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North Carolina Not Yet Self-Sustaining

Commissioner Graham Has Something to Say About Shipping Food Out of State

Before North Carolina makes any effort to provide for the rest of the world, it should first become, as nearly as possible, a self-supporting commonwealth, in the opinion of William A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture.

Commissioner Graham sees no reason why apples, dairy products and potatoes, as well as chickens and eggs, should be shipped from the middle and western counties in sufficient quantity to supply the eastern demand, before these products are shipped out of the state.

There is no apparent reason, also, why early fruits and vegetables of eastern sections should not be shipped directly to the middle and western counties until the markets there are fully supplied at good prices. After that, any surplus could be sent to the nearest and best market outside the state.

My ambition for the farmers of North Carolina is that a great deal of the mortgaged indebtedness shall be liquidated or, at least, that a well matured plan shall be laid by which liquidation can be brought about at an early date, the commissioner declared.

He pointed out that the state has been producing cotton and tobacco year after year and at the same time, apparently going deeper into debt. He urged placing more emphasis on diversification for a few years, growing at home some of the things purchased abroad for use in running North Carolina farms.

"We are growing a good deal of corn," he says. "Let us grow more corn. Let us more than double our oat crop and multiply our soybean and pea crop by at least two. Then we will have sufficient corn, oats and hay to feed our livestock. This done, let us keep at home some of the potatoes we are shipping north and feed them to ourselves and our labor."

THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM AND ITS FINANCING

North Carolina's highway system and its financing are on a firm and sure basis, according to a statement just given out by W. C. Wilkinson of Charlotte, highway commissioner for the sixth district. The revenues from gasoline and automobile license taxes collected in the current fiscal year will exceed the needs of the state highway commission for maintenance purposes by a million dollars or more, according to his estimate. The revenues for the year will exceed fifteen million dollars. At the present rate, and will reach an aggregate sum hitherto unattained.

During the five years of the highway commission's activities an aggregate of \$147,789.91 has been expended in road construction. This information, said Mr. Wilkinson, comes from records in the office of State Chairman Frank Page, of the state highway commission. Of that total nearly twenty millions has been expended in the sixth or Charlotte district. The largest amount expended in any of the districts of the state was that of the first district embracing the southwestern counties where the topographical difficulties to be overcome were greatest, and the need of highways greatest. The sixth district ranked second in the amount expended in construction.

In the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1929, the state will begin paying off bonds issued for highway construction purposes before the present plan for the payment of more recent issues was adopted, and the funds for that purpose will be taken from gasoline and license tax collections. Mr. Wilkins made this optimistic statement in this connection:

"The present volume of collections assures the highway commission that it will have ample funds for paying off these bonds, for maintaining existing roads and for other specific purposes and still leave some surplus available for new construction."

Mr. Wilkins frankly pointed out that the greater part of the state's road-building activity now has been accomplished, and a period of relative inactivity will continue at least several years. Actually the commission will have much work in progress at all times, said Mr. Wilkinson, in closing his review of the present status and his forecast for the ensuing years.—Greensboro Record.

Colonel Charles Lindbergh, the Lone Eagle, was given a great reception on his visit to Winston-Salem last Friday. The crowd that greeted the transatlantic flier at Hanes park is estimated at 25,000. The flier arrived from Greensboro at 2 o'clock and departed later in the afternoon for Richmond, Va.

Odell Benfield has been confined to his room for the past two weeks with rheumatism.

STORY OF MISS ELDER'S RESCUE

Radio Operator Calls Trans-Atlantic Flier Prettiest and Bravest Girl; Picked Up 360 Miles From the Azores Islands

S. S. Barendrecht, Saturday, Oct. 15, 3.30 a. m.—This is the story of the rescue of Miss Eider and George W. Haldeman at sea by the steamer Barendrecht, as given by the New York Times by the ship's wireless operator:

On Tuesday, the 13th of October, at 7:45 o'clock in the morning, our position being 43.21 north 21.55 west, we sighted the airplane American Girl. When they came over our ship a message was thrown on deck reading:

"How far are we from land and which way?"

We had checked up our position all right and painted on the deck as soon as possible the answer:

"True S 40 W, 360 miles Terceira, Azores."

This was easily understood. The airplane circled some time over our ship while the fliers made their decision. They called to us to stand by, as they were to come alongside our steamer, but these words were not understood.

Then the airplane landed alongside the Barendrecht and the fliers climbed on top of the airplane.

We hurried to their rescue and sent one of our boats, which saved the crew of the airplane by means of lincs. They were then safely landed on board our steamer.

The weather was good and the sea moderate, but there was a rather high swell. The aviators informed us that they were obliged to land alongside as it was impossible to continue even 300 miles further to the Azores on account of their oil pressure dropping to five points.

We next brought the steamer alongside the airplane to take it on board. After we had put everything in order to hoist the airplane on deck suddenly two explosions occurred under the surface of the water. The explosions brought burning benzine on the surface and also set the whole plane on fire.

This obliged us to cut off all the ropes and give up trying to save the airplane.

Afterward we set our course to Horta, the Azores, in order to land both aviators. The Barendrecht arrived at Horta this (Saturday) morning.

Miss Eider, though fatigued, was immediately ready to send telegrams to her folks at home. We all thought her one of the bravest, prettiest and most courageous of girls. A real American girl.

Her companion, George Haldeman, was not in a safety suit. He also was brave and a real man.

Winston-Salem, Oct. 14.—Gilmer, Inc., Winston-Salem's largest department store, was destroyed by fire today with a loss estimated at \$225,000. The flames, discovered about 8 o'clock this morning, were placed under control before noon after they had threatened the heart of the downtown business district. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Sunday School Association will be held in Concord on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 10, 11 and 12. The semi-annual meeting of the executive committee of the organization met in Greensboro last Tuesday and accepted the invitation of Concord to meet in that city.

Salisbury, Oct. 17.—Federal Judge Johnson J. Hayes, holding his first Salisbury court, thinks prohibition is a success and so told the jury at the first session of his court. He presented several arguments in support of his belief and said that if there was a man on the jury who was not in sympathy with the prohibition laws he owed it to society and the government to excuse himself.

Mrs. Walter F. Woodard of Wilson was re-elected president of the North Carolina division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy at the closing session of the annual convention of the organization in Asheville last Friday. Mrs. Alfred Williams of Raleigh was re-elected first vice president; Mrs. J. S. Wellborn of High Point, was chosen second vice president; Mrs. Wm. Peck of Wilmington, third vice president; Mrs. J. E. Woodard of Wilson was re-elected corresponding secretary; Mrs. S. L. Smith of Whiteville, recording secretary; Mrs. Garland Daniel, treasurer and Mrs. H. L. Riggins, registrar.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Gillette, of Blowing Rock, announce the birth of a son at Long's Sanatorium in Statesville last Friday.

MEETING OF RED CROSS CHAPTER MONDAY

The annual meeting of the Watauga chapter of the American Red Cross will be held on Monday evening, October 21, at the Daniel Boone Hotel.

Man R. C. Rivers has issued a far this important meeting and it is hoped that a representative number of citizens will attend.

The purpose of the meeting is to formulate plans for the annual Roll Call, November 11 to 25, during which it is the hope of the officials that at least one hundred members will be secured for the local chapter.

Blowing Rock Has First Snow of Year

Cast of Characters Announced for Musical Comedy: Hotels to Remain Open Durin Winter

Blowing Rock, Oct. 18.—The first snow of the season struck Blowing Rock today and was driven by high wind continuing all day. The snow melted as fast as it hit the ground until nightfall when the temperature began to drop sharply.

Musical Comedy

The complete cast for the farce comedy, "Misery Moon," which will be presented here and at surrounding towns by the Blowing Rock Dramatic Club, has been announced by the director, Joseph Warren of Mount Airy. The comedy will be presented under the auspices of the Blowing Rock Band, which will furnish the music. The date will be some time during the first week in November. The cast is as follows:

Misery Moon, always in hard luck, A. E. Mercer; Gideon Blair, a millionaire, J. B. Hale and hearty, Mr. Weaver; Tom Riddle, a college-sneak, Paul Foster; Hiram Tutt, an aviator, Mr. Castle; Patrick Keller, the genial ticket agent, Spencer Greene; Samantha Slade, a poor old maid, Annie Greene; Rosebud Reese, her charming niece, Miss Webb; Paula Maleck, a bolshevik, Edna Miller; Lulu Pearl, a ragtime girl, Velma Cannon.

The band is also training for a minstrel show which will be presented November 10. Mr. Warren announced.

Resort to Have Winter Hotel

Blowing Rock will not be without a winter hotel this year, in spite of the fact that the Watauga Inn, which was burned last year, has not been rebuilt, for H. C. Martin, manager of the Martin Cottage, announces that the cottage will be open all winter. The Central Hotel will also be open all winter.

VALLE CRUCIS ITEMS

Valle Crucis, Oct. 19.—The Woman's Missionary Society held its first meeting after the summer vacation with good attendance at the home of Mrs. T. H. Taylor, the president, on Saturday.

Mrs. B. C. Leake left Friday to join Mr. Leake in Chicago en route to Manila, sailing from Seattle October 25. They expect to be absent from this country for three years.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Taylor, Mrs. Lora Mast, Mrs. Walter Baird and Joe C. Mast left Saturday morning for a visit to relatives in Lenoir, Concord and other points.

Rev. Thor. L. Trott of Statesville is in the valley holding a series of services at Holy Cross church.

Miss Carrie Gulheim returned Sunday to resume her place on the faculty of the Valle Crucis School for Girls.

We regret to report that Mr. J. L. Tester has had a slight relapse and is not doing quite so well.

The Woman's Auxiliary was entertained by Miss Graves at the school on Monday afternoon.

REVIVAL MEETINGS WILL LIKELY CLOSE FRIDAY

The simultaneous revival services which have been going on at the Baptist and Methodist churches, under the leadership of Revs. Campbell and Parker, respectively, will close Friday evening unless further announcements are forthcoming to the contrary. The large congregations at both churches have been most receptive to the able gospel messages and a considerable number have professed faith. Some of these have already united with the churches. The ministers have made pastoral visits to the Normal school during the meeting.

Statesville Landmark: Rev. Thomas L. Trott left Sunday afternoon for Valle Crucis to conduct a series of services in the Episcopal church there, continuing through Sunday, October 23. Rev. Mr. Trott is the guest of Rev. James Preston Burke, of the Valle Crucis School.

OLD PAPERS HAVE HISTORIC VALUE

County Superintendent Hagaman Unearths School Vouchers of 10 Years Ago; Striking Comparisons With Present Teachers' Salaries

Yesterday morning while ridding his office of an accumulation of old papers which had long since served their day of usefulness, County Superintendent Smith Hagaman found two documents which serve the older citizens to look backward to "happier days" and the younger generation to draw imaginary comparisons between these modern times and the days when their fathers and mothers were young.

Two school vouchers, yellowed by the passing of forty years and bearing the signature of educational leaders of Watauga county were found. They are filled in with the preciseness of the serious of long ago, "ss" being a perfect replica of a Spencerian "p". The blank was printed by the old followers of Gutenberg and Franklin and the ink still looks fresh, furnishing color for the ornaments and index fingers used by the ancient craftsman.

The first is dated January 7, 1884 and authorizes the county to pay to Miss Nannie J. Rivers the huge sum of \$49.00 for her services as instructor in Meat Camp school for a period of two and one-half months. Out of this came the teacher's board, except in cases where she "boarded among the scholars." Miss Rivers is still teaching, her last school being in the Sampson district last fall, since which time she has been at her home in Boone. J. C. Miller, William Profit and Manley Blackburn composed the committee.

The other represents the salary of John S. Johnson for services as teacher for two and three-fifth months, the amount being \$41.60. Hugh Hagaman, father of Superintendent Hagaman, and I. W. Storie are signed as committeemen. Mr. Johnson was educated at the old Valle Crucis School and was one of Superintendent Hagaman's first instructors. He was educated in turn by Mastin Trivett, a young educational leader of those days.

The documents were both approved and countersigned by one John T. Lippard, county superintendent, who came from an educated family and was once postmaster in Boone, the government business being carried on in the old "yellow house," also the quarter of the town's only saloon in the good old days. Another citizen recalls his dancing eyes and quick step and remembers that he laughingly referred to himself as the "postmaster general."

Both the clubs were paid the following April, the cancellation bearing the initials "D. B. D."—Squire Dan Dougherty, the former associate editor of the Watauga Democrat and father of D. D. and B. B. Dougherty, founders of the Appalachian State Normal.

MATNEY MATTERS

Matney, Oct. 18.—Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Baird a son.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cook of Boone, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Matney this week-end.

Miss Laura Candler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Candler, returned home Saturday after a stay of two weeks in Grace Hospital, Banner Elk.

Matney school has improved in attendance and reduced tardies over one-half during the past two weeks.

Mr. R. H. Askew, teacher principal of the Matney school, announces that he will award three gold medals at the end of the session, for the first and second best all-round student, and for the girl or boy who will render the best reading or declamation at the close of the school. Up to this time, 21 have enrolled for the contest.

The revival at the Baptist church here closed Sunday with five additions to the church.

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION FOR MASONS BEGINS OCT. 25

The school of instruction for Masons for this, the 35th district, will begin next Tuesday, October 25th, and continue through Thursday, October 27th.

A review of the secret work, instruction in Masonic education and the interpretation of symbolic and ritualistic work will be given by Dr. W. C. Wicker, educational field secretary of the Grand Lodge.

The lectures will be held in the Masonic lodge over the Boone Hardware store. Each lodge in the district is urged to be well represented in at least one of these meetings. The meeting will be from 7:30 to 10 p. m. on Monday and 2 to 6 and 7:30 to 10 p. m. on Wednesday and Thursday.

Not Afraid of 'Em



MISS ANN WRIGHT

Champion Lady Rat Killer in County

Miss Ann Wright Here to Wage War On Rodents; Barium Carbonate Is Her Weapon

"I entered the war against rats for a good time, and I am having it," declared Miss Ann Wright upon her arrival in Boone Monday, preliminary to starting a campaign against the rodents which is expected to reach every section of Watauga county. Miss Wright claims to be one of the two lady rat killers in the world, while the leap from the chair to the floor and the subsequent chase of the rodent is a figurative manner of speech for most women, Miss Wright has made the leap. She admitted, however, that if one of the tiniest of the species should enter her boudoir late some evening, the next move might not add to her prowess as a killer.

From Maine to California and from Alaska to Florida she has fought her fight on the genus mus. She has carried it even to Hawaii where she has caused stricken rodents to do the dance of death on the beach of Waikiki. Barium carbonate which can be purchased locally at either drug store as well as at the hardware stores is the weapon with which the smiling young lady wages her battle. The drug is recommended by the United States public health service under whose endorsement Miss Wright works. Every store, restaurant and business house will be visited during the campaign.

STUDENTS AT NORMAL FROM WIDELY DIVERGENT POINTS

A report coming from the Normal indicates that 58 counties of the state are represented in the enrollment at the Appalachian Normal this fall. Watauga heads the list with 29 students, followed closely by Iredell with 27, Yadkin 21 and Union 19. Others represented, and the number of teachers from each are as follows:

Alabama, 3; Alexander, 6; Alleghany, 4; Anson, 10; Ashe, 10; Avery, 8; Bertie, 3; Bladen, 9; Brunswick, 3; Buncombe, 1; Burke, 9; Cabarrus, 2; Caldwell, 12; Camden, 1; Caswell, 1; Caraway, 14; Chatham, 1; Cherokee, 2; Cleveland, 4; Columbus, 2; Davidson, 7; Forsyth, 2; Franklin, 1; Gaston, 14; Gates, 2; Greenville, 1; Guilford, 3; Harnett, 1; Hyde, 1; Jackson, 1; Johnston, 2; Lincoln, 18; Madison, 1; McDowell, 7; Mecklenburg, 6; Mitchell, 2; Nash, 1; Onslow, 1; Orange, 1; Person, 1; Richmond, 2; Robeson, 3; Rockingham, 2; Rowan, 3; Rutherford, 12; Scotland, 1; Stanley, 3; Surry, 5; Wake, 2; Wayne, 2; Wilkes, 13; Yancey, 2.

Other states included are: Alabama, 1; South Carolina, 9; Tennessee, 4; Virginia, 3; Maryland, 1. These students come from 12 different counties.

KRAUT FACTORY NOW IN FULL OPERATION

Up to Wednesday morning, seventy-five tons of cabbage had been delivered to the Watauga Kraut Factory, sixty tons of which had been cut and placed in the tanks.

According to Mr. H. Neal Blair, manager of the plant, the tankage capacity of the plant is 240 tons, and Mr. Blair is of the opinion that sufficient cabbage will not be received to fill all of them, owing to the fact that the crop is late and quite a large amount having been shipped out of the county.

Mr. Blair said this morning that he would buy all the cabbage he could get the balance of this week and the first of next, or as long as a sufficient supply could be had to keep the factory in operation. The price being paid for cabbage at the factory is 75 cents per hundred.

POWER SITUATION AROUSES CITIZENS

Realization that Normal Plant Can No Longer Meet Demands of the Town, Makes It Imperative That Something Be Done to Relieve Situation

BRISTOL COMPANY INTERESTED

Extension of Line From Newland to Boone Seems Plausible Solution

The appalling shortage of power for motor driven industries, during the past few weeks as well as the occasional curtailment of electricity for lighting purposes, has aroused some of the citizens of the town to the fact that the Normal plant will not be able to indefinitely supply Watauga's metropolis with this commodity. Accordingly, members of the Civitan Club have become interested and almost unanimously the Bristol Gas and Electric Company realizes the threatened dilemma. That corporation is now engaged in building a 44,000-volt line to Butler, Tenn., and plans are under way for an extension of that line to Elk Park and Newland.

In reply to a letter of inquiry from Mr. W. H. Gragg, of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, and the Civitan Club, Mr. Chas. E. Ide, general manager of the Tennessee corporation, says he can see no reason why some scheme cannot be worked out whereby operation can be extended as to include Boone. Mr. Ide will visit Boone within the next few weeks and go into the details of the scheme with a committee for the purpose from the Civitan Club, composed of Messrs. H. W. Horton, W. H. Gragg and A. E. South.

Should Mr. Ide make a satisfactory report to his company arrangements would no doubt be made at an early date for the transmitting of electric current in unlimited quantities to local consumers. He thinks it can be done and the local sponsors of the move are elated with the prospects. While the ability of the Bristol Gas and Electric Company to furnish power is almost limitless, it is further pointed out that should its operations be extended, local rates will be materially reduced.

WOULD PERPETUATE NAME OF HOWARD COUNCIL

Hickory Daily Record: With Lindbergh preaching the importance of municipal air ports, and with common sense pointing upon us the necessity of providing some place for commercial aviation, it is high time that Catawba county, or several counties, give a thought to providing this community with a landing field. It will be but a few short years until the section of country not having adequate landing fields will be as backward as sections not having good roads.

And in connection with an air port, Hickory should be of one thought as to its name: the Howard Council Landing Field. Not only would it keep alive the memory of a young man who gave his life to aviation, but it would do honor in a sweet way to one of the finest citizens a community ever had—Judge W. B. Council. A father's keenest delight is when a son is honored. It has ever been that way. Therefore, in perpetuating the name of Howard Council, we would be paying a fitting tribute to a noble father—a regular Roman. The time is at hand.

FALL AND SINCLAIR GO ON TRIAL IN WASHINGTON

With the weight of a supreme court decision standing against them, Albert B. Fall and Harry F. Sinclair went on trial in the District of Columbia supreme court Monday on charges of criminal conspiracy growing out of the famous Teapot Dome naval oil lease.

Although the present proceedings constitute only the criminal phase of the long drawn out fight of the government to cancel the oil leases manipulated by Fall as secretary of the interior, the supreme court a week ago in canceling the Teapot Dome transaction expressed the opinion that the two defendants had conspired together. That opinion, however, was rendered in the civil suit and did not relate directly to the indictments under which Fall and Sinclair are being tried.

A jury of nine men and three women, will decide as to whether the two men shall go free or be imprisoned up to two years.

Not So Clever

Fond Mother: "Do you detect any signs of genius in my son?"
Art Instructor: "Madam, I am not a detective."

Attitude Counts

Teacher: "What is the best way to preserve peaches?"
Kid: "Keep them on a high shelf."