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THE J. WESLEY HIGGINS WILL

On April 2, 1923, Mr. J. Wesley Higgins, Yancey county's wealthiest citizen, died as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident a short time prior thereto and accompanying with the notice of his death the Associated Press carried news that he had left a will, most important of which practically his entire estate had been left to the Methodist church of his home town.

The will was reported to the local press and it was stated that the will was a surprise to the community. It was reported that the will was a surprise to the community. It was reported that the will was a surprise to the community.

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Under these circumstances, the probate of the will was held at the residence of the testator's brother, Mr. J. H. Higgins, at his home in the town of Boone.

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STUART'S CRITICISM TOO SEVERE

We are inclined to believe that Rev. George R. Stuart was just a bit severe in his criticism of the flapper in his Greensboro lecture recently. He referred to some of our modern girls as "Mop-headed flappers," and said that they wore \$5 hose showing approximately \$4.98 worth of them, and intimated that they had forgotten what Mother Eve discovered when she partook of the forbidden fruit, and suggested that it was time to "pass the apples again." We are not defending the worst of our modern girls, but we are not quite convinced that because a girl wears her hair bobbed and because she insists upon more freedom and sanitation from long skirts, the country has gone to the "demerition howl."

THEY SPOKE AND A GUN SILENCED ONE

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DECLARES AUTOMOBILES MENACE TO YOUNG GIRLS

(Special to The Observer) "When the state loses respect for its womanhood, then it ought to be put into bankruptcy and put out of business," said Judge Henry A. Grady in his charge to the Yancey grand jury in evening session at Boone court here this week.

A FORESIGHTED INDIAN

An Oklahoma editor tells of an old Indian who came into his office to pay for his paper. The editor took the money; then the Indian wanted a receipt. The editor tried to talk him out of it. Mr. Indian insisted. After making it out, the editor wanted to know why he was so persistent about wanting a receipt.

WHY WOMEN ARE INTERESTED IN ROAD EXTENSION

(From The Morning Journal) Primarily the women are more interested in good roads than are the men. Good roads are a tremendous advantage to business and of course to the men that way.

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WILL TRACTORS ELIMINATE HORSES

After telling what a farmer knows about horses, George M. Rommel, in the June issue of the Farm Journal, says: "Does the farmer know as much about his tractor? No. And that's largely responsible for tractor failures, when failures occur. It is not the sole reason by any means, but it probably has been the cause of more disappointment with tractors than any single cause."

NORTH CAROLINA MOUNTAINS HAVE FROST-PROOF BELTS

The thermal belts of Western North Carolina and their relation to fruit-growing in the central thorax of a new 100-page report by the Weather Bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture.

The authors of this publication are Henry J. Cox, Meteorologist of the Bureau, and Prof. W. B. Hutt, for years in charge of the horticultural work of the North Carolina Experiment Station and Department of Agriculture.

The report has a number of photographs, showing orchard scenes in Western North Carolina, many drawings showing the location of observation points and field stations, tables giving the different temperatures of that section, topographic maps, and other items of importance to persons interested in fruit-growing in Western North Carolina.

The bulletin discusses the fruit-growing area in which there is little dew and little frost or freezing on the eastern mountain slopes of western North Carolina. It shows how different contours, table lands, valley floors or knobs affect the nocturnal breezes which keep the air from becoming still and the air drainage which protects the fruit on cold nights, preventing the buds from freezing or being injured by frost.

The publication embraces years of study of this phenomena and according to Dr. Kilsdonk is one of the most important scientific publications recently issued relating to the future of fruit-growing in that section.

Mr. Cox says: "An ideal zone for fruit-growing in the mountains is located above 2,000 feet in some of the higher mountain ranges. In different parts of the country, four types of mountain ranges are found, each situated on a different slope of the mountain range. The mountain ranges of the Blue Ridge, the Great Smoky Mountains and the Appalachian Mountains are the most important of these ranges.

A strip of fog thermal belt extends through the South Mountains in Burke county.

But the women and children are more benefited by roads and automobiles than the men. Good roads are the forerunner of enlightening, social, educational and religious opportunity. In the old days the man could get away from home, but the women and children could not. Many a woman lived her whole life in the old days in Union county without ever having gone so far from home as Charlotte. Now the woman and children can do so alone, young distances at times were before unheard of.

Women and children have more at stake than the men, and they will never be called upon to cast their ballots for any purpose that means more in their daily lives than good roads do. There are yet whole neighborhoods in the country that are shut off from the blessings that most enjoy. The women can never cast a vote that will mean more to their sisters that are thus shut off than a vote for giving them better roads.

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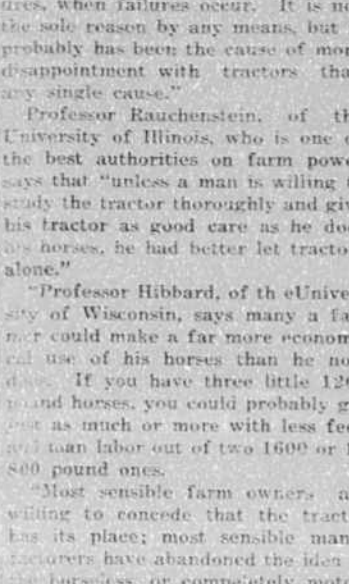
J. W. BRYAN, Jeweler

NOTICE—1 o mmarking by turkeys this year by cutting the inside toe of the left foot.

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Professor Rauchenstein, of the University of Illinois, who is one of the best authorities on farm power says that "unless a man is willing to study the tractor thoroughly and give his tractor as good care as he does his horses, he had better let tractors alone." "Professor Hibbard, of the University of Wisconsin, says many a farmer could make a far more economical use of his horses than he now does. If you have three little 1200 pound horses, you could probably get out as much or more with less feed and team labor out of two 1600 or 1-800 pound ones. "Most sensible farm owners are willing to concede that the tractor has its place; most sensible manufacturers have abandoned the idea of the horseness, or completely motorized farm. "It is an exceptional farm," continues the story, "that uses a tractor more than fifty days each year; the average is nearer thirty. Figure out for yourself how much it means if you lose one of those days on account of a breakdown due to lack of care. "You know men who never have any trouble with their horses, and who have others whose horses pick up anything that comes along from a stumble in strokes of lightning, and the same will farm way out some farmers always to ask the question, 'Why not buy such a pair, while others can make any old horse do for him a horse?' "The tractor has shown its ability to pull a plow, disk and harrow, and to do so as effectively as horses, and will get the job out of the way so much more quickly than the three-horse team comparable for any additional cost. This time-saving element is the most important item in favor of the tractor. "Finally the matter of cost must be thoroughly considered. Have the tractor to pay for the machine. If not, wait until you have. You will do the best deal and yourself a favor if you refuse to sign a note to pay for it.

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