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EVERETT SEES DAY OF PROGRESS FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Secretary of State Declares We Shall Continue Forward—Pays Respects to Vision and Courage of Governor—Declares People and State Must Move Onward Together to Their Appointed Destiny....

Chapel Hill October 12.—Delivering the founder's day address at the exercises in Memorial Hall this morning before the entire student body assembled to celebrate the 130th anniversary of the founding of the University of North Carolina, the oldest State University in this country, Secretary of State W. N. Everett, a member of the university's board of trustees, revived the progress of the Old North State since "it stood like a lion in chains shackled to its environment," until the present day. He concisely explained matters regarding the state's government and financial conditions.

A balance of \$366,000 in the general fund was estimated by Mr. Everett for June 30, 1923, after paying all expenses if one half of the estimated revenue for 1923 be credited to the first six months of this calendar year.

"In the building of the nation—during that time when the 13 free and independent states were being trained and welded into one—the leadership easily rested with Virginia," said the speaker in beginning his address. "And when we think of that period our minds bring into review the names of Washington, Jefferson, Patrick Henry and John Marshall.

"When the question of slavery became paramount in the minds of men that leadership passed to South Carolina."

"During that generation" continued Mr. Everett, "North Carolina stood like a lion in chains shackled to her environment, holding fast to her tradition, standing close to the landmarks set by her fathers, having no chance to turn her thoughts to the new civilization emerging out of the old, and rising around her amid new conditions. But with the passage of the suffrage amendment, like a lion in its might, she shook herself free and turned her face to the dawn of another day—and that leadership passed to North Carolina.

"Charles B. Aycock, inspired of God, and saturated with a tender love for all mankind, came out of the wilderness crying for the development of the minds of the children of men, but so poorly had we fared by the fortunes of war that for many years the only answer was a cry. The message he burned into the mind of men was that the way to develop the resources of a state was to develop the minds of the children.

"Then came Glenn and Kitchin and Craig and Bickett, each splendid in his leadership, each leaving his impress on his day. And then came Morrison. When the legislature met in 1921, in the darkest period in the memory of any member, during that deflation time when no man knew what the morrow would bring, with prophetic wisdom he declared that the state was not bankrupt, that the way to develop a state was to develop all its resources and do it now.

That legislature, catching his courage, increased its appropriations for the maintenance of all its institutions and with a \$7,000,000 bond issue provided for the enlargement of its hospitals and its colleges and authorized \$50,000,000 for the construction of a state system of roads. The voting of this money restored confidence to our business men and its expenditure carried many of its banks and business institutions away from the wall and avoided the problem of enforced idleness.

"The leadership which passed to her with Aycock still abides with her in ever increasing measure. The splendid system of roads connecting county seat with county seat, section with section; the consolidated school with its equal opportunity, the state's busy factories and fertile fields are but circumstances which mark the way over which it has come in less than a generation and are but a promise of what is yet to be.

"With 6,000 factories using an invested capital of a billion dollars, she manufactures more cotton than she grows, and she grows more per

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ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE TRAINING SCHOOL

Rev. G. C. Brinkman and several from the town and county are in Winston-Salem this week attending the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church.

There were two killing frosts in this section during the past week, though crops were too far advanced to be injured. The weather has been remarkably fine for some days but the difference between the temperature of the day and night has been unusual, the difference being about 10 degrees.

Rev. W. R. Bradshaw of Hickory who is conducting a revival meeting at the Baptist Church, came each day to the Appalachian School and conducted devotional service and made helpful and inspiring talks. He has been doing some splendid preaching during the past week, and considerable interest is being shown in the meeting. On Sunday morning he delivered a very strong sermon on the great subject, "Jesus" which is, as the writer remarked to a friend, the greatest subject. Mr. Bradshaw handled the subject in a most excellent manner and made a great impression upon his large audience. At night he preached strongly on the "Unpardonable Sin." Many have shown a deep interest in Christian work and several have joined the church.

Dr. Ellis, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Church, Louisville, Ky. stopped in Boone on his way to the Annual Conference at Winston-Salem.

J. M. DOWNUM.

A "HARDING" OAK AT EVERY SCHOOL

The state forester is urging every school in the state to observe Arbor Day, November 2, by planting a memorial for the late President Harding.

In his last public utterance Mr. Harding strongly endorsed the conservation policy of the Government, saying that the development of the timber and other natural resources must have in view the permanent well being of the country rather than of the investors who are seeking the wealth to enrich homes elsewhere.

Speaking of Alaskan conditions which he had just returned from investigating, he said: "It is better to destroy the defunct investor than to demolish a national resource which needs only guarding against greed to remain a permanent asset of incalculable value."

This will remain a cardinal principle in our public conservation policy for all time to come.

The state law provides that "Friday following the first day of November of each year shall be known as Arbor Day, to be appropriately observed by the public schools." What more appropriate action could any school take than planting a tree to the memory of our late lamented President who lost his life in establishing rational conservation in our largest territory.

An oak tree is suggested because it typifies strength and true worth. It is long lived, and through some species are of slow growth they are beautiful and altogether the most satisfactory trees for such purposes. White oak should be planted when possible but swamp chestnut oak (in the east), willow oak and red oak will all make excellent trees.

MRS. KIMBER JOHNSON DIES AT HER TENNESSEE HOME

Mrs. Kimber Johnson, formerly of Watauga but for the last few years a resident of Elizabethton, Tennessee died at her home last Saturday as a result of an accident which befell her on Sunday before.

She and her husband were on their way to church in a buggy. The horse became frightened and gave the vehicle a severe lurch, throwing the unfortunate lady out. Her head struck a stone and upon examination it was found that her skull was badly fractured. She never regained consciousness.

Deceased was before her marriage a Miss Brown, sister of the late John Brown, and an aunt of Mrs. R. L. Bingham of Boone. She was always known as one of Watauga's splendid Christian ladies. Her son, Mr. Weymon Johnson of Route 1, when he heard of the accident went to her at once, and remained until death came. The Democrat in behalf of all friends and relatives in Watauga extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

POST OFFICE AT BANNER ELK ROBBED TUESDAY NIGHT

The news reached the Democrat at 8 o'clock last evening that the post office at Banner Elk was robbed Wednesday night. So far as we could learn there is no clue as to who the robbers were. Blood hounds were wired for and came up on the train yesterday morning, and every effort is being put forth to catch the guilty parties. There is no advice as to the amount of booty carried away....

STATE STOCK STREAMS WITH MILLIONS OF FISH

Stocking Carolina streams at the rate of six million fish a year will be the job of four fish hatcheries to be placed in operation within the next 12 months says the Lexington Dispatch.

Chairman J. K. Dixon of the fisheries commission went last week to Marion to complete arrangements for the erection of a hatchery there. Two others will go up in the western part of the state and a fourth in the east; and from these the state expects to put enough game fish into the ponds and streams to give the fisherman a "fighting chance."

From all reports, many of them personal and authentic, fisherman's luck was not altogether to the good during the Summer just passing. Many a fisherman spent the hot days whipping the water without luck.

Chairman Dixon has it pretty well figured out that there should be within five years an increase of six million in the population of bait-eating oar gnawing fish. The hatcheries will be up and in operation probably within the next twelve months. A year later, the hatcheries ought to put into the water their first hatch of six million short fellows. Give these three years in which to grow and develop and they ought to reach the bait-eating age in good condition.

A location has already been selected for a hatchery in McDowell County. Probably on this trip west Mr. Dixon who is accompanied by an expert from the Federal Bureau of fisheries, will decide between Alleghany and Watauga counties and between Jackson and Madison in the selection of more sites. The Eastern hatchery will be placed in Cumberland County, near Fayetteville. Cumberland and McDowell have given the commission large tracts of land, and the other counties bidding for hatcheries have made offers of land.

The four hatcheries will cost about one hundred thousand dollars and they turn out six million fish a year, the annual profit will be, well any enthusiastic fisherman can estimate that. Some fisherman consider the value of one fish at five or ten dollars.

Trout will be bred largely in the Western hatcheries while in the east bass will be the principal breed. Moreover all the various breeds that the fisherman likes to hang will be represented in the new fish population and the perch and the jack, the jack of the pond and not of the game will abound.

This work of the fisheries commission, which will stock North Carolina streams with a plentiful supply of fish, is one of the most important undertakings of the State. As a result of the program inaugurated by the commission with the half-million dollar appropriation made by the legislature, the state is developing its commercial fish industry as well as game fish possibilities, as few states in the union have done.

Commercial fishing in the Eastern waters already has grown into an industry creating ten million dollars a year in wealth, and it shows great promise of increasing phenomenally. The commission last summer planted 700,000 bushels of oysters in the sounds. The State has high rank now in the supply of oysters.

IN MEMORY OF D. F. BROWN

One who had a sincere trust in God.

A mind that was wont to look on the bright side of life.

A truer friend could never be found.

No task was too great to try his friendship.

Faithful to the last and loved by all who knew him.

B. C. JOHNSON.

Tuesday morning, Watauga had the first real frost this fall. It was like a light skiff of snow, but coming so late in the season there was nothing left for it to damage.

BOONE METHODISTS ARE OFF TO CONFERENCE

Rev. G. C. Brinkman, who has labored unceasingly in the Boone and Blowing Rock charges for the past three years left for the Annual Conference at Winston-Salem Tuesday, accompanied by Mrs. Brinkman and delegates Dr. McG. Anders, J. S. Stanbury, and possibly others.

Mr. Brinkman while on this charge has come fully up to the expectations of the people as a man, as a consecrated and able minister and the load carried by him during this period it seems has been almost too heavy to be borne by mortal man. The new Methodist church, the finest in the northwestern counties, is standing as an everlasting memorial to his untiring efforts, back by a loyal, and in the main, co-operative membership. Of course the structure is not yet entirely finished, and to the Democrat it seems that Mr. Brinkman is the proper man to carry it through to completion. He is entitled to one more year here, and if he will accept the appointment, it is hoped that the great deliberative body will send him back to the charge that he and his good wife like so well.

Mr. and Mrs. Brinkman have drawn heavily upon their slender salary to keep the work moving and it should be left entirely to their decision as to whether or not they return.

FORMER ASHE COUNTY MAN DIES IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Mr. William F. Hopkins, of Hopkins, Ashe County, and well known in Watauga in years gone by, died at his home in St. Louis, last Friday from acute diabetes. His body was sent to the old home for burial, reaching Boone on the 5:30 train Saturday afternoon. It remained at the home of his sister Mrs. J. W. Hodges in Boone until Sunday when it was taken on. On account of the late arrival of some of the relatives interment was not made until Monday. He was buried with full Masonic honors, three lodges taking part in the last sad rites.

Thirty-nine years ago young Hopkins left his boyhood home and turned his face westward to seek his fortune, and through all the years his visits back home have been few and far between. He was at the home of his brother Mr. T. W. Hopkins at Newland, for a few hours early in September of this year.

He was a contractor by trade and a very busy man. He had the distinction of being the first member of Elk Lodge A. F. & A. M. to take the degrees in masonry, it working then more than forty years ago. He married in the west, his wife preceding him to the grave several years. His three children were with him when his remains were lowered to mother earth.

The following members of the family were present with their families at the funeral: Mr. J. B. Hopkins, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. Millard Hopkins, of Elizabethton, Tenn.; Mr. Thomas Hopkins of Newland, and Mr. George Hopkins of West Jefferson. The sisters present were: Mrs. John W. Hodges, Boone; Mrs. J. W. Thomas of Valle Crucis; and Mr. Virgil Moretz of Hopkins.

BAMBOO BOX SUPPER SUCCESS

Bamboo School had a box supper Saturday night. There was a large crowd here. They manifested great interest.

Prof. I. G. Greer made a good talk on the duties of the people to their community and school.

Mr. D. J. Cottrell sold the boxes. He made many valuable remarks to the people while here. We realized a nice sum from the boxes, pies, cakes and pickles. This amount was \$111.70 which will be used for the benefit of the school. We are hoping to get a new library soon.

Three boys blacked had a contest eating pumpkin pie. The prize was given by Mr. Reese. The prize was twenty-five cents.—Reported.

LUTHERANS TO HOLD WEEK'S SPECIAL SERVICES AT BOONE

Beginning on Monday evening October 22 at 7:30 a series of services will be begun by Rev. H. W. Jeffcoat in the Episcopal Chapel. Rev. W. G. Cobb of Salisbury is expected to be here to assist Pastor Jeffcoat. Rev. Cobb is a preacher of strong pulpit ability and he is a good singer. The hours of service on the following days will be announced at the Monday evening service. A hearty welcome to attend these services is extended to all.

FORMER WATAUGAN IS KILLED IN WASHINGTON

Our friend Mr. J. L. Hayes of Lenoir, Va. writes us in regard to the death of a former countyman as follows:

Mr. Editor: I write to say that Mr. Thos. A. Hagaman formerly of Brushy Fork, Watauga County was instantly killed on Tuesday October 2.

He was working with a threshing crew, hauling bundles of wheat to the machine. He had a high load, having only one more shock of wheat to put on. Reaching for his lines he spoke to the horses and they started stopped suddenly, and he pitched off the wagon a distance of twelve feet, striking on his head. His neck was broken and death was instantaneous.

Mr. Hagaman was well known in Washington as in North Carolina. He was a member of the Baptist Church, faithful, true to his church and to the Heavenly Father. He was a man of strong convictions, always standing for that which he believed to be right.

Mr. Hagaman was seventy four years old. He leaves a wife, one son Harry, two brothers, J. P. of Washington, J. R. of Idaho, and one sister, Mrs. Epsy Moretz of Boone, N. C.

LEO FRANK VINDICATED OF SENSATIONAL CRIME

Atlanta Journal. Leo Frank, the Jewish young man who was accused of the murder of Mary Fagan, in Atlanta, Georgia, and who was lynched by a mob that stormed the jail after Governor Jno. M. Slaton had commuted his sentence was at last vindicated. On last Tuesday a sworn statement by a negro named Freeman was made public in which he made a full confession declaring that he and his friend Jim Conley, another negro, had killed the girl. The confession was originally made in 1913, when Freeman believed that he was dying. It is said that Governor Slaton who declared at the time he commuted Frank's sentence that he had committed political suicide by the act, and R. A. Davidson, chairman of the prison committee, of Atlanta, knew of this confession at the time it was first made, but for political reasons, did not make it public.

All who were familiar with the evidence in the Frank case and the political motives involved in it were convinced that Leo Frank was absolutely innocent, but some of the politicians of Georgia fanned the flames of anti-Semitism to serve their own selfish, murderous ambitions and demanded Frank as their victim. Now comes the complete vindication of Leo Frank, 8 years after his death.

Mrs. R. Frank, his mother, on hearing of the confession, said:

"I knew there would be a time when Leo would be vindicated and the real truth come to light. Through out the trial, I knew, as thousands of others did that he was absolutely innocent of the crime. He simply was a victim of a horrible combination of circumstances. A day never goes by that I do not think of and pray for him and I am thankful that even at this late date that his innocence has been established."

TEACHERS' MEETING

to be held in Boone Saturday October 27, 1923, 10 a. m.

1. What is true education?—W. A. Tugman, Dean Swift.
 2. How shall we hold those over fourteen years of age—J. T. Hampton, Henry Hagaman.
 3. My biggest problem last year and how I solved it.—W. J. Rowe, M. H. Norris.
 4. Is reading being emphasized as it should be in the rural school?—Blanche Stokes, D. D. Dougherty.
 5. Does our present public school curriculum suitably prepare our boys and girls for the problems of our communities and homes?—J. D. Rankin—open discussion.
 6. Organization of local branch State Teachers' Association.
- WALTER E. WILSON
SAM HORTON
Committee.

BOX SUPPER

We are requested to announce a box supper at Elk School House next Saturday evening the 20th, proceeds to go to the public school building. The public is cordially invited to attend and make the evening one of pleasure and profit.

TEN SQUARE MILES OF MILK PRODUCED DURING LAST YEAR

The following interesting article on milk and dairying in general is taken from the Gastonia Gazette of the 12th:

Ten square miles of milk, deep enough at every spot to cover the head of the average male citizen was produced on the dairy farms of the United States in 1922. This flood of milk weighed 102,562,121,000 pounds and would load a freight train long enough to twice encircle the earth. Its farm value is \$2,000,000,000.

Few people in the cities whose only knowledge of milk is derived from finding it nicely done up in cold, sanitary packages, waiting meekly at their doorstep 365 days in the year have any conception of the part which milk plays in the economic life of the Nation. The last census takers found that 71 per cent of the farms of this country maintained dairy cattle. These farms numbered about four and a half million and contained about seven hundred million acres. Their value, apart from their cattle, was \$48,000,000,000. On these farms lived nearly a quarter of the people in the United States. They found the number of dairy cattle to be about 33,000,000 with a value of more than \$2,000,000,000. Nobody has ever estimated how many people are interested as employees in the tremendous task of manufacturing, handling and distributing milk and milk products on the way from the farms to the consumers. It is estimated that the cost of milk and milk products to the consumers is just about double the farm value of the milk and that one dollar out of every five spent by Americans for food is paid for the product of the dairy.

Americans not only require plenty of milk, but they have plenty. In addition, they have the best inspected milk supply in the world. Last year the United States department of agriculture reports the amount of whole milk used in the homes of this country was enough to give every individual fifty gallons. Besides the amount of milk manufactured into butter, cheese, concentrated milk (condensed evaporated powdered and sterilized) and ice cream consumed in the United States was enough to give every individual fifty two gallons more. Health authorities insist that every growing child should have at least a pint of milk a day, better a quart. Enough whole milk and dairy products were consumed to give every child a quart a day; but government investigations in more than half of the states of the Union show that in the sections studied, from 15 to 25 per cent of the children were not receiving milk regularly. The most flagrant cases of neglect were found in the country.

However Americans are constantly increasing their use of milk, and every year more and more children who formerly did not get sufficient milk are becoming regular milk users. The National Dairy Council, which carries on milk campaigns thru out the country constantly, has prepared the following table which is to show the growth of the use of whole milk in the homes:

Years	No. of gal. consumed
1899	22
1899	23
1917	42.4
1920	43
1921	49
1922	50

This table shows a growth in the appreciation of milk of nearly 150 per cent in a third of a century, or within the lifetime of most of the men and women now rearing children.

The milk used for manufactured dairy products has always been a little more from year to year than the whole milk consumed in the homes. Manufactured dairy products must not always be considered exactly the equivalent of the milk used in their manufacture. While there is no loss in the cases of concentrated milks and ice cream every hundred pounds of buttermilk, skimmed milk or cheese they contain a pound of the very best kind of albumen. Some of these by-products are used in the home; more are fed to chickens and livestock and find their way ultimately to the dining room table by

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