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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Attorney V. G. Beckham of Hiddenite was in town on business last week.

Mr. L. S. Sloop and children, of Charlotte, have been visiting at the home of Mr. J. L. Sloop.

Mr. J. A. Brady of Statesville was in town on business last Wednesday and gave us a pleasant call.

Mr. Chas. P. Matheson is having a six-room bungalow erected on his lot adjoining Mr. A. H. Matheson.

Don't forget our offer to send the Scout till January 1st, 1918, for one dollar. Let us have your renewal this week.

The Democratic County Convention will meet in Taylorsville on Monday, September 11th. See notice elsewhere in this paper.

Mr. B. L. Lawrence and Miss Ida Bell Howell were married at the residence of the officiating justice, W. F. Patterson, on last Thursday, August 24th.

Mrs. Chas. Goodwin and children, who have been visiting Mrs. C. H. Goodwin, have returned to their home in Commerce, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Kelly and children and Miss Laura Hedrick visited Mrs. Kelly's mother, Mrs. W. T. Woodruff, in Mocksville last week.

Mr. Eugene Cross, for several years superintendent of the Taylorsville Cotton Mill, has been busy organizing a new cotton mill at Marion, where he will move his family this week.

Dr. R. Z. Linney and family, who have been visiting his brother, Hon. F. A. Linney, at Boone, returned last Thursday to spend a while with his sister, Mrs. W. D. Deal, before going to Charlotte where he has located.

A MOUNTAIN TRIP.

EDITOR MOUNTAIN SCOUT:—If space is plentiful I wish to give a short sketch of my visit through the Brushy Mountains.

I left my home in Charlotte Tuesday morning, August 15th, accompanied by Messrs. J. N. Williams and A. M. Bumgarner, commonly known as Uncle Andy. We arrived in Taylorsville a little late, but none too late to get a square meal at Chapman's Cafe. There we met my uncle, Mr. G. Z. Bumgarner, and Mr. Paul St. Clair, with their wagons and teams and we didn't have to ask them to take us up the road; they said, "Come ride with us if you are going our way." Uncle Andy rode with his brother in the buggy until they started through a mudhole near Avery Barnes', when something broke and they both went coflop in the mudhole. Believe me, Uncle Andy held tight to his little satchel which he said contained one collar and a forty-nine cent shirt. He decided to walk awhile, and did walk as far as Avery Ellis' spring where we stopped and got our first drink of good spring water. Then he hopped back in the buggy and they hadn't drove more than a rod when out they fell again. Uncle Andy took his grip and footed it the rest of his journey.

We arrived at Uncle Geo. Bumgarner's about 4.45; after resting a few minutes we started up the mountain to see a landslide, which was a small one to the size of some others. This one was only about 100 feet wide and reached about 400 ft. down the mountain making a dam and

causing the big stream of water to back up and seep out gradually causing no destruction to the land below. We then returned to Uncle George's where a well prepared supper was ready and waiting to be devoured by three tired and hungry Charlotteans.

We spent the night there and arose early next morning to continue our journey while it was cool; we arrived at Uncle Jeff Bumgarner's in time to get our name in the pot and they didn't fail to put it in. After dinner we started up the road where other relatives and friends joined us to go see the big landslides, and I will not attempt to describe it, as I am a poor writer and my knowledge concerning the laws of nature is limited. All I ask is to go and see for yourselves, you can get a better understanding and full particulars of the whole destruction that moved rocks as large as a street car and lifted trees up by the roots measuring two, three and four feet in diameter and washing them down the valley for two and three miles. I noticed in some places the water had been about forty feet deep on the banks, about a quarter of a mile above where Mr. Russell's house stood, which was swept away and completely destroyed, losing three of his children, of which one has never been found.

After looking over this destroyed valley we proceeded toward what is known as the Rene flat where there is another big landslide which took logs, rocks, lumber and everything else as it went. The one mentioned above was about 400 feet wide and from 5 to 20 feet deep and reached several miles down the creek destroying crops and bottom land all along the way, and above the one on the Rene flat there appeared to be a big slide that happened perhaps one hundred years or more ago.

Well, to make my story short, I won't attempt to describe the horrible scenes. We then went across the mountain back to Uncle Jeff's and we were so tired we could hardly walk.

We arose early next morning and started for the big Onion Knob and night came on us before reaching the knob. We arrived at Aunt Sallie Watts' in time for supper, and finding she had company, Nathan Williams and myself went down and spent the night with cousin Mon Fortner. After sleeping about six hours we arose ate breakfast and continued on our way to the knob. Uncle Andy, Mr. Milt Davis and Charlie Kerley of Charlotte joined us at Aunt Sallie's. We reached the knob about 10:30 Friday morning; the height of this mountain is 2700 feet above the sea level. Nathan was very much interested in the grand scenery and is talking of trying to buy a few acres on top of the mountain and move to it a while for a change.

We returned to Mr. Davis' in time for dinner, then went down to Aunt Sallie's, spent the night, separating from Uncle Andy and his little grip Friday evening.

We arose about 4 o'clock to get an early start for Taylorsville to catch the morning train and got there in due time.

We spent the night at our homes in Charlotte, arose early Sunday morning to start to Wadesboro, N. C., by way of automobile through the country to unveil a monument of a deceased Sovereign of the Woodman of the World. Just as we were nearing Monroe our car got out of commission and we were delayed about 3 hours while

our car was being repaired. There were about two thousand people there waiting for our arrival at the church. We went through the ceremony hurriedly and started on our way back to Charlotte; left there about five and arrived in Charlotte about 10:45 Sunday night, stopping in Monroe a few minutes for lunch.

This is one trip I shall never forget; hope to make another one sometime in the future to the mountains but not so anxious to make any more to Wadesboro, although this is a friendly country and the free will spirit is prevalent among all we met as among those in the mountains.

Well, I suppose I had better close for this will not get any further than the waste basket, but if it is so lucky to escape this time, I may give something more interesting sometime in the future. Wishing the many readers of this paper and the families effected by the flood a success during the coming year,

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W. L. BUMGARNER,
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LAND LOAN ASSOCIATION

Very Little Change is Required to Adapt Building and Loan Associations to Suit the Farmer.

Very little change is required to adapt building and loan associations as operated in this country to the use of the farmer. When organized and worked in the cities and towns the payments are weekly or monthly, generally 25 cents each week on each share of stock. Worked in this way they provide a mode of systematic saving for the shareholder, and usually mature the shares, when of the par value of \$100 in a little less than six and a half years. The par value of stock can be put at \$200, \$300 or even more, and thus extend the time and make the time of maturing about eleven years, fifteen years, and so on. The association is made up of and owned by its shareholders, who receive all of the profits thereof. These associations are run at the lowest cost of any business in the country; and in this State, where the legal rate of interest is 6 per cent, generally make a profit of 6 per cent, and in some cases over 7 per cent.

The change necessary to be made to adapt these associations and their working to the use of the farmer is the mode of payment for shares. The farmers cannot afford to agree to pay for their shares weekly, except in cases where they have a variety of crops, such as give returns practically every month in the year, as dairying, trucking, etc., but the payments on shares must be called for and made during the time in which the farmers harvest and market their money crops. An example of this is shown in the statement of conditions where the money crop is tobacco or cotton, as it is in a large portion of this State. In sections like this it is probably better for the payments to be made during the month of November, December, and January, or possibly beginning a month earlier. The payments would be \$4.50 for each of the three months, or \$13.50 a year on each share. This would give the money ready for loaning by the first of February—generally the time when loans are desired by farmers. A thousand shares in any association would give \$13,500 each year. The association can be run for not more than \$500, which would leave a net amount for loaning of \$13,000. This money would be loaned upon real estate mortgages, and this amount for loaning purposes could be increased by using the notes so secured for getting an additional sum. If the additional amount obtained should be as much as \$7,500, then the association would have for loaning each year \$20,500, or, in five years, \$102,500. Of course, one unsolved problem in the proposed business is how the additional amount may be obtained for loaning purposes, and at such a rate of interest as will be satisfactory to the farmer and possible in the work of the association.—Report of Insurance Commissioner Young.

BIBLE READING.

In these days of rush and strain the reading of the Bible is too much neglected and society is the loser in moral standards by it. Capt. W. T. Rowland, superintendent of our Taylorsville Sunday school, has introduced a custom in his school which he thinks will do great good in promoting a taste for the Bible. Some weeks ago he asked every member of the school (about 75) how many chapters had been read the previous week. He added all the answers together and found the total to be about 125 chapters.

On the next Sunday the question was asked again and the number of chapters read had doubled. In a few weeks the number of chapters read the previous week had grown to more than fifteen hundred. When he related that experience to the writer it seemed the very thing to publish it with an appeal to every superintendent and teacher in the Conference to introduce the custom of taking a weekly Bible reading census in the school in order to stimulate the Bible reading habit. For the fact is, the more we look into the Bible the more we want to seek for the hidden truth which is found only in the revealed word of God, and if this custom followed generally in our Sunday school should turn the youth of the church to Bible reading, we can not calculate the good that will follow.—N. C. Christian Advocate.

EVERYBODY NEEDS A VACATION.

We have not had a vacation this summer, and therefore we know what we are talking about when we say everybody needs a vacation. Some time each year, preferably the summer time, every person should take two weeks and rest, and go away, whether to the country, to the city, to the mountains or to the seashore, does not matter materially, but you should go away, leaving behind all thought of the matters that occupy your mind throughout the other fifty weeks of the year.

There should be time for reading the books you have been wanting to read, but did not have time; for taking the daytime naps you have wanted to take during long busy afternoons at the office; to think the quiet thoughts and dream the happy day dreams that you have not had time to indulge in before.

For two weeks every year—and August is a fine time to take the two weeks—you should take a vacation and let the world rush on its busy way without you in the midst of the whirl.—Exchange.

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