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The New North State Attracting Attention

Once the "Old North State—Now it is the "New North State That is Fully Awake and Going Ahead

University News Letter

Once it was the Old North State—a sweet memory a pathetic lament—the Rip Van Winkle state, asleep for two full centuries.

Now it is the New North State—awake at last, wide awake—refreshed and renewed by her long sleep—vigorous, and aflame with the early morning visions of youth—boastful—blatant, if you please—chock full of bla-ba and blurb after the manner of a robust, two fisted male youngster in the pin-feather stage of development—conscious of his power and immodestly boastful.

North Carolina is actually beginning to believe in herself and to boast of herself gracefully for all the world like Atlanta. Chicago, the Atlanta of the west, was the Constitution headquarters when Cleveland reached the Windy City in his Swing Around the Circle in the days of his presidency.

Atlanta has been the butt of many a merry jest. She's shameless in her boasting. Henry Grady began it and the very kids keep it up. It is the spirit of indestructible youth, and youth wins. Atlanta proves it. California proves it. And in particular Los Angeles.

Los Angeles bounds herself a hundred dollars per inhabitant, spends thirty millions on a water supply system, and twelve millions more on a man made harbor twelve miles away. She stands right up and blows about it, pictures it in the magazines the world around, and she doubles her population and quadruples her wealth in a single decade.

North Carolina multiplies her public school fund twenty times over in twenty years, spends forty-two million dollars in two years on public school buildings, equipments and support, one hundred and twenty-two millions of Federal State and local money on public highways, and pays another one hundred and twenty two millions of taxes into the Federal treasury on incomes, estates and the like in a single year!

But sh-h-h! Nobody must mention it! It's immodest to say a word about it! North Carolina begins—barely begins—to cash in the immense assets that lie in her soils and seasons, forests and waterfalls, mines and factories; and just as she begins, her fervor is chilled by the charge that she is immoderate and unshamed in her boasting.

It was a Californian who said at Long Beach in 1921, North Carolina has got California beat a mile, and doesn't know it.

It has taken her two centuries to develop gumption, grace and grit enough to lay down the foundation of a great commonwealth in public education, public health, and public highways. And she has the courage of her convictions.

She does not mean to hide her light under a bushel measure but to set it on a candlestick right out in the open for all the world to see.

The people of North Carolina know—at least they have been told often enough to know—that we are building good roads faster than any other State in the Union, Pennsylvania alone excepted, but also that our improved highways do not yet reach the total mileage of good roads in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania or California.

And they know too, that the twenty million dollars we are spending on public schools this year is four times the sum we were spending for this purpose ten years ago; but also that we are still far behind the Middle Western States in public school support. And that in legislative appropriations for college culture, thirty five states make a better showing than North Carolina. The University News Letter exhibited the facts way back yonder in July 1922.

The State has not lost her sense of perspective. She is not swash-buckling, but she is doing great things of late and she's proud of them. She can display her wares but she need not do it like Simple Simon of Mother Goose fame. She need not be provincial and parochial—which are polite terms for ignorance of what is happening in the big wide world beyond her borders.

So here's to the New North State. The old-age son of Sarah the barren the bottle fed boy brought up by Murphy and Morehead—schooled by Wiley, McIver, Noble, Alderman, Graham, Claxton Joyner and Brooks and licked into lustiness by Vance, Aycock, Bickett and Morrison! Who is now as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber and rejoicing as a strong man to run a race.

May he forever be rich in purse and poor in spirit! Always abounding in wealth and in willingness to devote it to the common weal and the commonwealth!

List of Storm Victims Stands at Twenty Eight In Tennessee

Red Cross and Other Agencies of Relief are Caring for the Homeless in North Mississippi Towns.

MEMPHIS—With the death list at 28, the Red Cross and other agencies of relief are undertaking the task of providing for the many families rendered homeless by the tornado which struck through Savage and other north Mississippi towns. G. C. Crane in charge of the Red Cross work at Savage has reported that 102 houses were destroyed.

Volunteer relief parties from the surrounding towns have supplied large quantities of food and clothing. An emergency kitchen is being operated in box cars at Savage and meals are being served to hundreds of refugees. Fifty tents have been supplied in the stricken town and the war department, cooperating with the Red Cross has shipped 75 army tents to Memphis. Other supplies are being concentrated here, and C. E. Lovett a Red Cross worker will arrive from Atlanta tomorrow to supervise the distribution.

Although 25 or more persons were injured, a score of them seriously, it is not thought that more deaths will be reported.

ANTS HAVE INTELLIGENCE

"Go to the Ant, Thou Sluggard, Consider Her Ways and Be Wise." Monroe Enquirer.

I wonder if there are any boys reading this, who ever stopped under the shade of a tree at the end of a long cotton row, to watch a colony of ants. How in a long time, some coming, some going, they would stop to greet each other. And no matter how many thousands of the little insects there might be they never failed to know each other as members of the same clan. In this particular they are somewhat like colored folks. No one ever saw two of them meet without greeting each other.

Sometimes the boy who would rather observe nature than to hoe cotton would go off a short distance and get other kinds of ants and mix them when there would be a battle royal, with no letup until the interlopers were vanquished.

Recently I was reading of ants of the tropics—big fellows—which apparently have intelligence equal to human beings. Perhaps one of the most interesting species is the leaf-cutting ants, one of the most destructive insects of the tropics. They frequently strip a tree of its entire foliage in a night.

The ants lug away the leaves over roads which they have built. These roads are six inches wide sometimes a mile long, and are kept in repair and free from vegetation by squads of road repair ants.

At the far end of the road the ants turn the leaves into a compost or fertilizer, from which springs up a fungus growth, a kind of mushroom for which the ants are gluttons.

"These minute insects have become expert mushroom growers," says Dr. F. J. Seaver who tells the story in a lecture at the New York Botanical Garden.

The leaf cutting ants turn from the trees and attack certain jungle plants. Maybe these plants have intelligence, maybe not.

At any rate, they seek a means of protection. Presto! An "idea" comes to them. They change their shape alter their small structure until they become small hotels.

Colonies of fighting ants observe that the plants have provided ideal housing and feeding quarters. They move in.

And they protect their homes. Let a leaf cutting ant come marauding in and it never gets out alive. The army ants kill it. They also protect the plants against all other insects.

As a military alliance, what do you think of this combination between plants and ants?

The arrangement between the jungle plants and the army ants, you'll observe, is a 50-50 proposition. The plants give free rent and give protection. The ants get the free rent and give the protection.

There is no sentiment about it. Its give-and-take, dollar for dollar. No one gets any more than he pays for. Nor does he pay for more than he gets. It's a natural law. "A fair exchange is no robbery." If we humans lived up to this natural law, getting a good living would be easier for all of us—and the average standard of living would be higher than it is in this day of trying to get something for nothing.

"Go to the ant, thou sluggard, consider her ways and be wise."

Mr. Henry Greer of Vilas was in to renew his subscription last Thursday and told us that since last September he has had six cases of typhoid fever in his family, he and his wife being two of the number. Fortunately all recovered.

The Bridge With a Thousand Spans

A thousand spans! Where from—where to? New York to Liverpool is perhaps suggested, as you undertake to calculate mentally how far a thousand spans like those of the Queensboro Bridge would reach. It is no such ambitious project however for the thousand spans of this bridge would not cover the distance from the Woolworth Building to Sandy Hook. The spans will be very short—only about 14 feet each—but even so, it will be some bridge!

A mere \$2,000,000 will build the 14,000 feet of structure and 18,000 feet of approaches which seems a modest sum for so much bridge.

The Gandy Bridge, as it is called will be the largest undertaking of its kind in America, with two exceptions. The Flaggler Key West exception, and the structure at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Its purpose is to shorten the distance from Tampa to St. Petersburg Fla., 38 miles.

How long does it take to drive 38 miles? How much does it cost? Many could answer the first question—very few could correctly answer the last. The Gandy Bridge Company is betting \$2,000,000 that at least 2,000 motorists per day will spend 75 cents rather than give an additional 38 mile drive to go from one of these towns to the other.

Anyone who has traversed the longer route will believe they are betting on a sure thing. The present road is, at one and the same time, both excellent and execrable; that seeming contradiction being explained by the fact that if one can drive along on a nine foot brick paved road unmolested by other traffic nothing better could be desired, but when forced to yield half of it to other vehicles, nothing worse could be imagined.

With half of the narrow brick road grudgingly allowed a passing car, two wheels of your machine plunge and wallow through deep hole or sandy ruts, the other wheels smoothly rolling along on the brick. You are sharing that road most of the time. If the racking and smashing impact doesn't fracture a spring or break an axle, you get a new respect for the material in your car before the journey is completed.

News Items From The Training School

The Boone Chamber of Commerce had a most interesting meeting on Saturday night. A male quartette gave several song selections at the opening. This was followed by speeches by Prof. Smith Hagaman on the Community spirit as applied to Boone and Watauga County; by Mr. W. R. Graze on Boone ten years hence; and by Prof. B. E. Dougherty on Securing a Camp Ground at Boone for Tourists. All seemed at their best and their speeches were enjoyed by all present, including several visitors.

The Glee Club on Monday night gave a highly entertaining program in the Auditorium of the School to a good crowd, though the weather was somewhat unfavorable. This program was given under the direction of Miss Ruth Coffey, the Director of Music.

The three brick blocks being built in Boone are now nearing completion. The Jones block is practically complete and is occupied by the Peoples Bank & Trust Co and J. M. Moretz Furniture Store and the Telephone Exchange is up stairs. The Watauga County Bank Block will soon be completed. One part of it is already complete and is occupied by the post office with an equipment that would do credit to a much larger town than Boone. The other parts of it will be occupied by the Watauga County Bank, T. Hill Farthing, ladies furnishings and millinery, and the Boone Hardware. The Qualls block is also nearly complete and three departments are to be taken by the McDougle Grocery Store, Qualls and Company's well equipped restaurant and J. L. Qualls Hardware.

J. M. DOWNUM

Watauga Building and Loan Still Goes Strong

Mr. H. H. Greene, the efficient Secretary Treasurer of the Watauga Building and Loan Association says subscriptions still pour in, and it is good to know that we have a real live institution of this sort for it is no doubt one of the greatest development agencies there is.

In this connection we would call attention to the advertisements appearing in this publication each week. They are good reading matter and prove most conclusively why stock in the Association is in such great demand. This week Mr. Greene has used the space to give a list of the stockholders, and it is to be noted that the ablest and best people of the town and county predominate.

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France Discounts Rumor of Peace Negotiations—Takes Over More Mines

Guard Miners—Group of Workers Ask For Work with Belgian Paymaster—May Try the Mine Owners.

Duesseldorf Dispatch—Reports of negotiations designed to settle the Ruhr problem which are numerous here, have not altered the Franco-Belgian plans for taking over the coke and coal problems of the Germans. It was announced today that two additional shafts of state owned mines had been occupied by order of the commissioner of control. The Blumenthal mine is occupied by French troops and the French are planning to begin the shipment of coke to France immediately.

The exact number of mines now in the hands of the French and Belgians is not known from official sources, but according to the Germans the number is seven. The Prosper mine which has two shafts, and also the Lehin mine both near Bottrop, were occupied the Germans say, as well as the Bismarck mine.

The French are continuing to load coke cars by means of German-Polish labor; several hundred of these men are working for the French, being quartered at the mines and are eating and sleeping under the protection of troops, steam engines and other apparatus are being brought from France and Belgium to facilitate the loading of the cars with the thousands of tons of coke on hand.

It is reported that several thousand miners of the Anna mines belonging to German capitalists, have opened negotiations with the Belgians for the purpose of reaching a working agreement. The men ask for a seven hour day, payment in Belgian francs and certain food allowances. It was announced that because of the refusal of German mine owners to pay a 40 per cent tax to the French and Belgians the first penalties had been applied by the commissioner of control. These penalties include the withholding of all export licenses except in relation to Holland and other neutrals. This coal tax, based on coal production, was formerly paid by the owners to the German government. The mine owners have been granted more time to consider the matter of payment, but if they continue their obstinate attitude after April 15 they will be arrested and court martialled.

The Franco-Belgian commission, which is considering the new monetary system for the Ruhr and Rhine land, went to Essen for consultation with the engineers mission and army technical experts. It will return to Paris next week.

About Time to Spray the Apples

When the pink of the unfolded apple blossoms is beginning to show and just before the blossoms have begun to open is the time to spray for "apple scab" suggests G. W. Fant, Extension worker for the state College and Department of Agriculture in the Department of plant diseases. Mr. Fant states that those apple orchards in which the scab has been bad in previous years should receive a cluster bud spray as a means of keeping this disease in check during the coming season.

A spray given at this time is the most important that could be given in the whole season.

Mr. Fant states that scab lives throughout the winter on old leaves found beneath the trees. It spreads from these leaves back to the new leaves and fruit buds just as the blossom buds have separated from each other and are in the cluster stage. He suggests that these buds must be watched carefully to tell when the spray application should be made.

It may be five or six days before the full bloom depending on how the weather warms up. In most cases the county agent can tell just when it is time to make this spray.

As to the proper treatment to be given Mr. Fant says "spray of the summer strength must be used at this time, since the winter spray is too strong for unfolding leaf buds and blossom buds. When using liquid lime sulphur, apply at the rate of five quarts to 50 gallons of water, plus one pound of dry arsenate of lead or two pounds of arsenate of lead paste. If aphids were severe last year add one half pint of black leaf 40 to every 50 gallons of water. If spray material other than liquid lime sulphur is used, apply at summer strength according to recommendations furnished by the manufacturer."

Spray calendars giving all these instructions may be obtained from the Plant Pathology Department N. C. Experiment Station, Raleigh.

Mr. G. G. Hodges of Blowing Rock was operated on for appendicitis at the Watauga Hospital Tuesday. His condition is reported as favorable.

The Coldest Weather For Late in March

Damage to Crops is Expected to Go Into the Millions—Nine Lives Have Been Lost

ASHEVILLE—The coldest 19th of March experienced in Asheville in 25 years was recorded today. No fear is entertained for the apple crop but it is believed the peach and also the grape crop in the section surrounding Asheville from which reports have been obtained will be reduced.

CHICAGO March 19—A marked moderation in temperature with even bright sunshine in places and a forecast of fair and warmer today registered the end of one of the most severe March storms that the Great Lakes region and the Mississippi valley has ever known.

New low temperature records for late March were established in many west last night and early today, when the storm swept through this region on its way from Alaska to the southern part of the United States. New records were made at points in Missouri, Texas and Tennessee while other states in the farther north recorded the coldest late March weather in half a century.

Higher temperature and sunshine today began melting the huge banks of snow which have been blocking and impeding all sorts of travel in parts of Iowa and Nebraska. Heavy snowfalls were prevalent in the entire storm swept area, snow falling as far south as Birmingham, Ala. It was expected that train service which had been abandoned in some places would be returned to normal soon.

Two deaths caused by the cold were reported at Rockford, Ill. one in Wisconsin near Kutoh, Colorado, one in Indiana and one at Chicago. Reports from Baxter, Colo. also told of the finding of three children who had been frozen to death.

Damage to crops was expected to run into the millions, it being estimated that the Oklahoma peach crop alone was damaged to the extent of more than two million dollars.

Some livestock was frozen to death at Council Bluffs, Iowa, when a train was stalled there during a blizzard yesterday.

WATAUGA HIT BY COLD WAVE

Getting a little closer home, for the past several days the weather has been unusually cold for this season of the year, mercury hovering uncomfortably close to the zero point. However owing to the fact that the fruit trees were not quite so far advanced as is sometimes the case little fear is entertained over the apple crop, although it is probable peaches and smaller fruits may be killed.

Committee Report to the Boone Chamber of Commerce

To Boone Chamber of Commerce, Boone, North Carolina.

Greetings:

We your committee appointed to make suggestions for beautifying the town of Boone respectfully submit the following report:

1. Request that all property owners clean up and beautify their premises and the streets directly in front of their property and that each family or business has a trash can or barrel.

2. Request that the town authorities designate a suitable place for dumping this trash and see that it is hauled there and burned.

3. Appoint Mr. R. R. Johnson to get permission from the Railroad Company to beautify the "Y" according to Mr. Johnson's plan.

4. Appoint a committee to see the county commissioners in regard to putting a fence around the court house grounds, beautifying the same and keeping the court house clean.

5. Request all stores and places of business to burn papers and not scatter them on the streets.

Respectfully,
MRS. E. S. COFFEY, Ch'm.
MRS. M. G. ANDERS
MRS. SMITH HAGAMAN
MISS PEARL HODGES
J. M. DOWNUM
A. E. SOUTH, Sec'y. Com.

THE BOONE CLOTHING STORE

Messrs Smith Hagaman and J. C. McConnell are opening a gents furnishings store in Boone.

Every thing worn by a man or boy will be carried in stock, up-to-date factory lines are bought and will be arriving the last of this week.

Mr. McConnell who will have charge of the business has just returned from out of the State where he has been studying the business with some of the best retail dealers of the country, especially the inside of buying.

Some Roads in the Seventh District Will Be Completed After All

Proposal for Big Cement Manufacturing Plant Somewhere in Western Carolina to Facilitate Road Work Roads Ordered Completed.

Winston-Salem Journal.

The State of North Carolina is seriously considering the feasibility of building a gigantic cement manufacturing plant, to cost between four and five million dollars to facilitate the building of hard surface roads in the State, according to A. S. Hanes, highway commissioner, who has returned from a meeting of the State Highway Commission in Raleigh.

A committee composed of J. Elwood Cox, John Sprunt Hill A. S. Hanes has been appointed by Frank Page, chairman of the State Highway Commission to visit cement manufacturing plants and make such recommendations as they see fit in regard to the feasibility of such a plan location of the plant, etc.

Mr. Hanes stated that the building of cement roads in the state is being delayed because of the fact that the cement cannot be secured at the present time. The cement shortage is hindering the work of road building in every district in the state and the highway commissioners see no way out of the difficulty other than by the building of a plant for the production of cement.

Mr. Hanes stated that the members of the committee would leave on the 14th of inspection immediately. They will visit Allentown, Pa. one of the great cement producing centers and Kingsport, Tenn., also Norfolk, Va., On their return they will report to the highway commission and if the report of the committee is accepted by the commissioners definite action will be taken. In the meanwhile the building of hard surface roads in the state is almost at a standstill.

The session of the commissioners just closed was one of the longest ever held by that body. They were in session for three days and an immense amount of work was transacted. A number of matters were discussed and the commission is confronted with other grave problems in addition to the cement shortage.

At the meeting just closed a number of projects were authorized for the seventh district of which Mr. Hanes is commissioner. The completion of the cement road to Danbury and from Mount Airy to Pilot Knob were authorized.

The completion of the road from Winston-Salem to Mocksville was also authorized as well as the ones from Lenoir to Hickory, Wilkesboro to Mulberry Gap, Boone and Blowing Rock and for the construction of five miles of road along the Boone Trail Highway from Wilkesboro towards Winston-Salem.

The route for the road leading to Lexington from Winston-Salem to be built of concrete, was ordered located. The cement will be laid in the near future.

Mr. Hanes stated that none of the projects could be completed at the present time, due to the cement shortage, but that in all cases the roads would be graded bridges built and everything put in readiness for hard surfacing at the earliest possible moment.

The construction of the Clemens road. This will be a sand clay road. Contracts were authorized for the completion of the road between Jefferson and Sparta in Ashe and Alleghany Counties.

Civil Service Examination for Boone P. Office

The United States civil service Commission announces a competitive examination for the postmastership at Boone. The examinations will be held at different points in North Carolina on April 14. Our applicants for the position will likely go to Charlotte for the examination. The term of the present postmaster will expire on July 28, 1923. The salary here is \$1900 per year. Apply at the post office at this place or to the Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C. for application form 2241, and forms 2223 and 2358, containing the dates and places of examinations.

THE SUCCESS FAMILY

Selected.

The Father of Success is—Work.
The Mother of Success is—Ambition.

The oldest Son is—Common sense
Some of the other boys are:
Perseverance, Honesty, Thoroughness, Foresight, Enthusiasm, Co-operation.

The oldest daughter is—Character
Some of the sisters are:
Cheerfulness, Loyalty, Courtesy, Care, Economy, Sincerity.

The boy is—Opportunity.
Get acquainted with the "Old Man" and you will be able to get along pretty well with the rest of the family.