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## Today and Tomorrow

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### Food

Long Island ships dressed ducks to California. California sends turkeys to New York. Florida ships trainloads of celery to the North and Jacksonville stores sell California celery. New Jersey raises strawberries, onions, cabbages, but Jersey suburban housewives buy them from growers who in turn buy them from New York City wholesalers.

The Federal Farm Board should find ways to eliminate these round-about methods of food distribution, with their expensive freight charges and profits to half a dozen middlemen. The food supplies of big cities will some day be grown in regions adjacent to the cities. It will be cheaper to grow winter vegetables under quartz glass in electrically-heated hothouses than to haul them across a continent.

### Buliding

The last stand of the hand-worker against the machine is in the building trades. Building costs are excessive all over the country and are still mounting. Wages go up without corresponding increase in productivity. In the mechanized industries higher wages reflect higher production.

It is perfectly possible to erect houses of any size out of standardized, machine-produced elements, which any unskilled workman can put together under competent direction. Plastering is unnecessary; many wallboards on the market are better and more economical. Painting can be done more efficiently and cheaply by spraying.

Some day some group of capitalists will finance a building project which will utilize mechanical processes as the automobile industry does. Then homes will be so cheap that every family can own one exactly fitted to its needs.

### Marconi

Thirty years ago a young man with an inquiring mind succeeded in sending a signal across the Atlantic without wires. That was the beginning of radio. Everybody knows some of the things that radio has accomplished since then, but there is more to come.

Marconi looks for the transmission of power by radio before very long. Television—seeing at a distance—is just around the corner, already here in the laboratory. A photograph sent across the ocean by radio the other day enabled the London police to catch an American crook. Short radio waves raise the body temperature, so that we may yet keep warm in winter by having radio terminals on opposite sides of each room.

### Land

Chicago is building a new skyscraper on land which was bought for \$5,000,000 an acre. One family owned this land for ninety-two years. It cost that family \$2.50 an acre in 1837. The present value is just two million times that, which is not a bad profit, even if one's heirs have to wait a hundred years for it.

More fortunes have been made in America by buying land and hanging on to it than in any other way. The biggest gains are in the biggest cities, but who knows where population will center a century hence? Except for occasional speculative and boom nobody has ever lost money by buying land anywhere in the United States, if he held it long enough.

Somebody, some day, will write a history of the United States in terms of real estate. This country was settled by landless men who wanted to own a piece of ground and couldn't do that in Europe.

### Thinking

If you want to get your pay raised, think. A big automobile factory needed more space. A young engineer climber a girder and looked over the machinery floor. He thought for half an hour, then showed his boss how overhead carriers could displace the trucks which carried parts to and from the machines. The space saved in aisles and passageways provided room for additional machines, to house which the company had contemplated spending a million. The salary in the young engineer got represented on a fifth of that.

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## CIVITANS PREPARE FOR THE NEW YEAR

Will Wage Fight for New Manufacturing Plants for Boone and Support Farm Interests. Hold Meeting Tonight at Valle Crucis.

The Boone Civitan Club held its regular weekly luncheon meeting at the Daniel Boone Hotel last Thursday noon, with President G. P. Hagaman presiding. After routine matters of business were brought before the body, two major objectives of the club for the New Year were discussed.

An effort will be made by Civitan during 1930 to locate one or more small manufacturing plants in Boone, which will take care of surplus labor and offer a market for raw products of field and forest. The second objective of the club will be to offer assistance to the farming and stock-raising interests of the county, and to do everything in its power to stimulate interest in purebred cattle, truck farming, dairying and poultry raising.

Short talks were made on these subjects by President Hagaman, R. D. Hodges, Cliff McConnell, L. L. Bingham, A. V. Howell and others, each member pledging his support to these worthwhile tasks.

Through the courtesy of Dr. L. F. Kent, the membership of Civitan Club will motor to Valle Crucis tonight, where it will hold its monthly business meeting and enjoy a o'clock dinner at the Industrial School. Rev. Mr. Kent, who is a gifted speaker, will probably address the gathering.

## Miss Mattie Curtis Dies in Tennessee

Miss Mattie Curtis, 81, died suddenly at the home of her sister, Mrs. F. B. Curtis, at Butler, Tenn., last Thursday, and funeral services were held from the Curtis home Friday afternoon.

Miss Curtis was in good health until a few months ago and was a remarkable character for her age. She possessed a fine disposition and will be greatly missed in her community, where she has made her home for many years. She was the last member of an old and distinguished family, her brother having died about six months ago. Miss Curtis was well known and loved in Boone and surrounding territory, where in former years she had spent a good deal of time visiting with her nephew, the late E. S. Coffey.

Surviving are the following nieces and nephews: Mrs. David R. Shearer, Johnson City, Tenn.; Mrs. Wade Smythe, Mountain City, Tenn.; Mrs. Nobek, Miss Selma Curtis, William Finley and Fred Curtis, all of Butler, Tenn.

## Library Is Proposed as Memorial to Dougherty

A committee appointed by the adult Sunday School class of the Boone Baptist Church recently for the purpose of considering a fitting memorial for the late Professor D. D. Dougherty, a former teacher of that class, has recommended that a library be established as a tribute to his work in the church. The resolution, which is printed below, proposes that works relative to missions be procured and that the literature be used to spread knowledge of this branch of church activity throughout the association.

Whereas, our beloved teacher, professor D. D. Dougherty, has been called to his reward, and in view of the fact that he was a great lover and giver of books and that he possessed a deep interest in missions and also in our country churches, we your committee, appointed to consider a fitting tribute to his memory, recommend the following:

1. That this Sunday School class present to the association at its next quarterly meeting the nucleus for a library.

2. That the books composing this library center around the work of missions.

3. That the library be used to stimulate the study of missions in the churches of this association.

4. That this library be located in this classroom in the Boone Baptist Church.

5. That the books be handled and distributed under the direction of the associational mission study leader and a librarian appointed by the class.

6. That this library be known as the D. D. Dougherty Memorial Library.

MRS. J. M. MORETZ,  
MRS. E. S. COFFEY,  
MRS. I. G. GREER,  
Committee.

More than two hundred farm men and women of Pitt County attended the recent live at home banquet held at Greenville.

## FIRST SHIPMENT OF PURE-BRED SIRES BROUGHT TO COUNTY



Photograph shows group of thoroughbred Hereford bulls which were distributed over the county last week in line with the movement started by the Watauga Livestock Association to eliminate the scrub sire from the herds of the county. The bulls were purchased by a local committee in Southwest Virginia and have been distributed to eleven farmers in different parts of the county. Organization plans call for the purchase of another shipment soon, and it is expected that the movement will soon result in the ownership of a registered bull in every community in the county.

## Page Diogenes

Last week a man walked into the Carolina Store, hard by The Democrat office, and tendered to Manager Gragg a dime, which he said he owed the firm as a result of the theft of an apple and a banana, several months ago. He averred that the secret transaction had caused him considerable worry of late, and said that since he had joined the church recently, he was making a round straightening up certain unfinished business in order that his religious affiliations might not appear hypocritical to himself. Furthermore, he offered the groceryman an additional payment as interest on the thin coin.

## A. S. T. C. Opens Basket Ball Schedule Tonight

The Appalachian State College Mountaineers will open their home basket ball schedule tonight at the College Gym, with Johnson Bible College of Tennessee offering the opposition.

The Mountaineers are fast rounding into shape and should be able to give a good account of themselves in the encounter with the Tennessee team. In the first game of the season, with the same opponents, the game proved a thriller in that the score was in doubt until the final whistle. The Mountaineers eked out a victory by the margin of two points. The game was played on the Johnson Bible College floor, and the Mountaineers were greeted with fast moving opposition, in fact, victory was the gift from the horn of dear old Lady Luck. Both teams scored the same number of baskets from the field, but the Mountaineers managed to "hoop" two foul markers for the counting points to win.

Tonight's game is due to be called at 8 o'clock. The probable line-up for the game follows:

Johnson Bible College—Schnedler or Mill, right forward; Wrigley, left forward; Saunders, center; Bennett, right guard; MacDonald, left guard.

Appalachian State—Hinson or Carpenter, left forward; Livingston or K. Hinson, right forward; Canipe or Walker, center; Fulkerson or McKinney, right guard; Pyatte or O'Hare, left guard. Reserves—Fortner, Waters, Davenport, Dabbs, Williams, Poplin.

## MRS. JANE BENFIELD DEAD

Mrs. Jane Shore Benfield passed away at her home at Blowing Rock last Thursday at the age of 62 years. Funeral services were conducted Friday morning from the Blowing Rock Baptist Church by the pastor, Rev. P. A. Hicks, following which interment was made in the Reform Cemetery at that place. Surviving are nine children, fifteen grandchildren, five brothers and two sisters.

Mrs. Benfield was the widow of the late John Benfield. She joined the Brushy Fork Baptist Church when a girl and was one of the charter members of the Blowing Rock Church.

H. Etheridge, of Clay County, cleared over \$300 above his feed bill in November from a flock of 600 white Leghorn hens.

## Normal College Students Come From Many States

Data Compiled by Registrar Shows That Thirty-three Students of A. S. T. C. Come From Distant Points. Practically All Sections of United States Represented in Enrolment. Watauga Has 85 Students; Ashe Follows With 49. Spring Term Opens on February 25th.

Professor J. M. Downum, registrar at Appalachian State Teachers College, sends to The Democrat a most interesting group of statistics relative to the student body of that institution. The many friends of the College in the various sections of this and other states will undoubtedly be interested in the facts embodied in this article:

North Carolina Counties		Tyrell	
Alamance	8	Union	19
Alexander	5	Wake	1
Alleghany	18	Watauga	85
Anson	9	Wayne	2
Ashe	49	Wilkes	28
Avery	11	Yadkin	22
Beattie	2	Yancey	9
Bladen	9		
Burke	12		
Cabarrus	2	Colorado	1
Caldwell	22	Otero	1
Cartaret	2	Florida	1
Caswell	1	Dade	1
Catawba	12	Georgia	1
Chatham	5	Whitfield	1
Cherokee	2	Illinois	1
Cleveland	16	Cass	1
Cumberland	3	Cheyenne	1
Currituck	1	Clark	1
Davidson	9	Decatur	1
Duplin	2	Maryland	1
Edgecomb	2	Baltimore	1
Forsyth	3	New York	1
Gaston	15	Onandaga	1
Gates	1	St. Lawrence	1
Granville	1	South Carolina	1
Guilford	5	Anderson	1
Harnett	1	Chesterfield	1
Henderson	1	Dillon	1
Hoke	1	Lancaster	3
Iredell	19	Lee	1
Lee	3	Marion	1
Lincoln	37	York	3
Madison	3	Tennessee	1
McDowell	6	Johnson	5
Mecklenburg	13	McMinn	1
Mitchell	7	Virginia	1
Moore	2	Carroll	1
Nash	4	Grayson	1
Pender	1	Patrick	2
Person	1	Pitts	1
Randolph	1	West Virginia	1
Richmond	1	Kanawha	1
Robeson	10		
Rowan	5		
Rutherford	9		
Sampson	1		
Stanly	6		
Stokes	3		
Surry	3		
Transylvania	1		

  

Other States	
Number Counties	24
Number Students	33
In N. C. Number Counties	59
Total Counties	83
Number Students	541

  

OTHER FACTS ABOUT THE STUDENT BODY	
Number students within 50 miles of the College	187
Number students beyond 50 miles of the College	355
Number students beyond 50 miles of the College in other States	33
Number male students enrolled in College to date	173
Number female students enrolled in College to date	402
Number students in Freshman Class	301
Number students in Sophomore Class	218
Number students in Junior Class	43
Number students in Senior Class	13
Total number students enrolled for Winter Term to date	575
Increase over last year's enrolment for Winter Term to Date	90
Number counties east of Guilford (Central Co.) represented	24
Number students from east of Guilford County	69
Number states represented by the student body	11
Average radial distance of students from College, in miles	175

The Spring Term of Appalachian State Teachers College opens on February 25th. Expenses for the twelve weeks is about \$55. Many new students will enter at that time, and executives of the college are anxious to be as helpful as possible to all those who contemplate registering for the Spring Term.

## BROTHER OF MRS. BOYD IS KILLED

J. Albert Kirby, President of Smiths Grove (Ky.) Bank, Fatally Shot In Gun Battle With Desperadoes. Posse Hunts for Murderers.

Donald J. Boyden, Blowing Rock hotelist, who spends the winter months in Knoxville, Tenn., sends The Democrat a detailed account of a bank robbery and battle with bandits, in which J. Robert Kirby, a brother of Mrs. Boyden, was killed. The tragedy took place near Oakland, Ky., on December 26. Mr. Kirby was president of the Farmers Bank of Smith Grove, Ky., and was fatally shot when he and other citizens of that town attempted to apprehend robbers of the Oakland, Ky., Bank. The story, in part, follows:

Three masked bandits, driving a large sedan, on the morning of December 27th held up and robbed the Oakland Bank of approximately \$1,000 in gold, silver and currency after terrorizing the cashier, assistant cashier and ten customers in the bank, herding them into the directors' room. Then they fled, after a momentary street battle with officers and citizens, to Smiths Grove, where they killed J. Robert Kirby, 45 years old, president of the Farmers Bank there, when he and several other attempted to stop them.

The cashier of the Oakland Bank telephoned Mr. Kirby as soon as the robbers had left and asked him to get help and stop the bandits. Mr. Kirby got four or five men around his bank to join him and with shotguns they started out. Just on the western edge of Smiths Grove, Mr. Kirby's party met the bandits, who opened fire on them and sped by, several shots being fired by each side.

The posse followed the fleeing bandits on through Smiths Grove and about two miles out the bandit car suddenly wheeled around and faced the Kirby party. In a short battle three Mr. Kirby was hit by a bullet in the abdomen and instantly killed. Meanwhile, a second pursuing party of nearly 100 men came upon the Kirby car. Stopping a moment, the second group went on in pursuit, while the car in which Mr. Kirby had been riding was turned back to take his body to town.

Three miles further the new posse found the bandit car abandoned, and then the pursuers divided into small groups, all armed with shotguns and rifles, and started out over the hills. A second member of the Kirby party was wounded by a shot in the foot. He was Charles Beard, 20, who operates a filling station at Smiths Grove. It was believed the bandits had decided also to rob the Smiths Grove bank, but failed to do so when the Oakland robbery turned out as it did. The robbery in Oakland was carried on in a most dramatic fashion, the whole time consumed in the theft being only about five minutes. SAVED OFF SHOTGUNS AND A MACHINE GUN were the weapons employed by the bandits in the daring daylight hold-up.

So far as can be learned, no arrests have yet been made.

## GRISSOM ANNOUNCES HIMSELF A CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

On the platform of "cheaper government," Gilliam Grissom, United States collector of internal revenue for North Carolina, will seek the Republican nomination for Governor in 1932, he announced in Raleigh Tuesday.

Mr. Grissom is the first Republican to announce for the office and his statement has temporarily shifted political interest in the State from the 1930 United States Senatorial race to the gubernatorial election.

The Young People's Democratic organization of the State has recognized five Democrats as "possible candidates for Governor," and issued them invitations to a Democratic dinner to be held in Raleigh this spring. They are Attorney-General Dennis C. Brummitt, Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain, Albert L. Cox, of Raleigh; J. C. B. Ehringhaus, of Elizabeth City, and Judge T. L. Johnson, of Lumberton.

No Republican has announced as a candidate for the United States Senate seat for which Senator F. M. Simmons and Josiah W. Bailey will contest for the Democratic nomination in the June primaries.

Mr. Grissom has been collector of internal revenue for North Carolina since 1921. For years he has been a member of the Republican State Executive Committee. He is originally from Gibsonville, Guilford County. Herbert F. Seawell, of Carthage, was the Republican candidate against Governor O. Max Gardner in 1928. Gardner's majority was slightly over 70,000 votes.

Freezing weather in December caused heavy losses to Irish potato growers of Avery County.