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THE DEATH OF LENIN Springfield Republicans

When a statesman dies the first question is always, what effect his going will have upon affairs. A few years ago the death of Lenin, so often falsely reported, and now actual, would have been regarded as an event of the first magnitude. It is to be followed by radical changes in Russia and perhaps by the collapse of the social regime through disputes between factions which only his authority had been able to keep in order. But at the time of his sudden death, Maxim Lenin had so long been in retirement, because of ill health, and his name had been so fully taken by a committee that reported on the death of the Soviet Government had become to a great extent a mere name. So little dependent on his name that his death was regarded as a mere formality. It was only in the course of the year, however, that he suffered and his health temporarily from illness to which his impaired health in his native climate as Russia can provide. This leaves in control, however, a group loyally devoted to Lenin and prepared to carry out his policies, which include large concessions to conservative opinion for the sake of putting Soviet Russia on a sounder economic basis. It may still be possible that the loss of the acknowledged leader of all factions will cause violent strife to break out between the moderates now in control, and the impracticables who resent even the slightest departure from the original pure gospel of communism. The group, now dominant, however, is so well entrenched in power and appears to have so large a part of the nation on its side, that a new triumph for the extremists appears improbable.

Provisionally, therefore, Lenin's death may be treated as a mere formality, that he lived long enough to see the revolutionary government of which he was the chief founder established on the ruins of the old order which he helped to destroy. In any case he would be one of the outstanding figures of our age who could not be ignored even by his most bitter opponents, yet his position in history will be the greater if he is to stand as the founder of a government that is destined, perhaps, with gradual modifications, to endure. Such a result, which seems more probable now than a few years ago, would take him out of the category of leaders of revolt, the Gracchi, the Reims and the Jack Cades, and put him with the honored figures who have movements in public squares and about whose names as the centuries roll by, a rich atmosphere of patriotic tradition gathers, which only ruthless iconoclasts ignore.

That this process has already begun in Russia may be seen from the reports of the grief with which the news of his death has been received, and Russia is half of Europe. It is to be recalled also that even before his retirement from office Lenin had received some remarkable tributes from Russians wholly opposed to him in politics and the world at large had been recognized as personally sincere and honest and a statesman of exceptional ability. Beyond this it is still difficult to appraise a career which is the subject of such bitter controversy, but those who detect him most will have to allow for the possibility that in history he will stand, through his part in the Russian revolution, as the most notable figure of our age. But just what his position will be a decade or a century hence will depend largely on what happens in the Russia that he leaves in so unsettled a State.

Buy farm seeds early, suggest agronomy workers of the State College. This gives you an opportunity to select a quality product.

A Board of Agriculture has been appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Chowan county to work with Farm Agent N. K. Rowell in developing a progressive program of agricultural development for the county.

The Perquimans Chamber of Commerce has appointed a committee on Agriculture to work with the county agent to develop a constructive agricultural program for the county.

Rural Homes for Tourists

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almost every home in Watauga is supplied.

From our experience with the parents of the girls who have come to Camp Yonahlossee for the past two years and others with whom I have come in contact in a business way during the summer, I find there is a growing demand for rural homes or cottages for men who really want to rest. A place where a man can be away from the hum of a metropolis—where he does not hear the whistle of a train in a busy office. A place where an man can take off his shirt collar, adorn himself with overalls, and a lunch in his pocket, go into the hills where he can be alone

with nature, and nature's God. Not even a telephone to answer or anything to interrupt. Just read, sleep and listen to the plaintive notes of the bob-white, as he calls to his mate and loved ones in the grass. Just such places as these we have to offer. Will we do it?

A large per cent of the women in the towns and cities are tired of parties, socials, entertainments, "Go Go! Go!" They still have enough of the love of the handwork of the Eternal God that they long to leave—for a while at least—the terrible strain of such a life and become a child of the hills again. Will we open our doors to them? If not, why not?

By making a mental survey of the county, I find that there are at least one hundred homes that could take from two to twenty summer visitors and give them royal entertainment. To be sure it will require some extra preparation but this can easily be done.

This is the plan—make a photo of the home, give its location, description, how many it can accommodate, when open, etc. Put these photos and descriptions in an attractive folder as an advertising proposition.

Appoint a corresponding secretary to do the advertising, answering inquiries and placing applicants. The secretary should be one who is familiar with most of the home, roads to the hills where he can be alone

full charge of staging the whole program.

In order to start this enterprise we must call a get-together meeting. Are we interested enough to attend?

It has been suggested that we meet in the court house at Boone, Monday, March 3, 1924. If for any cause it is thought best to change the date, notice will be given through the Watauga Democrat.

Our Chamber of Commerce slogan is "Boost Boone." Let's get them to help us in this new enterprise and if we boost Watauga County we will be boosting Boone.

A town can be no larger than its surroundings make it.

Yours for a greater Watauga. W. L. WINKLER Boone, N. C.

Seek Through Route to West

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the purpose of the local organization to ask for the hard-surfacing of the Boone Trail from Yolkville to this point to connect with the hard surface road to be laid to Winston-Salem.

In Mr. Foley's proposition to the members of the Kiwanis club he said:

"But I wish to spend a few minutes on a proposition of more than local interest and importance and that is one of the objects of Kiwanis to promote things of general rather than of local interest. The object referred to is the developing of the Boone Trail into an A-grade federal highway. It seems to me that we are neglecting an opportunity of developing what might be made one of the most important national highways. This route on which you can go from Wilmington to the Tennessee line in high gear, can, by building a few short sections in east Tennessee be made the shortest and most dependable route from the Chicago or Detroit territory to Jacksonville, Fla. A great deal of the route has already been made hard surface and the other, except the section in Tennessee, graded and top soiled. I have a rough sketch or map which shows the route. You will notice that from Columbia, through Huntington and Bluefield to Bristol, is an almost straight line south. And from Bristol through Boone, North Wilkesboro, Winston-Salem, High Point to Southern Pines and then to Columbia, S. C. is the shortest route, or from North Wilkesboro to Statesville, Charlotte and Columbia, S. C. The route most traveled now is from Columbus, Ohio, to Wheeling, W. Va., Cumberland, Md. to Washington, then south through Richmond, Petersburg and Raleigh to Southern Pines, then south. But

Another route proposed by Asheville and Knoxville is through Cincinnati-Lexington, Ky. to Cumberland Gap, South to Knoxville, then east by Morristown to Asheville, then south by Greenville, S. C. to Augusta, Ga. But this from Cumberland Gap south could come through Boone and over the Boone Trail better than through Knoxville and Asheville.

"It seems that what is needed is to get our district commissioner and also our congressman interested in it. And to arouse this interest it is suggested that we ask Southern Pine High Point, Winston-Salem, Yadkinville, North Wilkesboro, Statesville, Charlotte, Boone and Bristol to furnish one or more cars to go over the route in company with a representative of the American automobile association and the North Carolina Automobile association and make a report and suggestions to the towns interested, and if the automobile association will recommend it, have the route advertised.

"Praise for Journal

"As the Winston-Salem Journal has recently accomplished so much in giving this section the news when it is news and has showed so much interest in the development of this section of the state, we have invited L. J. Hampton to this luncheon and hope his paper will take the lead in putting this route before the public."

Our SACRIFICE SALE

IS NOW ON

AND WILL LAST TILL SATURDAY NIGHT FEBRUARY THE 9TH—10 p. m. THE HUNDREDS OF BARGAINS IN SHOES, CLOTHING AND DRY GOODS WE OFFERED IN OUR DOUBLE PAGE AD. IN THE DEMOCRAT ARE STILL ON SALE.

In addition to these unusual values we Have MANY HUNDREDS OF BARGAINS WHICH WE RECEIVED TOO LATE TO MAKE MENTION OF IN OUR BIG CIRCULAR.

BELOW We are giving you a list of A FEW OF THE ADDITIONAL BARGAINS.

Men's Serge Pants Men's all wool serge and worsted pants, value up to \$6.00, choice only \$3.95

Boy's All Wool Pants Boys' extra high grade all wool pants, sizes 9 to 18, value up to \$3.00. Choice \$1.45

WE STILL HAVE ABOUT 1500 yards of Remnants IN ALL KINDS OF MATERIAL AT VERY CHEAP PRICES. NO ONE CUSTOMER CAN GET MORE THAN ONE PREMIUM.

Men's Unionalls Made of good Khaki, will go at only \$1.95

Elkin Leggings The famous Elkin Leggings, \$5 values, only \$3.45

Heavy Comforts Extra heavy and large comforts 3.50 values, only 2.25 \$2.25

Special for Saturday & Monday

Good Sample Dress Shirts in a variety of good colors, 1.00 to 1.75 values, choice 65c.

A Beautiful Big Doll Free with every purchase of \$25 and More

A Good Guaranteed Watch FREE With Every man's and boys suit of not less than \$15.00

Thousands of Similar Bargains

We reprint the prize coupon this week for the benefit of many of our customers who were unable to take advantage of the offer on account of the severe cold weather.

\$300.00 FREE!

SATURDAY AND MONDAY ONLY 300 certificates good for one dollar each with any purchase of \$5.00 or over. There is no string to this offer, just the same as the cash. Think what this means in addition to the already terrific price-slashing on all merchandise in our store. Cut out the certificate and bring it with you.

Boone, N. C., Jan. 31, 1924 DAVIDSON DEPT. STORE Pay to the order of . . the bearer . . \$1.00 One and no-100 (in mds.) . . . Dollars

J. N. Davidson.

Ladies' Coats Ladies Coats, \$15 values, will be sacrificed at only \$5.95

Men's Overcoats Good Men's Overcoats going at only \$5.95

Don't Fail to take advantage of this Sale. We are absolutely offering better values than ever. Come and See for Yourself.

DAVIDSON DEPT. STORE, Boone, North Caro.