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## BOONE NATIONAL PARK

Government Consolidates the Boone and Mount Mitchell Forest Reserves.

The Boone purchase area containing 60,000 acres actually acquired by the government forestry service and located on the head waters of Wilson creek and Johns river in Avery and Caldwell counties, and the Mount Mitchell purchase area of more than 90,000 acres actually acquired located in McDowell, Yancey and Buncombe counties, have been consolidated and proclaimed by President Wilson as the Boone National Forest. More than 300,000 acres of land are included in the area specified by the proclamation but almost half of this amount is still owned by individuals.

The name Boone National Forest has been given this large boundary because it was over these native forests that the great hunter, Daniel Boone, roamed for a number of years. The reserve almost skirts the Boone Trail highway in Watauga county.

To grasp the idea of the block of the state involved in the new national reserve one should take the map and trace the boundary lines, somewhat as follows: Beginning on the north at Shulls Mills, running east to Blowing Rock, skirting the side of the ravine at the head of which is the famous rock from which the resort takes its name, thence southeast to near Patterson on the Lenoir-blowing Rock highway. From Patterson the line runs southwest by Colletsville, Table Rock, down the Catawba river to Old Fort. Thence west, practically along the railroad by Black Mountain to Swannanoa. Then north around by Beech, Barnardville, Pensacola and Burnsville. Then in a generally north-east direction from Micaville to Pineola, Linville and to Shulls Mills, the beginning.

This large tract now under federal supervision, that is the land actually acquired by the government, contains the famous Mount Mitchell including the peak. While this mountain is known the world over, there are several other famous peaks included in the new reserve, among them being regions around Blowing Rock, Craggy Mountain, Table Rock, Ball Knob, Grandfather and Grandmother Mountains and the Greybeard mountains. The Asheville watershed comes inside the reservation.

The forest as now established of course includes many thousand acres of privately owned land, but the rules and regulations of the secretary of agriculture naturally apply only to those lands actually acquired by the United States.

As rapidly as other lands are purchased by the government, through the forestry service, they will become part of the national forest.

Ex-Judge Crawford Biggs has announced his acceptance of the managership of Max Gardner campaign for the democratic nomination for governor. In making the announcement, Judge Biggs extolls Gardner as a fine democrat of progressive tendencies, who has served the party and the state well in a legislative career.

## Graded School Honor Roll For Fourth Month.

Primary Department: Mary Rabb, May Hill, Fred Conley, Edith Bowden, Francis Ballard, Sarah Michael, Carrie J. Lewis, Dysart Martin, Alvin Banks, Garard Bush, Haskell Ledbetter, Maude Padgett, Mary Goldsmith, Thurley Franklin, Georgia Padgett, Hazel Whitten, Paul Branch, Luther Ross, Lewis Smith, Martha Buchanan, Kate Cowan, Alice Holmes, Nora Lewis, Beatrice Pearson.

Grammar Grades: Loui Bird, Harry Pearson, Philip Ruth, Fern Beard, Bonnie Michael, Martha L. Justice, Mary N. Beitis, Hugh Bowden, Floyd Glenn, Paul Rath, Helen Franklin, Sudie Houck, Mary K. Onzts, Ben Wilson, Frances Holmes.

High School: Edwon Hudgins, William Neal, Elizabeth Reid, Vernon Cooper, Frances Gilkey, Pearl Wilkerson, Edna Brown, Mae Curtis, Irene Franklin, Geneva Link, Robert Holmes, Johnnie Conley, Mary Oliver Conley, Kate Mae Ellis, Viola Giles, Leona Bush, Marguerite Laidlaw, Mayo Laughridge, Mildred Wilson.

Distinction Honor Roll: Mary G. Carr, Edith Laughridge, Leona Wilkerson, Mildred Wall, Carlton Gilkey, Benson Davis, Margaret Craig, Lila May Lonon, Kathryn McCall, Mary Buckley, Jewel R. Giles, Everett Henley, Pearl Lewis, William Story, Walker Blanton, Jack Justice, Josephine Bush, Ruth Cowan, Paul Story, Sara M. Neal.

## MID TERM SCHOLARSHIP HONOR ROLL

Requirement to get on this honor roll is to make an average grade of 90% or more on written examinations for all Fall term work—nothing considered except grade made on paper. This year only the Seventh Grade and High School took the written examinations; all the other grades had their regular monthly test.

The following made this honor roll: Simmie Cross, Lucile Conley, Vernon Cooper, Charlie Mae Epley, Pearl Lewis, Elizabeth Reid, Pearl Wilkerson, Everett Henley, Edward Hudgins, Harry McCall, William Story, Walker Blanton, Alice Roone Cross, Irene Franklin, Elma Houck, Lenoir Bird, Ruth Cowan, Kate Mae Ellis, Paul Story, Hettie Mae Cannon, Pauline Conley, Pauline Hawkins, Mayo Laughridge, Sara Margaret Neal.

The highest average grade, 97%, was made by Pearl Lewis, of the eighth grade.

## Killed By Automobiles.

Raleigh News and Observer.

One hundred and sixty people were killed in automobile accidents in North Carolina last year. More than two people died every week in the State as a result of accidents that might have been prevented. In 1918 there were 105 deaths as a result of automobile accidents.

Forsyth county led the State in the number killed, with a total of twelve. Mecklenburg takes second place with a count of ten, and Wake third, with seven deaths from automobile accidents. Buncombe county had six deaths and Guilford five. The figures are taken from the records of the State department of health.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. R. McCall, January 23, a son.

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

### OLD FORT

Old Fort, Jan. 25.—George Sanderlin, who has had pneumonia for some time, is improving.

Rogers Kanipe, who has been sick for some time, seems to be improving.

Civil engineers have been at work in Crooked Creek township for some time running preliminary lines to find the best route for a good road to connect the road to Bat Cave. Other engineers have been surveying various lines from near the head of Catawba river and the vicinity of Old Fort across the Blue Ridge in quest of the most feasible route for a first-class highway over the mountain.

Tom Davis has sold his valuable farm on the river near town to a Mr. Wilson of Yancey county. Mr. Davis may move to West Virginia.

### CHAPEL HILL

Marion, Route 1, Jan. 26.—Mrs. R. E. Bowman is seriously ill.

Mrs. L. D. Lawing of Marion is spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bowman.

Several of the young people of this place enjoyed a singing at John Poteat's last Saturday night.

Miss Mamie Bowman spent the week-end in Marion.

Marion Padgett and Troy Moody were visitors at Noah Turner's last Thursday. L. D. Lawing, of Morganton, is visiting relatives here.

Miss Loma Goforth spent Saturday in Marion.

Miss Ida Poteat visited her sister in Marion last week.

Louise Martin made a business trip to Marion, Friday.

Miss Clema Smith spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Minnie Turner.

### ASHFORD

Ashford, Jan. 26.—Mrs. Earl Brown has returned home after spending a few days in Elk Park.

Miss Mabel Crockett spent last week in Marion.

Dorcy Brown and Fred Conley went to Marion on business Friday.

Fred Brown enlisted in the navy at Norfolk, Va., on January 18th.

Frank Keefe, Jr., made a business trip to Raleigh last week.

Mrs. F. A. Keefe returned home Friday after spending a few days in Hickory.

Reginald Wiseman spent the week-end with his brother, Clarence Wiseman.

The first snow of the season fell here Sunday night.

Ashford school is making a special effort this week to enroll all of the students before the compulsory school attendance man comes around.

### DYSARTVILLE

Dysartville, Jan. 26.—Miss Geneva Allison was called to her home at Old Fort last week by the death of her brother Arthur, who was killed at the Union Tannery. We were sorry to hear of the sad accident.

Miss Bertha Morris attended an entertainment at her home school at Sugar Hill last Saturday. She reports a nice time.

W. H. Taylor will complete the census taking of this township today. The population is estimated at something over 900.

B. T. Daves has announced the sale of his property here and will move to Lawrence, S. C.

### GREENLEE

Marion, Jan. 25.—C. E. Warner of Murphy is visiting relatives here.

Miss Ola Walls spent Saturday and Sunday here with home folks.

Helen Ledbetter spent the week-end in Marion.

Miss Margaret Towl of Asheville spent a while here Sunday with home-folks.

Miss Pearl Snipes visited friends at Ridgecrest last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Phifer Davis spent last week with the latter's sister in Stroudtown.

Woodfin McCurry spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks in Stroudtown.

## State Commission to Make Survey of McDowell Schools.

The State Education Commission has arranged to make a complete survey of the schools of McDowell county. The plan provides that a sufficient number of experts will be sent to make this survey. The survey will have a complete inventory of its educational facilities. The authorities will know just what stock is on hand and the needs of the schools.

This is the first opportunity that McDowell has ever had of having a test made by trained and expert educators. It will reveal to the people the defects and needs of the schools. With the present high cost of everything, the scarcity of workers in every line it is necessary that every line of business be conducted on the highest plane of efficiency. With the data that will be secured from this survey it is hoped that the Board of Education and those interested in school work will be able to devise plans and means to make the schools of greater service in every respect.

The commission will be in the county, ready to take up this work on February 9th. The co-operation of all school officials and teachers will be greatly appreciated.

## Marianna Sold.

The Marianna hotel has changed hands, being purchased by O. Max Gardner, of Shelby, and D. F. Giles, of Marion. The trade was closed one day last week.

Mr. Bruce Clark has owned and operated the Marianna for a number of years. He is one of the best hotel men in the State. Before coming to Marion Mr. Clark conducted the Isothermal hotel at Rutherfordton. Under Mr. Clark's management the Marianna has built up a wide patronage. It has a State reputation for excellency of its cuisine and for its home-like environments.

Mr. Clark will turn the new hotel over to the new owners in a few weeks. While he has made no definite plans for the future he expects to make his home in Marion. He plans to go on an extended trip to Texas where he holds extensive oil interests, as soon as he gives up the hotel.

The new owners have not announced their plans as to how they will conduct the hotel in the future.

## Court Proceedings

The case of J. S. Carver against the Union Tanning Company in Superior Court last week resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff for twenty-five dollars.

E. F. Hall was given a judgment of \$2168.05 against Clarence Briggs.

A compromise was affected in the case of F. A. Moffitt against Bard Adams.

The plaintiff was taxed with the cost in the case of W. K. M. Gilkey, administrator of Estep, against the Hardaway Contracting Company.

The case of the Kerr Grain and Hay Co., against Marion Cash Feed Company, which was taken up Saturday, resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff for \$2260.

Court adjourned yesterday.

## STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Vard Bradshaw, 17-year-old, white, is under bond for breaking into a store at Valdese a few nights ago. He was apprehended by a bloodhound and admitted his guilt.

William L. Poston, lodged in the Iredell jail awaiting trial this week for the murder of Otho Morrow, some time Thursday night committed suicide by choking himself to death.

The hotel at Hot Springs, near Asheville, which was used during the war by the government as an internment camp for Germans, burned Friday morning, the loss being about \$150,000.

Corporal Willis Ball was convicted in Buncombe Superior Court of the murder of W. F. McKinnish and was sentenced to the penitentiary for 15 years. The killing took place several weeks ago in Asheville.

Rutherfordton schools have been closed and the city commissioner and city board of health have forbid public gatherings of any nature. Church services will be suspended under the ordinance enacted Monday by the authorities as a precaution against the spread of influenza. The ban order was passed for an indefinite time.

Two Changes Announced in President's Cabinet.

Washington, January 27.—Two more changes in President Wilson's cabinet were made today and a third is expected in the near future.

David Franklin Houston of St. Louis, Mo., who has been secretary of agriculture since the beginning of the Wilson administration, was given the treasury portfolio, and Edwin L. Meredith, of Des Moines, Iowa, was named to succeed him as head of the department of agriculture.

The third cabinet change expected soon is the appointment of a secretary of the interior to succeed Franklin K. Lane, who desires to retire to private life. Mr. Lane's successor has not yet been selected and officials generally would not hazard a guess as to whom it would be.

## Judge Ray Impresses McDowell Court attendants

Judge J. Bis Ray, of Burnsville, has been in Marion for several days presiding at his first term of court for McDowell county. It is a civil term and while no greatly complicated cases have been on the docket yet, Judge has made a very fine impression by the able and business-like manner in which he dispatches the duties of the court.

Judge Ray was appointed several months ago to succeed the late Judge Justice. He is a candidate for election in the coming election.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels orders that henceforth the war which this country entered into on April 6, 1917, shall be known as "the world's war," and shall be so defined in all official communications of the navy.