visit to the News and Observer office at Raleigh the past week and the following article concerning him was printed in Sunday's edition:

Franklin county has the honor of being the home and birthplace of probably the most precocious boy in America.

He could read, without instruction, at the age of three. Now at the age of five, he can read at will from school books, newspapers and from the Bible.

This attractive youngster paid Raleigh a visit last week. Of all things he saw in the city, he was most interested in the Mergenthaler typesetting machine and the big printing press that prints The News and Observer, the headlines and comic pages of which he has been reading for some time.

"There's the funny paper coming out of the press," he said to his father as they looked through the plate glass window from the street into the press room.

This prodigy, who distanced Horace Greely as a youthful reader, is John Lindsay Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Cleveland Harris, of Louisburg. He is five years and seven months old, with bright eyes and altogether as attractive a boy as you can find the country over. He's a quiet little fellow—nothing pert about him. He is self contained and interested in whatever is going on about him.

#### Started At Three

"How long has he been reading?" his father was asked as John picked up a paper he had never seen. It was the New Bern Sun Journal. Before his father could answer the question, the boy had read aloud the headlines: "Quake in Holy Land Taking Big Toll of Deaths."

"Since he was three years old," said Mr. Harris. At that age he could read very distinctly. When they first learned of his gift, or talent, or whatever you would call it, his parents did not wish him to tax his mind. They tried to keep him from reading as a physician had advised them not to encourage him. But they could not stop him. Speaking of how he began to read, Mr. Harris said:

One day when at the age of three years he brought a first grade book to his mother and said to her, "Mother, the country changes to stand."

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JOHN LINDSAY HARRIS  
Who at three years old could read and at five years old reads fluently. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Harris, of Louisburg, N. C.

### IMPOSES ROAD SENTENCES

Roger Hagwood To Give Peace Bond; Many Deprived of Driving Automobiles

Judge H. W. Perry is about to convince those who go into his court that they have got to be law abiding or pay dearly for their misbehavior. On Monday morning he ordered several to the roads, gave others their choice between road sentences or fines and stopped quite a number from driving automobiles or other motor vehicles. The docket was prosecuted by Hon. Ben T. Holden in the absence of Capt. E. F. Griffin who is attending camp at Fort Bragg. The docket was disposed of as follows:

State vs P. B. Green, operating automobile intoxicated, continued.

State vs Lee Hite, carrying concealed weapon, guilty, six months on roads.

State vs Lee Hite, assault with deadly weapon, guilty, three months on roads.

State vs Lee Hite, disorderly conduct, guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs B. V. Wheeler, unlawful possession of whiskey, pleads guilty, 60 days on roads with leave to commissioners to assign to county home or use where they may desire.

State vs Robert Thomas, larceny pleads guilty, 6 months on roads.

State vs W. F. Davis, fraud, probable cause found, sent to Superior Court on account of lack of jurisdiction.

State vs Johnnie Leonard, nuisance, not guilty.

State vs John Leonard, operating automobile intoxicated, guilty, four months on roads, execution not to issue upon payment of fine of \$50 and costs and upon condition that he refrain from operating any kind of motor vehicle for 12 months.

State vs John Leggard, violating prohibition law, guilty, 4 months on roads, execution not to issue upon payment of \$25 fine and costs.

State vs Willie Edwards, distilling, continued.

State vs Jake Spivey, operating automobile intoxicated, guilty, six months on roads, execution not to issue upon payment of \$50 fine and costs, and upon condition that he not drive a motor vehicle for one year.

State vs E. E. Alford, worthless check, guilty, 4 months on roads.

State vs R. C. White, operating automobile intoxicated, guilty, 6 months on roads, execution not to issue upon payment of \$50 fine and costs, and not driving a motor vehicle for one year.

State vs R. C. White, unlawful possession of whiskey, guilty, 60 days on roads, execution not to issue upon payment of \$25 fine and costs.

State vs James Ferrell, operating automobile intoxicated, guilty, six months on roads.

State vs Roger Hagwood, assault, guilty, 12 months on roads, judgment not to execute during good behavior upon condition that he execute justifiable bond in sum of \$500 to keep the peace, and to provide the necessities of livelihood for his wife and children and behave himself.

### VISITS WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

Dr. W. R. Bass, Messrs. Moses R. Sykes, W. D. Bowen, J. R. White and J. W. Harris left Tuesday for a trip through Western North Carolina, where in addition to enjoying the mountain scenery they will take time to make inspection of several creameries and dairy farms. They expect to be gone until Friday night.

In their itinerary is included Ashboro, Lexington, Salisbury, Statesville, Mooresville, Shelby, Mooresboro, Hickory, Lenoir, Asheville, Blowing Rock, Boone, N. Wilkesboro, Winston-Salem, Burlington and Greensboro.

S. L. Carpenter of Gaston county is selling alfalfa hay from 16 acres at \$25 a ton to the dairymen of his county. Western hay could be purchased at the same time for \$25.

### MRS. A. T. WILSON DEAD

Community Made Sad By Death of Well Known and Most Estimable Woman

The community is deeply saddened at the sudden passing of Mrs. A. T. Wilson, which occurred at her home about three miles from Ingleside Monday afternoon, July 11, at 3:30 o'clock, after a brief illness of two days.

Mrs. Wilson was the daughter of the late W. R. and Sallie F. Debnam. She was born on September 9, 1860. Convinced in early life she joined the M. E. Church and remained a faithful member for half a century. On December 12, 1888, she was married to Mr. A. T. Wilson. To this union five children were born.

The funeral services were held at Trinity M. E. Church Tuesday afternoon, July 12, at 3:30, conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. C. Williams, assisted by Rev. J. A. McIver, pastor of the Louisburg Baptist church. The interment was in the cemetery at the church.

Until stricken with a fatal malady Mrs. Wilson had enjoyed good health practically all of her life. Widely known and popular she was beloved and esteemed as a most estimable christian woman and friend.

We cannot think of her dead, because she lives, and her memory will continue to live in the hearts and minds of all who knew her and loved her for the many lovable attributes that characterized a useful and unselfish life. Those who had the privilege and pleasure of knowing and walking with her along the pathway of life are happier and better for it, for in her strong, loyal personality one found inspiration to meet the shadows and brighten the way. She was active in church work. She loved her church and the Savior she worshiped there.

As a leader in the community, and known as an industrious and accommodating woman the demands for the services of "Miss Nannie" were frequent, but were always cheerfully complied with whenever possible to do so.

Besides the bereaved husband, two devoted children, a son and daughter survive, Mr. J. W. Wilson and Mrs. K. E. Pinnell, also a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Thurston M. Wilson and one sister, Miss Lucy C. Debnam. The children preceding the demise of their mother were: Nellie G. Wilson, oldest daughter; Perry A. Wilson, soldier, who succumbed November 21, 1918 to a wound received in the World War shortly before that date, and Thurston M. Wilson, the second son. Having lost three children in their young manhood and womanhood, and under circumstances peculiarly sad, there was on these occasions deepest sorrow mingled with the happiness of her married life which covered a period of 33 years. It is said of her that all through these years she was never known to fail to read the Bible and pray before retiring; and to the end she held the profession of her faith without wavering.

Kind and tender expressions of love and sympathy were shown by the many friends in attendance and the profusion of beautiful flowers which decorated the mound of her serene place of rest.

### CAPTURES STILL AND MEN

Officers report the capture on Wednesday morning near Hickory Rock School in Cedar Rock township, a 60 gallon copper still outfit complete, and the destruction of about 250 gallons of beer and a lot of utensils. They also report capturing at the still Haywood Ball, white, and John Coppedge, colored, who were allowed to give bond for their appearance before Squire A. W. Alston Monday. Officers making the raid were Sheriff F. W. Justice, A. S. Wiggs, J. S. Rowland, P. E. Dean, J. E. Thomas and Ernest Fuller.

### FRANKLIN COUNTY UNION

Franklin County Union will meet on Saturday and Sunday, July 30th and 31st, with Red Bud Baptist church. A complete program has been promised the FRANKLIN TIMES for our next issue.

### MAN'S GREATEST NEED

Pastor of Louisburg Circuit will fill his regular appointments Sunday, July 24th, preaching from the following subjects: "The Reasonableness of Christianity," Shiloh, 11 a. m. "Man's Greatest Need," Piney Grove 3:30 p. m.

### "MEET ME THERE"

The above is the title to a song composed by Mr. Gordon F. Green, of Youngville, and published by Frank Harding, of New York City. The theme and suggestion of the wording is unique and impressive and the music is especially well arranged and appropriate. Mr. Green is to be congratulated upon his production. Copies of the song and music can be obtained through Mr. Green at Youngville or the publishers at a cost of 30 cents each.

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### DR. BREWER TO SPEAK

At Junior Order Picnic Thursday

All Juniors in County Are Invited To Attend Basket Picnic in Louisburg; Speaking To Be On College Campus

The Louisburg Council No. 17 Junior Order United American Mechanics has arranged to sponsor a big basket picnic in Louisburg on next Thursday. The services will begin in the College Campus at 10 o'clock in the morning. Dr. C. E. Brewer, President of Meredith College, Raleigh, and one of the most outstanding Juniors in the State, will deliver the main address. President A. W. Mohn and Hon. Ben T. Holden will deliver the welcome addresses. Other speakers will be on the program for short talks. State Councillor Snider is expected to be present. In the afternoon the Louisburg Council has arranged for free admission to the Winner Theatre from 2:30 to 5 o'clock for all Juniors.

All Juniors in the county are invited to bring their wife and children and also a big basket full of eats. This is a basket picnic and everybody, certainly every family, is expected to bring a basket.

Messrs. C. C. Hudson and M. C. Murphy are the committee that has the arrangements of the day in hand and they inform us that nothing will be left undone to make the day the most pleasant that visitors have ever spent in our county seat.

### LICENSED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE

It was noticed in the list of successful applicants for license to practice medicine the name of Dr. Malcolm Preston Mullin; of Bunn. Dr. Mullin is a son of Mr. B. Mc. Mullen, of Bunn, and is a member of one of Franklin county's oldest and most prominent and substantial families. Their many friends extend congratulations.

### LIGHTNING STRIKES CHURCH

During the heavy storm that visited Louisburg Tuesday afternoon lightning struck St. Mathias Episcopal church, colored, just south of the river bridge. The stroke took effect on the top of the steeple knocking off a large cross and did other slight damage.

### MR. NEWMAN WRITES ABOUT COWS

Since I am having so many inquiries about my cows etc., I wish to have the following to say: I will give a report of what I am doing with a few cows for the past 90 days.

I started to keeping an accurate record of all milk produced and all cream sold, also all feed bought the first of April.

Cow No. 1, 2,109 pounds; No. 2, 1,742 pounds; No. 3, 1,144 pounds; No. 4, 2,294 pounds; No. 5, 646 pounds. I started to milking cows No. 3 April 15th, No. 4 April 10th, No. 5 May 20 and No. 5 is only a young cow 18 months old.

You can see by this that all cows did not get in on full 90 days time. I sold to Benson Creamery \$140.83 worth of cream, sold 4 calves for real that were fed only skimmed milk after they were 10 days old for \$45.10. We consumed for home use 3 pounds of butter per week or 36 pounds in 90 days at 45c the price of butter fat would have been \$16.20 more to my cream check which makes a total for calves and cream \$202.18. Feed bought \$88.00, which leaves a balance of 113.58 profit. This does not say anything for the whole milk we used for family needs, or the manure produced and skimmed milk fed to pigs. I will leave that for you to estimate.

By the way I had 3 knotty pigs that weighed only 45 pounds the 10th of June when weighed and put on a balance feed of skimmed milk, corn, fish meal and Red Dog shipstuff. They weighed 115 pounds July 11, or a gain of 70 pounds in 30 days.

We can readily see that it is hard to estimate what milk is worth to the pigs.

I have not received the benefits from my cows I believe can be had from them because I did not have sufficient pastures and hay that is needed. I am trying to grow better pastures and hay so I can reduce my grain feed bill.

J. D. NEWMAN and SON. P. S. Lets all get together for a creamery in Louisburg and see if we can't stop worrying so much about cheap cotton and low priced tobacco. Live at home and board at the same place.

J. D. NEWMAN.

Someone says that the age of the booster is passing because the public regards boosting as a subtle assault on its purse, but it's still possible to do a little unselfish boosting without arousing any suspicion.

Somewhat, we are never tired so much by a great man after seeing him grip the arms of his seat during a thrilling western movie.