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A TRIP TO JOHNSON CITY, TENN.

Some of the Interesting Things to be Seen on the Way and at Johnson City - A Delightful Trip.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

On last Tuesday I left Lumberton for a trip to Johnson City, Tenn., over the new C. C. & O. road, and found it to be such an interesting trip I desire to give an account of it through the columns of The Robesonian.

I spent Tuesday night in my old home town of Maxton and had the pleasure of shaking hands and speaking to a good many of my old friends. There are a good many strange faces in Maxton that have come there since we moved away; in fact more new faces than old ones. The town seems to be making rapid strides forward, and has grown considerably in the last two years. One would think by the number of automobiles that Maxton was quite a big place, as the streets were full of them when we got off there Tuesday evening; 14 are said to be in the place.

Wednesday morning we left Maxton for Charlotte and arrived there about 10:30. No mistake is made when Charlotte is called "Queen City", for in our estimation it is the queen of cities in the State of North Carolina, and is far in the lead in the way of manufacturing and other ways we will not take up space to mention, but wish to tell of some objects of interest. The first place we went to after our arrival there was the General Fire Extinguisher Co.'s plant, where we found a genial and clever Lumbertonite in the person of Mr. Ira B. Townsend, who very kindly showed us over the plant, and we were surprised at the immensity of the same, thinking it was only a small plant, but instead it looks as if it would cover several acres. Also the form of extinguisher was different from what we had in mind. Instead of the tube order it was pipes fastened to the ceiling with a lot of little nozzles of the spray design, and we were told that at a certain temperature of heat these small nozzles would burst and spray water in every direction, extinguishing the fire automatically before it could get any headway. Upon leaving the fire extinguisher plant we went back to the city and fed our faces, and after doing that to our satisfaction, we took a trip to the beautiful Lakewood Park (which is a credit to Charlotte); and after rowing on the lake awhile we returned to the city. This park is about three miles from the square, and the car ride is fine, being one of the most finely constructed street railways we have ever had the pleasure of seeing. We would like to tell more of Charlotte, but must get down to our trip to Johnson City.

Thursday morning at 9:00 o'clock we left Charlotte on an excursion, run by two Methodist Sunday schools, for a trip over the mountains to Johnson City, Tenn. The first place of interest was Shelby, which from the depot seems to be a very nice town, but as we only stopped there a few minutes I cannot tell you anything about the place.

After leaving Shelby, we left the Seaboard at Bostic and took the C. C. & O., and here is where the mountain scenery commenced, but did not become interesting until we got up near Marion, where we went through the first of the 29 tunnels. As we were riding on an observation car we might as well say here we got our share of the tunnels as well as the scenery. The first real high mountain that came into view was Flat Rock mountain, which looks as if nature had put a great flat rock right upon the mountain peak. The next mountain of interest was the Two Crutch mountain, which had the resemblance of two crutches, and the next we came to was Mt. Mitchell, which is a very beautiful mountain covered with spruce or white pines, and some distance to the left of the railroad. After leaving Mt. Mitchell we went by Grandfather mountain, and after leaving that and passing Spruce Pine we took to the bank of Toe river, which we followed for about fifty miles; and with the mountains on one side and the river on the other it formed a picture grand beyond conception. It seemed as if the water was running a race with the train, as it rippled and splashed over rocks, making a beautiful spray, which the sun helped to beautify. Great rocks hung over the track, and we could not help but feel uneasy for fear they might take a notion to slide, in which event it would have been all up for that crowd, or at least some of them. We left the river at Eu-

reka Springs and traveled through a beautiful valley the rest of the way to Johnson City, and in this valley the government fishery is located. The ponds of water where the fish are bred are laid off in squares, and with the green grass surrounding them and the mountains in the distance, make beautiful scenery. We are now nearing Johnson City, where we arrived about 6:00 o'clock.

I will tell the reader something of Johnson City. It is a city with about 15,000 inhabitants (I was told) and is a very pretty place, its beauty being set off by the sight of the mountains in the distance. Here is located the Government Soldiers' Home, which is an exposition in itself. The grounds are rolling and are well kept, being covered with lawn grass, which is kept nicely mowed, with flower beds scattered about in various places, thereby beautifying the grounds considerably. The grounds are laid off in broad streets, which are macadamized, with cement walks leading up to the various buildings, numbering in all between 40 or 50 (so we were told and had no ground to doubt, as there looked to be at least that many), which are built of speckled pressed bricks, being as fine as we have ever seen. There are between 1,300 and 1,400 soldiers at this home, mostly civil war veterans, of the Northern armies. The home has its own water-works, electric light plant, dairy, fire department, hospital, laundry, churches, opera house and park, which last has various kinds of animals within it. One of the old soldiers pointed out an elk and told us some interesting things concerning that animal. This elk had horns about three feet long and he told us they were only six months old, and that the elk sheds its horns every year. I had never thought of a horn growing that fast before. Right here I desire to tell of a conversation I had with this old soldier of the North, who fought against the Southern cause we love so well. He was an intelligent old man, and seemed highly educated. I told him that my father fought in the Southern army, and he said he did not know of anything he had rather do than meet a Confederate soldier and shake hands and talk to him; that they were a higher type of soldier than the Northern soldier, and that their cause was just and should have won. Further, speaking concerning the war, the old gentleman said in part: "You may think it strange to hear me speak as I have, being a Northern soldier, but my friend, I did not understand for what I was fighting; but since that I have gotten hold of two volumes of the Congressional Records of the proceedings of the Congress of 1860, when the North's and South's sides were debated, and friend, any man with common reasoning cannot help but say that the civil war was the most damnable ever recorded in history, gotten up and forced upon the South by rotten politicians of the North. That's pretty strong, you may say, but I will take issue with any man and prove that I am right."

After leaving this old soldier, I went through the quarters of the home, and found them kept as clean as possible.

I came near forgetting to mention that the grounds contain around four thousand acres, and that the inmates of the home do their own farming and keep the grounds in shape; also some of the finest horses and cows we have ever seen are at this home.

We left Johnson City at 1 o'clock on the afternoon of Friday, the 20th, and made a stop at Eureka Springs of a half-hour, where the crowd quenched their thirst, by partaking of the splendid water at this resort, which is as good as a dollar, set in a big rock. After leaving the spring the next stop we made was on the mountain side, where about 150 of the excursionists got off and took a tramp of about a quarter of a mile through a valley to another point on the railroad. We stuck to the train, as the woods looked too snaky, and from the time we left them until the train stopped to pick them up, we went through 11 tunnels and traveled 20 minutes a distance of about 10 miles. There was a freight following us, and although we got within three hundred yards of it, it was 15 miles behind us, we seemed to be going in one direction and the freight in another.

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The Farmer and the Merchant - The Farmer's Day Coming - Trouble With a Cow - Other Matters.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

The farmers are beginning to sell some of their best tobacco and are getting good prices for it; and the merchant who dreaded to see him coming through the spring and summer with his molasses jug is glad to see "Jimmie" coming now, for he expects something. As a rule the merchants are just as polite in the fall to the farmer as to the not better, but richer, class; and then in spring, when he knows he is going to hear the command "Charge it," he is very sulky. I want to see the time when the farmer can have the money on hand all the year to buy the things necessary to have while making a crop, for they have to pay just about a third more when they have to buy on time as when they have the money. But after all I believe the farmers see more pleasure than any other class of people living. The day is soon coming when the farmer will wear the high collars now worn by the drummer - or at least some of them - and smoke some of "hem old twofers."

The farmers of this community are most done tobacco and fodder and will take a much-needed rest spell. Some say that the people around Mt. Eliam are the workingest people they ever saw. Miss Sallie McGoogan, who had been visiting here for some time, returned to her home at Shannon Tuesday.

Mr. Frank Brewer, of Bennettsville, S. C., has accepted a position with Mr. I. V. Britt.

We had the heaviest rain Monday that has fallen here during the year.

Mr. Okey Stephens went into the swamp Saturday to hunt his cow. He took Johnnie with him to hunt, and before he got home he needed Johnnie, Jimmie and Henry. He found the cow. But when he had tied her and come some distance the cow lay down in the ditch to stop a while. Well, Okey and Johnnie had one of those "Harry" times. They tried everything they could think about, but "Sal" was in the ditch still. They tied "Sal" and let her and went to hunt something to eat; then they went back. "Sal" was there. They then tied her to a buggy and tried to pull her with a mule, but it was a slow drag. As the sun was getting low they sought the help of Mr. Orion Martin, an expert yearling driver, and he went back with Okey and Johnnie a little ways and then they all came running and squalling at "Sal" and she came forth; and that was the last of it. But Okey said that he would not have been hired to pull so for \$5.00. I guess the boys sang the song about the preacher and bear.

Mr. Haynes Britt, of Boardman, spent Sunday in these parts. Friday was fast day and prayer meeting at the church here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ivey, of Proctorville, spent Sunday at Mr. I. V. Britt's.

One Sunday afternoon recently some of our small boys went into the swamp and caught an ox and some of the boys held him for one of the number to get on his back to ride. "Willie" got up and when he did the boys turned "Buck" loose and "Willie" did not have any bridle and the ox ran about a mile through the woods and Willie could not get off - unless he fell - or stop "Buck"; but at last he fell off. Don't think he'll try another soon.

Mr. Roy Britt, of Cerro Gordo, spent Saturday and Sunday here.

Mr. I. V. Britt raises some melons. He raised the long green melon to Lumberton Friday and round ready sale. He has 40 acres with the vines as thick as in a melon patch. But the rain of last week damaged the vines. He is not the only one that has lots of melons and will have until frost comes.

Mr. John William Watts and granddaughter, Ethel, of Ten Mile, spent Sunday here.

Mr. William Barnes, of East Lumberton, spent Sunday here.

Mr. Rossie Britt spent Friday and Saturday in Lumberton.

Miss Hattie Barnes, of Lumberton, spent Sunday at Mr. Joe Stone's.

Mr. Geo. Warwick, of Orrum, spent Sunday here.

Rev. M. A. Stephens preached two fine sermons Sunday to large congregations.

Mr. Weaver Pitman has fever. Cotton is beginning to open and we hope the prices will remain good on through the fall and winter.

Mrs. Oscar Britt, of Boardman, spent Saturday and Sunday here. Happy Jack.

Mt. Eliam, N. C., Aug. 23, '09.

A RIOT AT HUNTERSVILLE.

One Man Killed and Several Wounded as a Result of a Fierce Fight - The Outcome of a Deadly Feud.

In a fierce free-for-all fight at Huntersville, Mecklenburg county, Saturday evening, Reece Hucks, a well-to-do young farmer who lived near Croft, received pistol shot wounds from which he died a few hours later at St. Peter's Hospital, Charlotte, where he was taken immediately after the fight; Lester Hucks, brother of the dead man, was shot across the back; Mack Cox was shot in the arm; Ed Cox was cut and otherwise badly battered and bruised; and Charles Cox and Gilreath and Batte Davis were cut and injured in more or less serious fashion. The shooting was all done by Ed Cox. Reece Hucks was wounded three times - once in the abdomen, a second time in the arm, and again in the left chest near the heart.

The riot occurred on the main street in Huntersville, just in front of the postoffice, and was witnessed by an immense throng. For some years there has been bad blood between the Hucks brothers and the Coxes, but they had been kept apart until they attended the farmer's institute at Huntersville Saturday. Just as the crowd was dispersing Batte Davis, a friend of the Hucks brothers, met Charles Cox in front of the postoffice and asked him whether or not he had killed a dog last summer and thrown the dead body in his yard. Cox replied that he had and had no apologies to offer, and the fight began at once. It is said that Cox was getting the better of the fight when the Hucks brothers appeared on the scene. They interfered and Ed Cox, who was watching the fight between his brother and Davis, also joined in. Reece Hucks is said to have cut Ed Cox and then Cox broke away and pulled his pistol, shooting with deadly effect. After shooting Reece Hucks fell but regained his feet and grabbed a chair and hit Cox over the head, then falling again to rise no more. Ed Cox, seeing Lester Hucks and his uncle, Mack Cox, fighting near by, emptied his pistol in their direction, one bullet grazing Hucks across the back, and a second striking Cox in the arm. Gilreath Davis, who was standing near by and was also more or less involved in the affray, was hurt, and so also was Batte Davis, one of the principals.

Ed Cox was arrested and placed in the Mecklenburg jail early Sunday morning.

The trouble between the families originated two years ago when Reece Hucks slipped up to the home of Mr. Charles Cox and stole away his daughter, Miss Elva Cox, in order that she might marry his friend, Robert Beatty, who was blind and therefore unable to go after her himself. This act on the part of Hucks the Cox boys never forgave. Cox was severely cut, apparently before the shooting was done, and it is thought that the plea of self-defense will be made. It is feared that the trouble is not yet ended, as both families are large and influential and very nervous. Jasper Hinson, grandfather of the Hucks boys, killed a man in a saloon in Charlotte many years ago and was sentenced to be hung, but the sentence was commuted to life imprisonment and later he was pardoned.

BEAVERDAM ITEMS.

Layman's Meeting Sunday - Revival Services - Cotton Opening.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

There will be laymen's meeting at Barker's church Sunday afternoon, 29th, at 3 o'clock. We want everybody to come and bring their pocketbooks with them.

Rev. W. A. Jenkins preached one of those soul-inspiring, character building sermons at Barker's Sunday evening.

Rev. C. H. Durham, of Lumberton, is assisting Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth in a revival meeting at Saddle tree this week.

Cotton is opening considerably around here for so early in the season.

Mr. Stinson Humphrey visited friends and relatives near Saddle Tree Sunday.

Lumberton, N. C. R. F. D. No. 2, Aug. 23, 1909.

The late John Calvin Roberts, of Kernersville, left in his will, which was probated last week, \$10,000 to the Trustees of the North Carolina Methodist Protestant Conference for the establishment of a college by that denomination.

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