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A pedestrian is a man whose wife he goes with the car.

It seems that most every tooth in the neighborhood has a "good fillin'."

It took more than five years to prove to the nation how wrong was that Henry Staphin has to "Teaser" come.

Rev. W. A. Stantbury of Raleigh who almost always preaches on the "treasoning" sermon, expressed the opinion from his pulpit Sunday that Al Smith, if elected president, would not be allowed to prohibit. Upon which Stantbury said: "Greenboro News puts this question: Would Dr. Stantbury object to prohibiting us to whether he thinks Al would not find a secretary of the treasury who would give us as much reinforcement as Mr. Mellon?"

AIDING GOV. SMITH

Taking note of a religious association that went on record in opposition to the nomination of Alfred Emanuel Smith for president, it is remarkable that the association have no business combination or opposing any man for national office, and the same paper further declares that "if this thing becomes general in our religious bodies Al Smith will sweep the state." By the same token not a few people representing organizations are talking for Governor Al in North Carolina while they think they are talking against him.—Clark in Greensboro News.

A VANISHING INSTITUTION

Ten or 15 years ago, many of the counties in this state joined in movement to remove from themselves the reproach of maintaining "poor houses" as institutions of the kind had been known. The poor house was eliminated by substitution of the name "county home." And now the county home is on the disappearing list, because maintenance of institutions of the kind has become unprofitable in some of the counties. There are so few charges to care for that it is cheaper to board them out than to keep them in a home. Two years ago the mountain county of Ashe put its county home and lands on the market, because there was no body in that county to inhabit the same. Other counties have found the maintenance of a diminished number of charges burdensome, and McDowell, one of the more prosperous counties in the mountain districts, has solved the problem by negotiating with the commissioners of Rutherford county for the bed and board of the few "paupers" left in McDowell. The "poor house" is an institution of the past in flourishing North Carolina. The county home is an institution that is going along with its vanishing name-sake.—Charlotte Observer.

WHY OLD ORCHARD?

While the Sikorsky (sounds Russian) plane, "The Dawn," has been trying to get away from Old Orchard, Me., is as good a time as any to ask, Why Old Orchard? Confession is made that the name has interested for a long time and the hope of some time stumbling on the explanation of its origin is so far unrealized. Old Orchard is on the Maine coast, in the southwest corner of the state. While Maine grows apples, although not extensively, we are not accustomed to connect an apple orchard, or other orchards, with the seacoast.

Names are sometimes misleading. We used to hear of the Old Fields of Toe, in our mountain country. If memory serves this locality was formerly in Mitchell, now Avery county, and is the site of the county seat of Avery—Newland. Old Fields of Toe suggested the tow which comes from flax; and fields suggested that tow was once produced in our mountain section. But this Toe is an abbreviation of Estatoe, Indian name, and the Old Fields of Toe had its origin in Indian legend. This of course the book people know, but the name was misleading to the average reader.

Enlightenment as to the origin of the name of that Main coast town will be appreciated.—R. R. Clark in Greensboro News.

They're Like That

Arthur: Give me a kiss, will you? Martha: Mercy me! So you, too, are like all the rest of the men? Arthur: Yes Martha: Thank goodness!

LOCAL AFFAIRS

Good fires and overcoats are again in vogue in Watauga.

Mrs. M. C. Critcher is spending a few days with her son, L. L. Critcher, in East Boone.

Mrs. C. A. Vancannon of Butler, Tenn., is a guest at the home of Mr. L. L. Critcher for a few days.

Prof. J. A. Williams, of the Normal faculty, made a business trip to Charlotte Saturday, returning Monday.

Don't fail to attend the Red Cross meeting at the Daniel Boone hotel next Monday evening at 7 o'clock. Your presence is needed.

Mr. George A. Greene of Glad Springs, Va., salesman for the Reynolds Tobacco Company, visited relatives and friends in the county last week.

Mrs. George Walters of Fascoe passed through Boone Monday en route to Lenoir where she will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. T. C. Robbins.

Mr. James Council, engineer of the state highway commission, located in Madison county, was a recent visitor at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Council.

After an absence from the county for ten years, Mrs. Dora Anderson and her daughter, Audrey, of Berlin, Maryland, are visiting at the home of Mr. Frank Brown on Meat Camp.

Mr. Howard Grace, who for the past four years has held a responsible position in Columbus, Ohio, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Grace. He is accompanied by his friend, Mr. Bond, the trip being made by motor.

Mr. Rabinowitz has accepted a position with Harris, Wright & Co., of Charlotte and has been sent to Lancaster, S. C., to install the electric lighting system in the Lancaster Cotton Mills. This work will require about two months.

Mrs. Hardin, widow of the late Mr. George W. Hardin of Johnson City, Tenn., left for her home early last week after a visit of several days to relatives in and around Boone. A number of dinners and luncheons were given in her honor during her stay here.

Mr. Minnie Hanger of Blowing Rock contracted blood poisoning from a slight scratch on one of his hands. His condition became so grave that he was brought to Boone where he was under the care of Dr. J. M. Hodges for two days. He is now recovering sufficiently as to be out of danger, the local physician says.

Mr. S. F. Moody of Vilsb sends The Democrat two exceptionally large stock bees, which have elicited a good deal of interest from visitors to the shop. Mr. Moody raised 9,275 pounds of this feed on a fraction more than a twelfth of an acre of land. Mr. Loran Tavett, former county surveyor, having computed the acreage.

Mr. George Hayes of Route 2, transacted business at The Democrat office Monday. Incidental to his visit was his presentation of a blood-red Danish cabbage head, solid as a rock and just like its fellows of the patch with the exception of its gaudy color.

Chief of Police Garland reports the arrest of two persons Saturday night for disorderly conduct, while three arrests were made Sunday for speeding. Chief Garland has to make arrests sometimes, although he has secured mighty good results from talking to the boys and pointing out the "straight and narrow."

A three-in-one Irish potato, brought in by Mr. Dallas Edmisten, of Beech Creek, is our latest vegetable freak. Each potato of the cluster of three, is perfectly formed, size and smooth, and united at the smaller ends, forming almost a perfect oak-leaf shape. It is indeed a curiosity in the "spud" family.

District Attorney Frank A. Linney was one of the principal speakers before a gathering of three thousand tobacco farmers in Winston-Salem last Saturday. The gathering was for the purpose of protesting against the low price being paid for tobacco on the Twin-City market.

Mr. W. L. Bryan, one of the county's most elderly citizens, has been a right good attendant upon the revival services being held at the Baptist church. Despite the weight of ninety years, he is able to walk to and from church, the trips there and back representing a distance of half a mile. His health continues good.

Watauga county had a variety of winter weather Tuesday—rain, snow and high winds. The snow was heavy enough to have made the ground solidly white but it melted as fast as it fell. However, Wednesday morning the mountains were very nicely covered with a mantle of snow, but as this is written it has

almost entirely disappeared. The wind storm is still on, and the trees, many of them, have been stripped of their foliage.

Dr. J. M. Hodges said Saturday that he was getting things lined up for his annual bear hunt. He expects to go to Black Mountain for the chase, but if Mr. Bruin is not to be found there, he will likely go to the Great Smoky Mountains. Bear hunting with the doctor is an annual event which he looks forward to with a great deal of pleasure.

Mrs. Naomi Hardin, widow of Jordan Hardin, arrived in Boone Sunday from the state of Washington, where she has lived since the death of her husband several years ago. She will spend sometime with relatives here. Mr. Hardin was a son of Mr. Henry W. Hardin, a brother of Messrs. John F. and H. Joe Hardin of Boone. Mrs. Hardin was formerly a teacher. Miss Naomi Kinzinger of Johnson City, Tenn.

On last Monday, the near relatives of the late lamented Hon. E. Spencer Blackburn, had erected at his grave at old Howwell church, of which he was a member, a very handsome monument to his memory. Mr. Blackburn was born and reared almost under the shadow of Elk Knob, represented his county in both branches of the general assembly and was twice elected to congress from the eighth district. He was married in Washington, where his wife and two daughters still reside.

By proving as alibi, John W. Hodges, Jr., was exonerated of all blame in connection with an auto mobile accident some two weeks ago in which a Riner boy was slightly injured by a car damaged considerably. The case was heard before Justice of the Peace Lee Stout in the courthouse last Thursday afternoon. At the hearing it was testified that another car exactly like the Hodges car was seen in the vicinity immediately before the accident. The driver of the car could not be identified, the case was dismissed.

Little Lewis, two-year-old son of the late Mrs. Mollie Teague, who recently died in the insane asylum at Morganton, was through the efforts of the county welfare officers, Mr. and Mrs. Cal. Hodges, of the Blowing Rock section. The Hodges have a good home, no children, and little Lewis, says Mrs. Haganam, is well fixed. The next older boy is in the Methodist orphanage at Winston-Salem, while Maude, a grown daughter, is with relatives in Tennessee. Two grown sons are still in Boone.

More than the usual interest is being taken by the students of the sixth grade of the Boone public school in the essay writing contest for the Hartford gold medal. Miss Sarah E. Bagley, teacher, reports that some of the homes in Boone should be far less likely to be destroyed by fire because of the practical efforts being made by the contestants. They are applying the safeguards suggested by a booklet, "Hints for Household—A Booklet of Fire Prevention Suggestions," given out by Mr. Gordon H. Winkler, local representative of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, the donor of the medal that will be awarded to the winner of the essay contest. The medal is on display at the office of the Boone Insurance & Realty Company.

COTTON MILL FOR NEWLAND?

Avery County Advocate: Last Saturday there was to have been a meeting of the local people with a number of men from Gastonia and Charlotte regarding the cotton mill situation here, but the heavy rain put the roads in such shape down below the mountains that most of the visitors failed to get through, though there were several here and an interesting conference was held. The proposition is being strongly pushed by a committee of local men and today, the men from Gastonia are expected to be present again and some final understanding reached. Things look very favorable for the enterprise if our people will awake to its possibilities and it is to be hoped that it will be successfully worked out.

NORMAL NOTES

The students and faculty of the Normal, together with the employees, were given a half holiday Tuesday afternoon. Groups of students, each group accompanied by a member of the faculty, visited points of interest in the vicinity of the town. Chestnut hunting was one of the incentives of the trip, many enjoying the outing in the woods of the nearby hills.

Revs. R. C. Campbell of Hickory and R. J. Parker of Memphis, evangelists, who are assisting respectively at the Baptist and Methodist churches, during the religious campaign now being made here, together with the local pastors, have been making splendid talks to the students at the Normal. Prof. and Mrs. Greer went to Gastonia Thursday, where they rendered, by special invitation, a program of ballads and folk songs at a Commercial Club social in that city.

FOR SALE—About forty (40) fat hens. See R. C. Rivers, Democrat Office.

And That's That

By Albert T. Reid



It may be interesting to friends of the college to know that 35 are leaving at the close of the present term, 20 of these as graduates and the others to teach for a short while before returning to college. This 150 per cent more than have graduated at this time of the year before.

The young men of the Normal are developing an active football club. Prof. G. P. Emery is coaching the young men and in practice there is every evidence that the Normal will soon have a capable team.

Dr. and Mrs. D. R. Perkins of Marshallville, spent the week-end with their son, Bascom Perkins, who is a student at the Normal.

RED CROSS AIDED MILLION SUFFERERS LAST YEAR. Nearly a million persons, victims of 98 disasters, have received assistance from the American Red Cross during the organization's last fiscal year.

Throughout the civilized world, and especially in this country, floods raging over thousands of miles, fires destroying whole villages, tornadoes and hurricanes sweeping over entire states, and death-dealing explosions, combined to make the year one of unprecedented calamities.

Figures taken from the organization's annual report show that more persons have required assistance from the Red Cross this year than in any like period in the history of the country. While the great Mississippi flood was largely responsible for this, the Red Cross was called on to give assistance following 76 other disasters in this country, in addition to 21 foreign catastrophes.

Tornadoes lead the list of American disasters for the last year with 28, and floods run a close second with 21. Next on the list are fires, which ravaged parts of eleven communities. The other disasters were miscellaneous catastrophes, such as hurricanes, mine explosions, hail storms, railroad wrecks and disease epidemics.

Two outstanding disasters of the year in which the American Red Cross gave aid were the Florida hurricane of September, 1926, and the Mississippi Valley flood of this year. In Florida the organization expended nearly \$4,500,000 for the relief of approximately 40,000 sufferers, carrying on a relief and reconstruction program over a period of five months.

During the emergency relief work in the flooded Mississippi valley, more than 600,000 persons were aided by the organization in the eight effected states: Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Mississippi and Louisiana. A relief fund of approximately \$17,000,000 is being administered by the Red Cross, of which more than \$12,000,000 had been expended or committed at the close of the organization's fiscal year. An extensive reconstruction program is still under way there, and up to that time more than 90,000 families had been given rehabilitation assistance.

Only one disaster occurred in North Carolina of sufficient magnitude to require Red Cross assistance. That was a fire at Lenoir in November, 1926, which destroyed three

MORE CABBAGE WANTED at Watauga Kraft Factory during remainder of this week and first days of next week. Price 75c for nice price, well trimmed and not frozen cabbage. H. NEAL BLAIR.

buildings, resulted in the loss of one life and injured nine persons. The Red Cross went into action immediately after the fire, and gave assistance to those needing help. From November 11 to 25th, the people of Watauga county will be

given an opportunity to have a part in the great work carried on by this organization, when the annual roll call will be held, during which time it is hoped that at least one hundred members will be secured for the Watauga chapter.

Pastime Theater THE PLACE OF GOOD SHOWS

Friday-Saturday, Oct. 21-22— Rex, the Wild and Wonder Horse —IN— "The Devil Horse" Monday, October 24— Bob Steele —IN— "Mojave Kid" Also Musical Concert With Hawaiian Trio Tuesday, October 25— Hoot Gibson —IN— "The Silent Rider" Wednesday, October 26— Norma Shearer —IN— "After Midnight"

Thursday October 27— Mildred Davis and Lloyd Hughes —IN— "Too Many Crooks" EXTRA SPECIAL MONDAY NIGHT ONLY Haliolo's Hawaiian Trio in person. They sing, play and dance. Haliolo's Hawaiians will entertain you in their native costumes with native instruments, native songs and dancing. You will be entertained just the same as the American tourists are entertained on the famous Beach at Waikiki. As Pastime Theater Monday Night Only, October 24. Also moving picture, Bob Steele in "The Mojave Kid." Admission for this night will be: Children 20c, adults 35c.

Advertisement for Fire Prevention Essay Contest. Features a large question mark, text asking 'HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE PRIZE FIRE PREVENTION ESSAY CONTEST?', and details about the contest, judges, and prizes. Includes Boone Insurance & Realty Co. Inc. logo and contact information for Gordon H. Winkler.