

Shull's Mills Items.

The five months school, successfully taught by the Misses Marsh, ended early in January. The Boone Fork Lumber Company, realizing the necessity and having the interest of their employees at heart, has promoted a subscription school and same has been carried along since the five months school ended with a splendid attendance. The school will be continued until some time in June. This certainly is an improvement over previous educational advantages for this community. Miss Kate Marsh is teacher of the subscription school. We hope to have an eight or nine months school here next session, and in the near future we will have an A-1 combined high school at this place.

The employees of the Boone Fork Lumber Company have recently organized a social club, known as the "Boone Fork Club." This club is doing a great work, not only furnishing a place for the men to meet socially and spend their leisure moments, either reading, writing or talking, but was formed in conjunction with the Bible class and Sunday School at the Presbyterian church. No one is eligible to join this club unless he is of good moral character and a member of the Bible class. The Club gave an oyster supper for its members (now totaling twenty eight) last Thursday evening, all of whom, of course, thoroughly enjoyed it. We had as a visitor Mr. W. H. Donnell of Elizabethton, Tenn., who made a short, but interesting talk after the supper.

The Sunday School at the Presbyterian Church is progressing nicely in attendance and as the weather is now getting better a larger attendance is expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Donnell and little daughter, Marguerite, of Elizabethton, Tenn., spent a day or so at Superintendent Hampton's home last week.

Mr. J. H. Murphy, Wood's Superintendent, is now logging up per Boone Fork Creek and is getting out some mighty fine hemlock and hardwood timber.

The mill is now producing an average of 65,000 ft. of lumber per day and have about four and a half million feet of lumber on the yard, this production will be increased and a record year's business is expected.

Mr. James A. Shupe, former trainman for the Company, is now with the Linville River Railway people and was succeeded by Mr. Willard Ward, who is proving his efficiency to hold the job and give satisfaction.

Mr. R. Nichols, manager of the mill and yard, expects his family, who now resides in Asheville, to join him in our town about April first.

Mr. Gragg, manager of the "American Theatre", announces that he has finally succeeded in securing a five week (each Saturday) series of one of the latest war pictures—The Germans Retiring—beginning on the night of the 23rd. See ad in the next issue of The Democrat. "The American" is giving us a good, up-to-date pictures now, which is a very acceptable addition to our town.

Mr. J. H. Murphy, Woods Superintendent, who has been boarding at the Boone Fork Camp, will move his family to Shull's Mills about April 1st and we'll all be glad to have him with us.

Recently quite a few men around here seem to have been using a little too much "tea." Mr. T. W. Hampton, superintendent, has announced that a reward of \$50.00 will be given for sufficient evidence to convict any person or persons for making or selling whiskey or other intoxicants in or around the Boone Fork Lumber Co's operation.

The Anti-Red Cross Party.

Hail and farewell to the new National Party launched at Chicago yesterday by half-breed bolshevik! Their attack on the Red Cross should be all that the people of the United States would want to know about the crowd. The adoption of Nation-wide prohibition and woman suffrage by the new "party" is but a bit of political camouflage, of easy penetration. Its real purposes are bolshevikian and flavored with a little of anarchism, socialism and I. W. Wism. The Red Cross is arraigned as an agent for the American Tobacco Company, through which it is ruining American soldiers by sending tobacco to them. That is their platform so far as revealed, but there is plenty more of it coming for which, at this writing, we have no time to wait. This new party represents a mixture of elements which will please those who have signed up for it, including the 100 prohibitionists of which the National Prohibition Party has been purged—and nobody else.—Charlotte Observer.

Baptist Sunday School Institute.

There will be a Sunday School Institute held in the Baptist Church of Boone March 28 31, 1918. The purpose is to gain a greater degree of efficiency among the Sunday School workers, and stimulate a greater interest in the work in general. Every pastor, officer, teacher and church member should attend, as lectures will be given each day on vital subjects of the work by such men as State Sunday School Secretary, E. L. Middleton, Dr. L. E. M. Freeman, teacher of Bible in Meredith College, and Rev. M. A. Adams. The Institute opens on Thursday night, March 28th, with a sermon by Rev. J. H. Farthing. There will be a morning, afternoon and night session on Friday and Saturday and on Sunday a sermon by Dr. Freeman.

We are very anxious for every Baptist Sunday School in the County to send representatives to this meeting.

I. G. GREER } For Boone
W. R. GRAGG } Sunday School.

Training School Items.

A most unique exercise took place in the Training School auditorium on the evening of the 8th. It was advertised as a "Community Singing," and it well deserved its name. A large crowd of citizens together with the entire student body of the Training School was present and entered heartily into the exercises. The programme was opened by throwing on the screen a number of slides of interest. Then followed the main part of the exercises, which was the music. The songs were patriotic and religious, the words of which were thrown on the screen and sung by the entire audience, and those who were so fortunate as to be present say that they never heard the songs sung with quite so much enthusiasm. After this part of the exercises all went to the gymnasium and

WE MUST SAVE 30 PER CENT OF WHEAT

Food Situation in Europe Makes Greater Demands Upon American People.

INTENSIFIED CONSERVATION

Every Consumer Requested to Observe Two Wheatless Days, One Meatless and One Porkless Day Each Week. One Wheatless Meal and Meatless Meal Should Be the Rule Every Day—1918 Home Card to Be Ready by February 10th.

Raleigh—If the American people are to fulfill their duty to the Allies by supplying the armies with foodstuffs, and their duty to humanity in saving the lives of as many starving women and children in Europe as the crippled shipping facilities will permit, they must reduce their consumption of wheat at least 30 per cent from today until the next harvest, reduce their consumption of pork in the same degree and economize rigidly in the use of beef, fats and sugar.

Intensified Food Program. To meet the demands of the desperate condition that exists in Europe with regard to the food situation, the Food Administration has announced an intensified food conservation program. The 1918 home instruction card which will be available for every household in the State within the next two weeks calls for:

Two wheatless days in each week and one wheatless meal every day. The wheatless days will be Monday and Wednesday. One meatless day (Tuesday) and one porkless day (Saturday), and a meatless meal in each day of the week.

Terms Explained. On wheatless days and in wheatless meals no wheat bread, crackers, pastry, macaroni or breakfast food containing wheat should be used beyond the amount necessary to thicken soups or gravies or bind together corn meal or other substitute cereals. On meatless days no pork or beef products of any kind or mutton or lamb should be served, fish, poultry and game being substitutes. On porkless day and on other days mutton and lamb should be used in preference to beef.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WATAUGA CO

Blowing Rock: Every Sunday morning 10:30 and 11:

Boone: First and Third Sunday 4:30 p. m.

Shulls Mills: Fourth Sunday 4:00 p. m.

J. N. ATKINS.

FOR SALE: Two work horses,

two milk cows, and two brood sows. Call on or write Will H. Hayes, R. F. D. 1, Boone, N. C.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Lewis W. Farthing deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are notified to exhibit the same before me on or before the 31st day of Jan., 1919, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate settlement. This January 30, 1918. (Mrs) NANCY FARTHING, Adm'r

witnessed a fine game of basketball by the young men of the Training School. Thus the evening passed most pleasantly and profitably.

THE RED CROSS NURSES OF EUROPE ARE GIVING TOASTED CIGARETTES TO THE BOYS

To anyone who doesn't know of the wonderful advances that have been made in the preparation of smoking tobaccos in the last few years it may sound strange to speak of toasted cigarettes.

Strictly speaking, we should say cigarettes made of toasted tobacco; the smokers of this country will recognize it more readily by its trade name, "LUCKY STRIKE"—the toasted cigarette.

The American Tobacco Company are producing millions of these toasted cigarettes and these are being bought in enormous quantities through the various tobacco funds conducted by the newspapers of the country and forwarded through the Red Cross Society to the boys in France.

This new process of treating tobacco not only improves the flavor of the tobacco but it seals in this flavor and makes the cigarettes keep better.

The Red Cross nurse is always glad to have a cigarette for the wounded soldier, as, in most instances, that is the first thing asked for.

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Dr. Alfred W. Dula, Eye Specialist



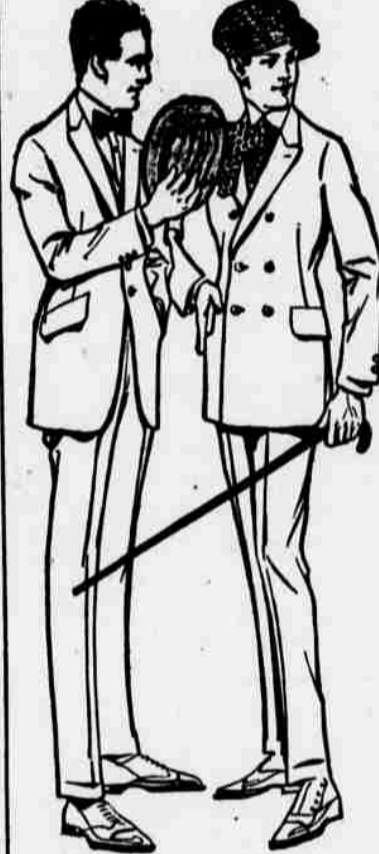
Boone, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 25th, 26th and 27th, first three days of court, at Blackburn Hotel.

Blowing Rock, Thursday Mar, 28th.

Practicing for 20 years in Watauga, I point with pride to the best people of your county that have patronized me. Ask your best people about me.

I am the only Eye Specialist that has ever practiced in your county that was licensed under the original optometry law, that voluntarily took the full examination before the State Board. Licensed and pronounced competent to test eyes and fit glasses by three State Boards, N. C., S. C. and Tennessee.

DR. ALFRED W. DULA.



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You may choose your pattern now from a line unlimited in variety of weave and color.

And you'll find our price very reasonable.

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R. M. Greene

Farm for Sale.

One mile west of Boone, containing 147 acres; about ninety acres nicely cleared, in grass and cultivation, balance in timber. Good 8-room dwelling, two barns, good orchard, farm nearly all fenced and well-watered by springs and branches. If interested apply to W. W. Gragg, Boone, N. C.

W. P. SPEAS, M. D.

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HICKORY, N. C.

OFFICE OVER HOURS—9 to 12
HICKORY DRUG CO. 2 to 5

Notice of Sale of Good Road Bonds.

Watauga County, North Carolina, offers fifty thousand (50,000) dollars Good Roads Bonds 5 per cent, semi annual interest, serial issue, five to thirty years. Sealed bids April 1, 10, a. m. Certificate check vouched for by local bank, one per cent of bid required. For information write W. R. Gragg, clerk of the board of commissioners, at Boone, N. C.

W. R. GRAGG,

Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners.

WANTED:—A horse three or four years old, nice style and large, but with little or no percheron blood. Prefer black or dark bay. H. Neal Blair, Boone, N. C.

NOTICE.

North Carolina, Watauga county. In the Superior court spring term 1918. Vernie Smith vs G. C. Smith. Service by publication.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the superior court of Watauga county for the purpose of having the marriage between the plaintiff and defendant declared void, and for a divorce from the bonds of matrimony; that the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the next term of the Watauga Superior court to be held in the court house in Boone, Watauga county, N. C. on the 3rd Monday after the first Monday in March 1918 being the 25th day of March 1918, and answer or demur to the said complaint within the time allowed by law or the relief demanded in the said complaint will be granted. This 15th day of Feb. 1918. W. D. FARTHING, C. S. C.

\$100 BOUND \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreadful disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the blood on the muscular surfaces of the system thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Remedy that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO, Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all druggists, 75c.



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Yours for trade,

J. S. WINKLER

New Years Greetings!

To my many friends and customers I wish to extend my thanks for their increased patronage through the year just closed, and wish for them the greatest prosperity possible during the year just beginning. It has been my policy in the past, and will be in the future, to handle the best goods I can buy, and sell them at a "live and let live price." In buying goods, the quality must be considered always, for sometimes the cheapest article is in the long run the most expensive.

I Handle the Best

and sometimes the price seems high, but when you consider the quality, you will find that my store is a regular mecca for genuine, money-saving bargains.

Again thanking one and all for their patronage in 1917, and soliciting a continuation of the same for 1918, I am,

Yours to serve,

M. B. BLACKBURN

BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA.