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GENERAL STATE NEWS

Lawrence Boone, the 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Boone, of West Asheville, was drowned in the French Broad river near his home last week.

W. X. Reid, a prominent banker of Hickory, has been appointed by the president of the North Carolina Bankers' Association as a member of the legislative committee.

Eighty-eight applications for license to practice law in North Carolina were made last Friday before the Supreme court.

Five hundred men in Wake county are to be presented to the grand jury of Wake county in September for failure to list their property.

William Robinson and his wife, Emma Robinson, of Barber Junction were found dead in a room in Washington, D. C. last week. Death was caused by asphyxiation.

Melvin Reed, colored, is in Buncombe county jail under \$1,000 bond for attempting to derail or wreck a Southern freight train as it descended Swannanoa Hill.

Builders and contractors of Charlotte report that construction activity is gradually getting around to a normal shape after a lapse of several months.

E. L. Shuford of Hickory stated while in Washington last week that the furniture business in Hickory, Lenoir and other western North Carolina towns has improved wonderfully recently, and is very good now.

The N. C. Farmers' Convention, at Raleigh last week, adopted resolutions for holding the present crop of cotton soon to be picked and asking that the bankers of the State lend their help in sustaining the market.

The eighth annual Wilkes County Fair will be held this year September 28, 29 and 30, and will be a gala occasion for the farmers of the surrounding counties as well as the citizens of Wilkes.

Despondent because of her long suffering, Mrs. Amelia Stancill, 56 years of age, of Asheville, Thursday, ended her life by swallowing the contents of a vial of carbolic acid.

The N. J. Josey Guano Company, which operates fertilizer plants at Scotland Neck and Tarboro, will erect a mixing plant in Wilmington at a cost of between \$15,000 and \$20,000. The plant will be ready for operation by the next season.

Joe Smith, a negro living near Tarboro, captured a nest of baby squirrels in a tree after killing the mother. Smith took the squirrels home and gave them to a cat. Instead of dining upon the three babies, the cat adopted them. They are reported as doing nicely.

Caswell Askew, aged 74 years, was found dead at a boarding house in Newbern last Thursday. There were several knife wounds in his throat, one of which severed the jugular vein. A coroner's jury rendered a verdict that deceased came to his death at his own hands.

Teachers of Wake county are deeply interested in the "moonlight school" movement throughout the State, and have pledged their support and services in organizing and conducting a school during "moonlight school month" in the district where they will teach.

O. C. Klingman, formerly manager for North Carolina of the J. I. Case Threshing Machine company, who disappeared from Greensboro about a year ago, leaving an apparent shortage in his accounts of some \$30,000, has been captured by detectives in Seattle, Wash.

Mrs. S. F. Watson, a well-known Catawba county school teacher, was almost drowned Friday morning when she attempted to cross a swollen stream on a footlog. The creek was a roaring flood, made so by the heavy rains, and Mrs. Watson lost her balance, and sank twice before she was swept against the bank and caught hold of a limb.

In order to teach members of the Durham police force military tactics J. L. Morehead who was for several years in the United States Cavalry, has been elected lieutenant chief and will take active charge of this new feature of the police department.

Maj. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, states that he has traveled in many sections of the State recently, has observed crop conditions closely and is convinced that North Carolina is in the midst of realizing about the biggest yields of farm products generally in the history of the State. He says the wheat crop this season was enough for a full barrel of flour for every man, woman and child in the State, and that the corn crop is expected to be "bar and away" better than previous year.

LUTHER MAXWELL DEAD

Expected to Arrive Friday. Relatives and friends of Luther Maxwell, who left Henderson county for the West about eight years ago, will be grieved to learn of his death in Boise City, Idaho, last week.

The family received a telegram conveying the news of Mr. Maxwell's death on Saturday but this and subsequent wire messages failed to give any details concerning the manner of death.

The body is expected to arrive in Hendersonville Thursday or Friday. The remains will be interred in the family burying ground at Liberty, but the time has not been definitely arranged since it is not known when the body will arrive.

Mr. Maxwell left Henderson county to seek fortunes in the West about eight years ago, returning to his home in Henderson county on a visit for the last time about four years ago.

The deceased has wide family connections in Henderson county and is well known here. He was thirty three years old.

Surviving are the following brothers and sisters, all of Henderson county: Sylvester, C. C., W. P., J. H., George, Mrs. Glover T. Orr, Mrs. M. L. Freeman, Mrs. Amy Stroud, Mrs. Gene Orr.

1915 BLIND TIGER FORD.

Big Business Supposed to Have Been Done by Ford Auto From Union, South Carolina.

Chief of Police Otis Powers has a five passenger Ford automobile of the new model, "The Blind Tiger, 1915." The chief is not touring around in his machine, therefore it is more of a burden than a necessity or luxury just at this time.

The police department has been suspecting a Ford automobile from Union, S. C., for some time since one has been making some unnecessary movements during the summer, but not until Monday night about 12 o'clock was the secret fully revealed and it was then that the chief went out to the machine, obtaining 21 gallons of whiskey and three "tourists," D. A. Hughes, Wallace Williams and Oty Hines. The police didn't exactly get Hines for he made a hasty retreat to Greenville, where he has been placed under arrest awaiting the arrival of Chief Powers.

The Ford was rolled into Hendersonville with Hughes and Williams and they were placed in jail to await a hearing on the charge of dealing illegally with liquor.

Chief Powers says that the car has been making one or two trips from Union each week and unloading a few miles from Hendersonville where the bulk of the goods were sold.

Knew the Game.

She—Oh, dearest, let me comb your hair. Dearest—No. She—Well, let me rub your forehead with eau de cologne. Dearest—For heaven's sake, where's the bill? Give it to me and I'll pay it.—London Telegraph.

A Busy Volcano.

Mount Sangay, a volcano in South America, has been in constant eruption since 1728.

MR. SHIPMAN SEEKS BRANCH OFFICE OF NATIONAL BUREAU.

A branch office of the National Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce may be established in North Carolina in connection with the State Department of Labor and Printing to extend trade relations of North Carolina manufacturers with South American countries if efforts now being made by Labor Commissioner M. L. Shipman are successful, says the News and Observer.

Before leaving Washington on Wednesday, Mr. Shipman discussed this plan with Dr. E. E. Pratt, Chief of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. The Massachusetts Bureau is co-operating with the National Department and since North Carolina, in an industrial way, is running neck and neck with the Bay state, Mr. Shipman sees no reason why her business men should not co-operate in a trade extension propaganda. He offers the services of his department in the furtherance of any feasible scheme.

Dr. Pratt has outlined the plans he has adopted in the establishment of branches of his bureau throughout the country and gave Mr. Shipman assurance that he would be pleased to extend his operations to North Carolina if conditions specified can be met by the State.

These branches are furnished with all information secured by commercial attaches and consular offices in various countries, for distribution in the immediate section of the branch office.

Taking the position that the establishment of one of these offices and the extension of trade would mean more work for wage-earners and an improvement of laboring conditions generally, Mr. Shipman is hopeful that the arrangements can be made. He disclaims credit for originating the idea of trade extension for North Carolina and approves it most heartily. Immediately, Mr. Shipman will lay his plans before manufacturers vitally interested with trade in South American countries.

RAILROADS ARE ALARMED AT BIG BUSINESS OF AUTOMOBILES.

Private Owned Machines Are Working Wonders to Which Business Conditions Must Be Adjusted.

Last week the Democrat carried a story as to the effect of the automobiles upon the tourist business and illustrated such with two cuts, one showing mule-powered street cars, the other gas-propelled machines, on Main street.

Railroad lines almost everywhere, it seems, are becoming alarmed over the inroads being made on their business by automobiles says the Greensboro Daily News. It is a well known fact that street railroads are by no means in love with the "jitney bus," but there are probably few people who realize the effect that automobiles generally are having upon the business of big carriers. It is the privately owned machine, in this case, that is doing the greatest damage. Probably the most noticeable effect is that upon tourist traffic. There is still another factor, however, that is coming to be felt more and more; and that is that traveling salesmen are turning to automobiles as a means of transportation in such numbers that many railroads have instituted investigations to ascertain the extent of this loss to the passenger department.

Continuing, the Daily News, says: Such an investigation was carried on by passenger officials in Greensboro recently, upon the request of the department headquarters, and it was found that 50 traveling salesmen who maintain headquarters in this city are now covering their territory in machines. This is a very big per cent of the men of the grip who travel out of the Gate City; and of course the effect must be felt by the railroads that formerly enjoyed their business. Exaggerated figures are not yet obtainable from other cities where like investigations have been carried on, but it is stated unofficially that these figures will prove something worse than alarming to passenger department men. The traveling man is the one source of continuous revenue, at least he has been, and his loss in such numbers appears to be a serious matter in the minds of railway men, the loss of any other class of travelers.

One railway man asked by a Daily News representative about the extent of the loss of tourist traffic to automobiles, "Look at the personal columns of any daily newspaper," he replied, "and you can get some idea of it. It seems to us sometimes that half the people who are going away for a vacation, no matter to what point, go by automobile."

This man went deeper into the subject, however, and said that business to the resorts on his road, especially the summer resorts, is suffering severely from the advent of the automobile. He estimates that the loss to these points during the present summer season will total 15 per cent.

One especial feature of the railway's business, he pointed out, that is very vitally affected is the short excursion trips that are arranged out of the central resort towns. Some of these trips are arranged for regular weekly dates and he declared that the patronage, which in years ago has been enormous, has become so small that he expects the special rates to be taken off within a few seasons.

When the passenger men are asked about what is to be done they shake their heads. The conditions referred to exist and are increasing in such rapid proportions that he thinks the situation is to be met as a perplexing question. To the present time, it would appear, there has not been an idea incubated as to how it can be met.

PROHIBITION IN KANSAS.

Washington Post. "It may be that in Maine, and some other prohibition States there is much drunkenness and that liquor is sold openly, but I can say from experience and close observation that in Kansas, which has been 'dry' for years, there is little or no drunkenness and no liquor sold openly or otherwise," remarked S. A. L. Hope, of Topeka, at the Raleigh. "The prohibition law in Kansas is as well enforced as the laws against burglary or larceny."

"Kansas has not had a legalized saloon for 35 years, and there is not a brewery in the State. There are 88 city and county jails that are empty, 47 poorhouses and almshouses that are not occupied, and 28 counties in which the criminal courts have not had a criminal prosecution in more than a year."

"New York City is proud of its record of last month—not a murder was committed in the city—yet in Kansas, as I have said, 28 counties have not had a criminal prosecution in a year. If the Southern States that have rigidly enforced the laws as rigidly as Kansas does, there would be no outrageous and unspeakable crimes and lynchings."

"There are more than half a million boys and girls in Kansas who never saw an open saloon, and the State has the lowest death rate in the United States—seven in a thousand. Kansas has the largest wealth per capita of any State—nearly \$2,500."

"The Sunflower State was the first State to declare unambiguously for nation-wide prohibition."

TOUR TO HENDERSONVILLE PLANNED BY FORD OWNERS.

Exclusive Ford Sightseeing Trip Planned by Spartanburg Owners of Fords; Local Owners to Meet

J. Mack Rhodes, local agent for the Ford automobile company in Henderson county, states that as soon as he can hear from the Spartanburg promoters of the Ford tour, in reference to the date of the trip, that he will arrange for as many of the local Ford owners as will to welcome the Spartanburg crowd somewhere on their way to Hendersonville.

There are something over fifty Ford cars in this county owned by local people and with about seventy-five Fords here in addition owned by visitors there should be a fine showing of this well known car in Hendersonville on the date of the tour to the mountains.

Henderson county roads are receiving much praise from all sections of the South and the hundreds of automobilists who have traveled the roads this summer will be one of the best advertisements the county could possibly have.

It is thought by many that tourists will travel these roads a greater part of the Fall and winter which will greatly aid in prolonging the season for Hendersonville.

The following clipping from the Spartanburg Herald tells the story of the proposed exclusive Ford tour into Western North Carolina sometime soon:

"The latest on the Ford" was announced from the Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce yesterday. It is a well-defined plan for an all-Ford (and exclusively Ford) sightseeing tour, the sights to be seen being foremost and principally good roads in this section and in North Carolina.

Secretary Moore has had the Ford tour under his hat for quite a time past, and has been able to arrange for certain features of the trip which will make it very attractive. All that is wanting now, is to know whether the Ford owners of the city section want to make the trip, and how many of them will go. It is planned to leave the tour one day, or possibly two days, during September.

On this trip, of course, there would be nothing but Ford automobiles, and every other make would be barred. Secretary Moore has conferred about the matter with the local representatives of the Ford Motor company, and they, of course, are heartily enthusiastic over the proposition.

Special Repair Car.

The Ford representatives have agreed to send along with the tourists a special "supply and repair car" under the direction of a capable mechanic, and complete with full accessories and equipment to make any kind of repairs in a hurry. This repair car will be with the party throughout the trip, and will be on hand to give instant relief to any of the tourists who should happen to meet with any mishap.

Ladies and children, of course, will be welcomed as guests on the tour, and each Ford driver will be urged to bring his family. The local Ford people have agreed to send a letter of invitation to every Ford owner in this immediate vicinity.

The purpose of the tour would be simply to give the tourists an opportunity to see some of the good roads in this section and in North Carolina. An itinerary will be mapped out, carefully selected to give the best stretches of good roads at the least mileage, and to include some sights that will be worth seeing. These details and the exact date of the tour will be arranged later.

It is planned to have each tourist carry his own lunch, and in this way, the expenses of the trip will be reduced to a minimum. Secretary Moore asks all who will go on the trip to communicate with him at once.

LAUREL PARK NOTES.

The Laurel Park Pleasure club entertained the tourists and friends from Georgia at the Casino on Tuesday, August 27th, and an unusually fine program was enjoyed.

Mr. W. A. Smith gave the address of welcome.

The chief feature of the afternoon was a talk given by Mrs. W. P. Wilkins of St. Petersburg, Florida, on some of her experiences abroad when the war broke out. This talk was both interesting and instructive.

This was followed by a monologue "Making a Mason" by Miss Lizzie M. Watts; violin duet by Miss Sparranburger; reading by Mrs. W. M. Cook; and recitation by Miss Mabel Young.

The Laurel Park Pleasure club has changed its date of meeting from Tuesday afternoon to Thursday afternoon, same hour as usual.

The last State meeting of the season under the auspices of the Laurel Park Pleasure club will be held in the Casino on Monday, Aug. 30, at 4 p. m., when the tourists and friends from Alabama will be entertained.

Estimating the Probabilities.

"My daughter is having her voice trained," said Mr. Cumrox.

"Is she a soprano or a contralto?" "I dunno. I suppose she'll decide to be which ever costs the most."—Washington Star.

DISPATCHES INDICATE GERMANY WILL GIVE U. S. SATISFACTION.

Berlin, Aug. 30.—(Via London.)—It is understood today that Germany's course in the Arabic case has been decided on, and that it is in line with the recent conciliatory statement by Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German chancellor.

Washington, Aug. 30.—Press dispatches from Berlin saying Germany had decided on a policy in the Arabic case in accord with the recent statement of the imperial chancellor were noted with satisfaction today in official circles here.

The chancellor said if it developed that a German submarine commander had gone beyond his instructions, Germany would give complete satisfaction to the United States. Formal assurance to that effect was given the state department last week by Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, on instructions already had informed Secretary Lansing that German submarines had been ordered to torpedo no more peaceful merchantment without warning.

So far as officials here know, the submarine commander who attacked the Arabic has not yet reported to Berlin. Until this report has been awaited for a reasonable time, the Washington government does not expect the promised formal communication from the imperial government.

Daughters of Confederacy.

The Daughters of the Confederacy will meet on Thursday, Sept. 9, at 4 o'clock with Miss Annie Crowder. Officers will be elected for the coming year. Delegates will be selected to the State convention. A full attendance is desired.

THE MIDWAY AGAIN.

Another echo of the midway was heard last week when the Hendersonville Lumber company sued out attachment papers against L. T. Lester's automobile. It was alleged that the latter was in partnership with A. A. Carter in the building of the Midway park and that Mr. Lester was preparing to leave town. The lumber company lost in the attachment proceedings but it is understood will endeavor to show in Superior court that Lester and Carter were partners in the amusement project.

HOSPITAL MEETING.

The hospital association will meet with Miss McLean on Thursday of this week at 4 o'clock. All members are requested to be present.

TO MIAMI ON MOTORCYCLE.

Norman Miller will leave within a few days for Miami, Fla., where he has accepted a position in a limestone quarry. Mr. Miller proposes to make the trip on his motorcycle and will probably take along a friend.

A. D. Brown is understood to have accepted a position with the same quarry and he is expected to leave at an early date.

MILLS RIVER RIPPLES.

Before the cooler weather affects the fine flavor of ice cream made in Asheville, the betterment association decides it had better sell you what you can eat on Friday evening, Sept. 3rd at 5 o'clock. Do not come too late.

The Betterment association met Friday and elected the following officers: President, Mrs. L. E. Osborne, vice president, Mrs. N. B. Barnett; secretary-treasurer, Miss May Osborne. Several members were present and some new members were accepted and enrolled. Several matters of business were transacted, and much interest on the part of all was shown.

Mr. C. S. Corpening has had considerable repair done on his house. The renovated residence now shows a very attractive appearance.

Willie, the seven year old son of Mr. C. S. Corpening, is improving very fast from the broken leg caused by jumping a few weeks ago.

Mr. E. R. Bright has been very ill for the past few weeks, to the extent that he was not able for work. He reports to be improving and ready for labor again.

The interesting feature of Friday's afternoon session of school was a ball game between the High school and Horse Shoe. The Mills River nine were too sure of winning as they held the score 5 to 1 until the eighth inning when carelessness and errors led Horse Shoe to 6 to the good.

Several folks of the community have been attending protracted preaching services at Oak Dale Presbyterian church for the last week.

Rev. J. R. Whitesides' family has returned to Spartanburg after spending several weeks visiting in this section.

Rev. W. T. Riviere, pastor of the Presbyterian church, preached an extra fifth Sunday sermon yesterday as he is to leave for the Theological seminary soon. He announced that this was not his farewell sermon but that he would be back the second Sunday in October. Rev. H. D. Corbett, a student of the senior year of the Theological seminary of Columbia, will preach at the Presbyterian church the second Sunday in September.

SOUTH CAROLINA AUTO TOURING PARTY VISITED CITY SATURDAY.

Reception and Dance Given at St. John in Their Honor Saturday Night; Good Roads Speeches Made.

The South Carolina automobile inspection tour to Hendersonville was a success in so far as enthusiasm went, but the number of "tourists" was considerably reduced on the way by reason of the threatening weather.

It was the intention of the promoters of this tour to have a long string of automobiles from all sections between Columbia and Hendersonville and many machines entered the tour but dropped out on account of heavy rains on Friday night and unfavorable weather conditions on Saturday, when the tour was made.

About fifteen machines made the trip to Hendersonville, arriving late in the afternoon to the music of the Hendersonville brass band on the veranda of the St. John hotel. A number of Hendersonville ladies decorated the ball room, prepared fruit and punch and a reception and dance was enjoyed at the St. John in the evening.

Much Road Talk.

Enthusiastic talks were made by both visitors and home people with music by the Union Concert band of South Carolina sandwiched between.

Rev. R. N. Wilcox presided over the meeting. After extending a royal welcome to the visitors Mr. Wilcox called on W. A. Smith for an address. Mr. Smith called attention to the extensive road-work that has been done in Henderson county, the long period required in which to mould good roads sentiment and highly praised Road Supervisor P. F. Patton for his road building abilities, declaring that he got more out of a dollar invested in roads than most men could get from three times the amount.

T. W. Valentine was called on by Mr. Wilcox. He pictured the extremely bad condition of the roads of Henderson county when he came here for the first time about thirty years ago and reviewed the situation and conditions that led to the present road development.

Commissioner E. J. Watson of South Carolina was the next speaker. He spoke in the highest terms of praise for the new highway to South Carolina's greatest assets and that this section could not be surpassed in America for natural beauty and attractiveness. Commissioner Watson said that all South Carolina roads lead to Hendersonville and that hundreds of people made the trip to Hendersonville this summer from the Palmetto state and that they will continue to come Mr. Watson marveled at the fact that the people of this section could be persuaded to vote bonds as they had done road road improvement. He said that it was a high tribute to the people of this Henderson county.

Roads, he said, mean education and the latter means the obliteration of ignorance, the development of the community spirit and the making of farm life so attractive that the children will not want to leave their old home place.

Congressman-elect S. J. Nicholls of Spartanburg was called on for a talk. He highly complimented N. C. for its road building. He said that if Congressman Britt would co-operate with him they would use their influences for federal aid in road building.

Three Hendersonville cars met the automobile tourists in Saluda, Henry King, L. R. Cheuvning and A. E. Marshall taking along with them some of their friends. Mr. Marshall, who recently purchased the Blue Ridge Garage and who has secured the agency for Dodge and Hudson cars, tried out his new five passenger Dodge, which negotiated the trip to the complete satisfaction of Mr. Marshall and his guests on this trip.

The road to Saluda, despite the heavy rains of Friday night, was in excellent condition and except for one or two places which were a little slippery, could not have been improved upon. When the return trip was made these bad places had been smoothed out and a better run from Saluda could not have been expected of any highway.

STRAND CONTEST CLOSES

Miss Della Davis Wins First Prize; Five Other Winners.

The Strand theatre advertising and profit sharing campaign closed this week and the judges recommended the awarding of prizes to contestants in the following order, the number of points received by each contestant being given opposite the name:

- First: Miss Della Davis 2,509,300
- Second: Vincent Staton 1,153,800
- Third: Miss Mary Wilson 1,116,500
- Fourth: Miss Mabel Young 1,052,500
- Fifth: Mrs. A. B. Isreal 232,900
- Sixth: Mrs. Sue Brown 113,000

HORSE SHOE CURVES

Miss Louisa Duncan, who is teaching at Saluda, N. C., spent Sunday here.

Mr. Forest Merrell of Azalea, N. C., is visiting relatives here.

Misses Mary Joe Johnson, Lexine Davenport and Annie Laura Johnson leave Wednesday to attend school at Brevard Institute.

Mr. Ray Brown and sister, Miss Annie Ben, are attending school at Fruitland.

Quite a number from this place went to the "Old Time" singing at Etowah Sunday.