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WEEK BY WEEK

(By Dan Tompkins)

The General Assembly of North Carolina has about completed its labors, and will probably adjourn within a few days. It labored for a long time in an attempt to pass a revenue bill with provision for the support of the six months schools by the State, without a levy of a tax on property, and ended in a dog-fall. The bill provides an ad valorem tax of 15c throughout the State, for the schools. This bill is better than we had feared, and not as good as we had hoped for. It will give an appreciable relief from land taxes in this and some other counties; but not as great as would have been the case had the assembly provided sufficient means from indirect taxation. At any rate, the battle has been partially won, in that the State is committed to the policy of providing for the six months schools from general taxation throughout the State, and that is something. The next general assembly, whatever its political complexion, will complete the job, and take the entire burden off the land.

A great armada of the air, defeated New York city from a supposed invader, who was theoretically attacking the metropolis. It furnished a magnificent war spectacle for the thousands who looked on; but it must have cost the government a pretty penny, and the only benefit that I can see, if it be a benefit, was to give the air soldiers something to do, impress congress with the need of spending more money, and arouse the martial spirit among the people. We should be thinking peace preparing for peace, working for peace, and trying to rehabilitate the broken world, instead of thinking of war.

Secretary Mellon urges a broad revision of the taxation system; but, strange to say, he did not mention the protective tariff, that is robbing the poor for the benefit of the rich; and is strangling the life out of the trade of the world.

The American Society for the Control of Cancer has laid down some interesting hints concerning the prevention and arrest of the dread disease. If cancer can be brought to an end, the work of the Society will be of more value to the race, than all the armies and navies ever assembled.

A consolidation, merging a large number of North Carolina textile mills is being considered. This is following the trend of the times; and, strange to say, is leading directly toward communism, although it is the opposite. When everything is merged, consolidated, and slight of handed into the possession of a few people, the transfer to common property will be easy. The best way to avoid communism is to allow all the people a sufficiency. The way to maintain our present American ideals is to leave America in the possession of all the Americans, not a few of them.

"UNCLE JERRY" GREENE CELEBRATED 82ND BIRTHDAY

Sunday, May 24, 1931, "Uncle Jerry" Greene, as he is affectionately known celebrated his 82nd birthday at the home of his son Mr. Howell Greene, where 200 people or more gathered, including children, grand children, great grand children, relatives and friends.

There were four children present, Mrs. Cora Allison, Mrs. Lula Buchanan, Howell Greene and Estes Greene, one daughter, absent, Mrs. Eugenia Deitz of Belmont, N. C.

There are 39 grand children of whom 25 were present and 33 great grand children of whom 20 were present.

Tables were placed on the lawn, which were bountifully laden with various kinds of substantial and delicious foods.

After dinner the choir sang several beautiful songs, greetings and best wishes were exchanged and the guests left for their homes.

NEW ROCK CRUSHER PLACED ON HIGHWAY NO. 28

Highlands Maconian:

Placing of a new rock crusher on Highway No. 28 near Cashiers, is expected to speed up the work of surfacing No. 28 between Sapphire and Gneiss. The crusher near Cashiers will probably be in operation within two weeks, it is stated by Highlands citizens who have observed the operations.

The link of No. 28 from Highlands to Sapphire is a federal aid project, the surfacing of which, it is understood, must be completed by September 1. The distance covered by this line is approximately 30 miles. It includes all of No. 28 in Jackson county and a few miles in Macon and Transylvania. When it is completed, along with the stretch from here to Gneiss, No. 28 will be surfaced from its eastern extremity at Bat Cave to Franklin.

Far progress is being made on the surfacing between Highlands and Gneiss. At the Short creek quarry the highway has been blocked at intervals to clear out blasted granite, but this inconvenience will be eliminated as soon as the granite mass has been quarried further into the mountain.

Road officials estimate that three months will be required to complete the laying of stone to the concrete at Gneiss. The surface will be rolled at intervals for a year, after which tar will be applied.

It is possible that a rock crusher which has been in operation on the Caesar's Head road between Brevard and the South Carolina line will be moved to Highlands and located at the municipal quarry. This is partly dependent on arrangements pending between the highway commission and the Town of Highlands by which the town will furnish stone and power for crushing in return for surfacing of the streets, over which No. 28 is to run, to their full widths by the highway commission. If this arrangement is made, the three crushers will greatly speed the surfacing of No. 28.

QUALLA

Rev. L. Rogers preached at Shoal Creek Baptist church Sunday morning and Qualla Baptist church Sunday afternoon. Both services were well attended. The sermons were very interesting. He exhorted christians to strive for higher planes of christianity that they might more fully realize the joys of salvation.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Shuler and Mr. Hubert Blanton went to Deep Creek Friday. It was the day appointed to clean off and decorate the cemetery at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Snyder and son T. S. and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ward are visiting relatives in Thomasville.

Mesdames J. C. Johnson, D. H. Turpin and J. K. Terrell called on Mrs. L. L. Shaver Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Martin and Miss Jessie Martin of Governors Island and Miss Nettie Beck of Willets were Qualla visitors Sunday.

Messrs. J. K. Terrell, D. M. Shuler and H. G. Ferguson called on Mr. Bedford Kaby of Olivet Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shelton and Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Ferguson were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Shuler Sunday.

On Sunday morning Jack Frost spread a very chilly mantle over Qualla section. We think no very serious damage was done.

MRS. GEO. MCCONNELL PASSES

Mrs. George McConnell passed on at her home near Webster early Monday morning at the age of 60. Mrs. McConnell had been ill for only a few hours. She is survived by her husband, Geo. W. McConnell, and by ten children, and by other relatives. She has surviving one sister, Mrs. Cole Allison of Asheville.

Mrs. McConnell was a daughter of the late John E. Keener, and was born and reared on the old Keener plantation, most of which is now incorporated in the town of Sylva. Most of her married life however, was spent in Webster.

Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist church in Webster, Tuesday morning, by Rev. F. W. Kiker, the pastor and Rev. W. N. Cook, pastor of the Webster Baptist church. Interment was in the Webster cemetery.

PROMOTE CAPITOL PARKWAY AS NEW MOTOR ROUTE TO GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

Asheville, N. C., May 26—Highway enthusiasts from cities in North Carolina and Virginia, will assemble within the next few weeks at Greensboro, N. C. to complete an organization for the establishment of the Capitol Parkway, a motor route which connects the national capital city with the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and provides a touring route through the east, of interest to motor tourists everywhere. The New King's Mountain National Park, marking the location of the turning point of the American Revolution, the Hanging Gardens of Gaston, near Gastonia, N. C., the tomb of Marshall Ney at Salisbury, N. C. and many historic spots in the state of Virginia are points of interest on the highway route.

Organization of the new route had its inception at a meeting held recently at Rutherfordton, N. C. The route will extend from Washington, D. C. to Richmond, Va., passing enroute, Mount Vernon, home of George Washington, Arlington, Fredricksburg and other historic shrines. From Richmond the route continues to Durham and Greensboro, N. C., to Salisbury and Charlotte, N. C. and through King's Mountain and Chimney Rock to Asheville, N. C., and west to Sylva and Bryson City, N. C., on the border of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Chimney Rock and the mountains near Asheville, are scenic points of interest for motorists on the route.

Plans of the organizers include the marking of the highway with attractive metal markers placed at intervals of five miles, throughout the length of the route. The Capitol Parkway will also be beautified by the planting of trees and shrubs along the right of way, leaders in the movement aver.

Although the Capitol Parkway will be of particular interest to motorists from the northeastern states, journeying to the Great Smoky Mountains from New England, New York and points near Washington, tourists from other parts of the country, will find the route a most attractive way for travelling from the Great Smokies to the nation's capital and from Washington southward through a most interesting territory, to the two national parks in North Carolina. Marking of the Capitol Parkway, will, it is believed,

BIRD ADDRESSES STUDENTS

Cullowhee, N. C., May 25—Dear W. E. Bird of Western Carolina Teachers College delivered the literary address at the Cullowhee High School last Wednesday evening on the subject, "Are We on the Wrong Highway Toward Education?" He did not deal with the conventional methods of educating people, but after giving facts, figures, and quotations to illustrate the conventional faith in education, he proceeded to analyze the cause of our faith and to defend the so-called "practical" education peculiar to America, especially for use of those who by nature are unfitted for the "cultural."

He upheld that an education is just as essential to the man who would be a farmer as the teacher. He stated that the various products could be grown by the men, whom had not studied Latin; but that many boys need to follow Caesar through Gaul in order to make himself the best soldier in life.

"Men have begun to think of education in terms of looms and furnaces rather than in terms of Latin and Greek," he declared. The speaker cited Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, as an example.

Dean Bird recalled that Dr. Poe once said when speaking in Asheville that a knowledge of corn roots is as valuable as the knowledge of Latin roots. He declared that the school men had not been well balanced. "Because of the fact men have begun thinking, and as a result Latin and Greek have been substituted for the more substantial dishes for the laboring people. I am personally favorable to the Greek and Latin but not as a substitute for agriculture and home economies," he stated. The speaker remarked that six years ago more Latin and Greek and less economies were taught than in any other state in the union. The entire address centered around a question: With the different abilities of boys and girls as determined by the methods of modern psychology, which is better—to bond them to the curriculum or to adopt the curriculum to them?

call the attention of the highway traveler to a touring opportunity, which is often overlooked. The highway is paved throughout its length.

W. C. T. C. FINLS START WEDNESDAY

Cullowhee, N. C., May 25—Commencement at Western Carolina Teachers College begins Wednesday, June 3, and ends Friday, June 5, the program being as follows: Sunday, May 31, baccalaureate sermon by Rev. W. B. West, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Hendersonville; Wednesday, June 3, at 10:00 a. m., meeting of the Board of Trustees; 2:00 p. m., dedication of the new Keaton Robertson Hall; Thursday, June 4, at 10:00, class day exercises; at 2:00, alumni luncheon; at 5:00 p. m., play, "Over The Garden Wall"; Friday, June 5, at 10:00, literary address by Robert Lathan, editor of the Asheville Citizen; presentation of diplomas by H. T. Hunter, president of Western Carolina Teachers College.

The junior class at Western Carolina Teachers College will entertain the seniors at a lawn party Friday afternoon, May 29, from 4:30 to 6:00. About 150 people are expected to attend the party which will be given on the back terrace at Moore dormitory.

Miss Lena Allison of Brevard, chairman of the social committee, has charge of the party.

The Faculty Club at Western Carolina Teachers College entertained the Normal seniors who will graduate in June at a reception in the Moore dormitory last Wednesday evening. Hosts and hostesses were: Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. H. Beuck, and Mr. J. M. Plemons.

Mr. Beuck had charge of the entertainment features for the evening in which time Ralph Smith of Hayesville and Harriet Peirce of Smithfield sang. Games were played throughout the evening, and Ralph Smith gave some impersonations of the faculty members.

BALSAM

Mrs. Sara Bryson spent Sunday with friends in Candler.

Miss Louise Arrington returned Tuesday from Asheville Normal School where she was a student.

Mrs. Robert Buchanan and young daughter, Miss Mary Glenn, and maid and chauffeur, stopped in Balsam Thursday to visit Mrs. Buchanan's niece, Mrs. John P. Knight. They were en route to their home in Serran, Pa., after spending the winter in Florida.

Mr. L. L. Cooper and his sister in law, Miss Evelyn Bryson, were shopping in Asheville Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hart and children of Daytona Beach, Fla., are stopping at Balsam Mountain Springs Hotel.

Many improvements have been made on the grounds of the Balsam Mountain Springs Hotel and every-

FORTY YEARS AGO

Tuckasee Democrat May 27, 1891,

Mr. Fullbright of Union County, Ga., is assisting Mr. Davis in the depot.

Mr. Joe Gibbs of Quallatown dropped in on us a little while, Monday.

A new store is being started here by Messrs. R. A. Painter and J. C. Fisher.

Rev. Mr. Barrows of the Episcopal church, preached an interesting sermon at the Academy Sunday.

Mr. Scott Brown of Webster has accepted the position of manager at Haywood White Sulphur Springs at Waynesville.

Gen. Hampton's family returned to Sylva last Wednesday, accompanied by Mrs. Loucks, Mrs. Hampton's mother of Jamestown, New York.

Capt. J. W. Fisher showed us, Saturday some splendid specimens of kaolin from Swain county close to the railroad. Here's a chance for somebody.

Rev. A. E. Pinckard has resigned the position of Principal of the Glenville High School, and will probably preach next winter, instead of teaching.

We learn that the W. C. T. U. had a medical contest, at Whittier last Friday night when Miss Maggie Bryson, Jackson county girl, was the successful contestant.

Miss M. L. Lomis and Mr. D. L. Love went to Asheville Monday, to attend the Commencement exercises of the Asheville Female College, where Miss Sallie, eldest daughter of Mr. W. B. Love, is a student.

After a visit of nearly six months in the eastern part of the State, Mrs. J. H. Wolff and Master Elsie reached home yesterday, being accompanied as far as Asheville by Dr. Wolff who will remain there in attendance upon the Medical Convention until the last of this week or the first of next.

A deplorable accident happened to the east bound train last Wednesday near Red Marble gap, caused by a defective rail. The Mail and Express car jumped the track and rolled down the embankment, killing Mr. Rector, the Express Messenger, and injuring Mr. Craven, a postal clerk, who was on a trip of pleasure over this line. The train was delayed several hours and no mail went east that day.

Misses Ella V. Richards, Mai Davis of Cullowhee and Frances Baum, of our town, favored us with a highly appreciated visit Monday. Miss Richards, the accomplished music and art teacher at the Cullowhee High School, left to spend the vacation with relatives in New Jersey and was accompanied as far as Asheville by Miss Mai. Miss Richards will return in August to resume her duties in the school, where her services are regarded as indispensable.

MRS. JULIA ALLISON PASSES

Mrs. Julia Allison passed on at her home near Hayesville, Sunday morning, after having been ill for several months. Mrs. Allison has frequently visited the families of her sons in Sylva, and has many friends here.

She is survived by three sons, A. O. Allison, and Roy C. Allison of Sylva, and Glenn Allison of Hayesville, and two daughters, Miss Desie Allison of Hayesville and Mrs. Ernest Penland of Hayesville, and by several grandchildren.

Things will be ready for the seasons opening by June 1st.

Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Boice have arrived from spending the winter in Florida and will soon have Balsam Lodge ready for guests.

Mrs. Hebe Bryson of Willets is visiting her sons, George and Walter Bryson.

Heavy frosts Saturday night did much damage to vegetables in and around Balsam.

Many Balsamites are enjoying the Reno Show in Waynesville.

They Eat Their Heads Off

By Albert T. Reid

