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## Today and Tomorrow

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**Books**  
The United States has become the greatest nation of readers in the world. We read more newspapers and magazines than all the rest of the world put together, and now we are among the greatest book readers. Italy, Germany and Denmark print more books in proportion to population. And we are reading books of real value. The most popular book of the day is the most powerful argument against war ever penned. It is called in its English translation "All Quiet on the Western Front." Its author, Erich Maria Remarque, served in the trenches with the German army. In America, England, France, as well as in Germany, it has outsold the most popular novels ever published. Next in popularity is a biography, "Henry VIII," by Francis Jackson.

**Taft**  
On the night of November 3rd, 1908, the telegraph operator at an temporary instrument set up on the back veranda of Charles F. Taft's home in Cincinnati received a dispatch reading "Eryan concedes the election of Taft." He rushed into the great art gallery and shouted the news to the little group assembled there. Alice Roosevelt Longworth ran the full length of the big room, threw her arms around the neck of the President-elect and gave him a resounding smack. Her kiss was the first congratulatory gesture of the evening.  
Everybody was invited to drink to the health of the host's distinguished father. Will Taft hesitated. Then he said, "I'll take water, Charlie," he said. "I think the President of the United States ought to set the example of temperance."

That was many years before Prohibition, but everybody present agreed and applauded the spirit that moved the new President. From then until the end of his term in the White House Mr. Taft never took a drink except an occasional glass of wine at state banquets.

## Churches

The Federated Council of Churches in Christ in America has for its purpose the effort to bring all of the various Christian denominations into co-operation for social service and to make common cause against the pagan spirit which denies the value of spiritual things. Against this materialism it is making surprising headway. Great leaders in business and industry and in the professions are joining the movement and pledging themselves to the maintenance of Christian standards in their business relations.

Sectarian lines are disappearing. The movement for the union of the Protestant Episcopal, Methodist Episcopal and Presbyterian churches into one great denomination is making headway. The Congregational and Christian (Disciples) churches have already united. All the signs of the times indicate an approaching great spiritual revival, with the various sects making common cause against the pagan materialism which has been infecting the youth of America ever since the war.

## Morgan

The name of J. P. Morgan is known all over the world as that of the world's greatest banker. Those who have never met him picture him as a cold, hard, unapproachable sort of super-human being. The town of Glen Cove, Long Island, where he lives, knows him as a friendly, kindly neighbor. The Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce has just elected him its first honorary member. "Mr. Morgan has endeared himself to his fellow-townsmen by the keen interest he has shown in civic matters," said the president of the chamber. "He has been an active member for ten years and always the first to pay his dues."

## Corn

The Indians grew corn for thousands of years before the white man came to America. American farmers have been growing it for three hundred years. Still we have not learned everything about corn. Dr. Donald Jones of the Connecticut Experiment Station tried crossing a leading dent corn with a Canada flint, and has produced a new variety, Canada-leam, which ripens in 110 days, thus enabling Northern farmers to harvest their corn and fill their silos before the September frosts.  
Corn is our greatest crop and America's most useful contribution to the world's food supply. Converted into pork, it is the base of our principal meat food; we eat much more pork than we do beef. Such a discovery as Dr. Jones' means more to national prosperity than a dozen new steel mills.

**GALLERY TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR JACKSON DAY DINNER**  
John E. Brown, chairman of the Young Peoples Democratic Club of Watauga County, has a letter from those in charge of the Jackson Day Dinner at Raleigh, March 15, in reply to one sent them by him, asking for more tickets to the event.  
It says: We are sorry that all the available tickets have been sold and they are begging for standing room that we will not be able to take care of. Mr. Brown has a few more gallery tickets which will be gladly given to those wishing to attend the dinner.

## CLAUDE MILLER 'COMING ACROSS' WITH THE COIN

High Point Broker Is Meeting the Terms of the Compromise Effected When City of Boone Brought Suit to Recover Money Which Was Misappropriated. Payment and Interest Received by Board.

Citizens of the town of Boone will recall that several months ago the municipal governing body brought suit against Claude E. Miller, of High Point, for the sum of \$10,000, cost and interest, and will be interested to know that the first of the notes given the town in settlement has come due, and the principal, \$500, together with the interest thereon, has been paid.

This information has been made public by Mr. Clyde R. Greene, former member of the Board of Aldermen, who was serving on the Board when Miller failed to turn over to the town \$10,000 due as a result of his negotiation of a short-term note. It will be remembered that the paper was handled through a Thomasville Bank, and Miller was alleged to have appropriated the funds to his own use. At any rate, he was brought to Boone, and a compromise was effected, when by the city accepted one-third of the amount in cash, and took notes for the remainder, it being held by the officials that a bona fide cash settlement was more to be desired than a strenuous criminal prosecution, with likely a total monetary loss. The compromise took care of the principal, interest and costs of the legal action.

## Greenville Man Offers Advice On Burley Crop

Professor I. G. Greer, of the Appalachian State Teachers College is in receipt of a letter from Clyde B. Austin, president of the Austin Tobacco Warehouse at Greenville, Tenn., in which this prominent tobaccoist offers some valuable advice to those Watauga farmers who intend to grow burley crops this year. The communication follows:

Greenville, Tenn., February 19, 1930.

Mr. I. G. Greer, Boone, N. C.  
Dear Sir:  
I was very favorably impressed with the interest shown by your farmers toward the culture and growing of burley tobacco, and I have been thinking about your condition, and regret that you do not have a capable man in your territory to nurse the farmers through at least one year and get them off on the right foot.

There is a very successful young tobacco grower in our section that would spend ten weeks at \$60.00 per week and his board while in Boone, arranging these weeks at various times during the next eight months, so as to be with your growers during the important intervals in the growing of their crop. He would furnish his own car and I believe could take care of 200 to 300 growers if they were not spread over too wide an area and were available on fairly good roads.

If you are interested in this young man I will be glad to send him up to see you. I take the liberty to make this suggestion, knowing that tobacco is entirely a crop of quality, and have seen so many beginners through our section fail through the lack of little nursing and I feel confident that his services would be worth several thousand dollars to your community, and further that his instructions would reflect for several years to come.

At any time I can be of any assistance to your community, don't hesitate to call on me. With best wishes, I remain  
Yours very truly,  
CLYDE B. AUSTIN.

## COVE CREEK NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. Newton Banner had the misfortune to fall and dislocate her hip one day last week. Her health was already bad and with her advanced age it is feared that she will not be able to recover her strength.

Misses Thornburg and Shoun, of the faculty of Cove Creek High School spent the week-end in Bristol and Johnson City.

Twelve pupils from the high school entered the essay contest sponsored by the Boone Civitan Club. Those winning out were Misses Jennie Love, Lavola Canderer and Mr. Clint Adams. These young people, together with Principal S. E. Horton and Mrs. Horton, attended the banquet given by the Civitan Club at the Daniel Boone Hotel on Saturday night.

Robert Bingham, six-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. W. O. Bingham, is sick with pneumonia.

During the pretty weather lately baseball practice has been in full swing among the boys of the local school. The need for a suitable baseball field is felt very keenly.

Recent reports from Luther Bingham, who is in the hospital at Johnson City, are very encouraging.  
Jimmie, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Swift, has been very low with pneumonia.

## WILEY HODGES DEAD

Mr. Wiley Hodges, one of the county's aged and most respected citizens, died at the old family home on Laurel Fork, now owned by his son, Clay, on Tuesday of last week. The burial was conducted by his pastor, Rev. Ed Hodges at Mt. Gilead church on Thursday and the body was laid to rest in the Bair graveyard. Wiley was a good inoffensive citizen and leaves a long line of posterity.

## BRIGHT STUDENT



SUSAN WINKLER

## Watauga School Girl Makes High Records

Miss Susan, eleven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Winkler, of Shulls Mills R. F. D., has made remarkable strides in scholastic work, having successfully passed the seventh grade examination last December with high grades, bettering the record made by other members of the class of more advanced age. She has utilized every advantage offered by the six-month school term and has not missed a day at school for three successive years.

Miss Susan has a charming personality and is extremely popular among teachers and schoolmates. She is talented and industrious.  
Two or three years ago a brother, Milton, made even a better record than his sister, and their friends and the community as a whole wish for them great success in high school and through all the coming years.

## W. R. Bauguess Enters Congressional Contest

A Jefferson dispatch to State papers Monday told of the announcement of Walter R. Bauguess, prominent Ashe County attorney, for the Republican Congressional nomination in the Eighth District, subject to the Republican convention.

Except for the brief statement that if nominated he will endeavor to carry his party to victory in November, and if elected he will strive to be a true representative of the people, Mr. Bauguess had nothing to say regarding his candidacy. For the present, he will leave the matter entirely in the hands of his friends, who have so strongly urged him to make the race.

Mr. Bauguess has been chairman of the Ashe Republican executive committee for eight years, a member of the State executive committee for four years, and stands high in the councils of his party. He was a delegate from North Carolina to the Cleveland convention in 1921, which nominated Calvin Coolidge for the Presidency.

## TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT ISSUES TOBACCO PLAN

R. H. Milton, Assistant Extension Agronomist, Department of Agriculture and Home Economics, State of Tennessee, issues the following burley tobacco production plan:

1. Few acres, say 1-2 to 1-1-2 per man, set on good clover or bluegrass sod, 50-bushel corn land.
2. Seed treated to prevent wild fire.
3. Abundance early stocky plants—at least fifty square yards bed area per acre.
4. Liberal fertilization—400 to 800 pounds high grade commercial fertilizer applied in the row and mixed with the soil. Add six to ten loads of manure broadcast where possible.
5. Plants set 12 to 18 inches in rows 3-1-2 feet apart. Distance depending largely on fertility of the land.
6. Worms and other insects controlled by use of poison.
7. Topped high on good land, 18 to 22 leaves.
8. Suckers kept off.
9. Sides of barns or sheds be boxed and vertical ventilators eighteen to twenty-four inches wide placed not more than twelve feet apart, and ventilators placed on comb of all metal or composition roofs.
10. Carefully harvested—no crowding—sticks placed ten to fourteen inches apart on tier poles.
11. Ventilators closed during day in hot dry weather, and open at night. In damp weather, kept open during day if sun shines and closed at night.
12. Sorted on a sorting and sizing table—color, body (thickness of leaves), and soundness matched.
13. Hands made size of a silver half-dollar and tied with a 1-1-2 inch wrapper, i. e., folded tie leaf.
14. Bulked down on stick—each grade placed on separate stick, sixteen hands to 4-foot stick.
15. Delivered on sticks in good condition.

(Smith Hagaman, County Superintendent of Schools, has a few copies of the above plan. If interested, communicate with him and he will mail you a copy.)

More than 100 farmers of Onslow County shared in the \$1,181.14 paid for poultry at Jacksonville when a co-operative car was loaded there last week.

## CIVITAN CLUB HOST TO LADIES OF TOWN SATURDAY NIGHT

Wives and Sweethearts of Club Members and Several Invited Guests Honored at Banquet. Winners Announced in "Citizenship" Contest. Ira T. Johnston of Jefferson Delights Gathering With Address.

With President George P. Hagaman presiding, the Boone Civitan Club observed "ladies' night" at the Daniel Boone Hotel Saturday, the 22nd, with eighty or more club members, their wives and sweethearts present. A beautiful banquet was served in the main dining room of the hotel and a program of speeches, songs, instrumental music and stunts provided an evening of unrestrained enjoyment. Decorations consisted of flags and bunting, lending atmosphere to that part of the program which dealt with George Washington, "The Father of His Country," on whose birthday anniversary the banquet was held.

After the guests had been seated at the long table, Professor I. G. Greer led in the singing of "North Carolina Hills." Rev. Kent, rector at the Valle Crucis School for Girls, said the invocation. The Blanche Smith Orchestra, a local musical organization then played several patriotic selections while the meal was being served.

A questionnaire was distributed to each of the ladies and on these cards was the interrogation, "Why Did You Marry the Man You Are With?" or "Why Would You Marry the Man You Are With?" Miss Lily Dale was presented first prize, Miss Annie Stambury second, and Miss Slate third prize for the wit embodied in their answers. Civitans J. A. Yount and A. E. South read these "ludicrous" explanations, which kept the banquet in a roar of merriment for some time.

Dr. O. J. Chandler, pastor of the M. E. Church, South, of Boone, recognized as an orator of ability, was then called on for a "word painting" and his three-minute talk addressed to the young people in the audience, was a model of perfection, explaining the difference of "lecturing by the world by the 'sweat of brain'" and by fact. Two humorous stories were the basis of the contrast.

A popular song by the audience followed, after which Professor I. G. Greer introduced the speaker of the evening, Ira T. Johnston, of Jefferson, who used "Washington—the Citizen" as the theme of a fifteen-minute address. Mr. Johnston's discourse was shot full of humor, carrying an appeal to the listeners to treat with indifference the "debunking" biographies written recently by popular writers on Washington, and to shape their opinions by the work accomplished during the days of his power.

Civitan's essay contest on "Citizenship," which has been open for the past two months to the high school students of the county, was brought to a close as the concluding feature of the evening, the prize-winning essays and their writers being announced by Civitan J. Frank Moore. Gold prizes of \$10, \$5 and \$2.50 were presented to Eric Gaswender, Valle Crucis School; first; Virginia Dare Triplett, Valle Crucis School, second; and Matzie Jean Jones, Boone High School, third.

Miss Gaswender's essay, which will be forwarded to International club headquarters, where it will be entered in national competition, was read by Willard G. Cole, of West Jefferson. Mr. Cole, along with Messrs. Ira T. Johnston and Segraves, were the judges of the contest.

The nine other students of county high schools who had prepared essays in the contest, and who were awarded scrolls by the Civitan club were: Lavola Canderer, Jennie Love, and Clint Adams, of Cove Creek High School; Carolyn Blair and Mary Metz, of Boone High School; Marjory Deal, of Valle Crucis School for Girls; Joe Bolick, Paul Foster and Glenn Coffey, of Blowing Rock.

Following distribution of the awards, Civitan Watt Gragg made a brief announcement of the "Live-at-Home" dinner to be served at the State Teachers College Friday evening, and stressed the importance of raising a home garden this season. The most pleasant banquet meeting closed with the singing of a sentimental composition by the audience.

## PRIZE-WINNING ESSAYS

Following are the three prize-winning essays in the Civitan Club's "Citizenship" contest:  
Essay by Eric Gaswender, Valle Crucis School for Girls, Winner of First Prize in Contest:

Who are the real "Builders of Good Citizenship"? Our mothers and fathers and teachers are the real builders. If a child loves and respects his mother and father, he will be likely to follow their examples. The best way to build good citizenship is by example and to teach love, loyalty and obedience unconsciously, often in daily life. Those three, with intelligence, are the most important factors in good citizenship.  
Why love? Because love is one of the greatest factors in character and therefore in good citizenship. To love our nation is to have a loving interest in the people that make up our nation. In our community we should love the people because they are ours; they belong to us. No matter how many faults our neighbors may have, we ought still to care for them. No matter how much wrong we may see in the laws of our nation, let us still obey them and do our little part. It is like a big theatre where, if every one is doing his part, the play will be a big success. If you do this, will

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## Live at Home Program Friday Night, Feb. 28

The four ladies' clubs of Boone with the Civitan Club will sponsor a live at home program at the old dining hall in Lovell Home at the A. S. T. C. on Friday night, February 28, at 7 o'clock when all the heads of families of the town will be invited to participate by furnishing a box of food for two persons, prepared entirely from Watauga-grown products. We urge everybody to co-operate in this movement.

The purpose of this meeting is to stimulate greater interest in a "good garden for every home." An interesting program is being arranged. There will be speakers of authority on good gardens. Let's have a real get-together meeting that will be helpful and entertaining.

## Independent Merchants Name Officers for Year

The Watauga Independent Merchants Association met in enthusiastic session at the courthouse in Boone Friday evening and a permanent organization was perfected with the following officers named for the year: D. J. Cottrell, president; T. L. Mast, vice-president; Grady Moretz, secretary; Clyde R. Greene, treasurer. A committee was appointed to draft the by-laws of the organization and a report is expected at the mass meeting of all those interested in the organization which is to be held Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

A board of directors was named with the following members: W. W. Mast, chairman; A. W. Hodgeson, W. L. Holshouser, Fred Hodges and Milton Greer.  
Several brief talks, dealing principally with the organization work of the new body, were made by county business men, and a large number of merchants joined the association. It is understood that when the Association begins to perform its functions, that an arrangement will be completed whereby the members will be enabled to purchase certain commodities jointly, thereby enabling them to secure equal advantages on the open market with the larger buyers. This saving is to be passed on to the consumer in the form of lowered prices.

A committee appointed for the purpose will in the next few days work out the details for an extensive advertising campaign to be placed with the Watauga Democrat and designed to create a stronger bond between the public and the independent merchants of the county.

## Jurymen Selected for Spring Term of Court

Following is a list of jurors selected for the spring term of Watauga Superior Court, which convenes in Boone, Monday, March 24th. Judge Harting, presiding:

First Week—W. W. Holman, J. Y. Smithman, Wade Greene, Jethro Wilson, D. P. Coffey, W. T. Vandyke, Dan Klutz, I. D. Tester, George Hayes, A. J. Edmister, C. M. Critcher, Fred Winkler, B. E. Hodges, Elmer McNeil, W. C. Greer, Jones Elrod, Spencer Dishmon, E. G. Greer, Chauncey Moody, A. C. Reece, Charles Simmons, Amos Ward, O. G. Wineburger, Charles Tester, D. C. Coffey, W. A. Mann, Carson Masten, Daniel Townsend, George Greer, Arlin W. Brown, E. W. Miller, Walter Brown, Fred Michael, Joe H. Shook, C. A. Church, Walter Baird.

Second Week—J. S. Wellborn, Walter Watson, R. W. Watson, Walter South, Ed Sherwood, Tip Shull, N. N. Colvard, L. Greer, W. H. Reece, J. M. Greer, J. H. Brinkley, M. L. Henson, Grady Greene, J. C. Shoemaker, D. J. Cottrell, Henry Hagaman, V. C. Howell, L. T. Tatum.  
The docket is of about the usual proportions, with no cases of major importance to be tried.

## BOONE HIGH SCHOOL ITEMS

The school was glad to have the Parent-Teacher Association meet in the school auditorium on February 13th.

Dr. O. J. Chandler, pastor of the Boone Methodist Church, talked to the student body Thursday morning. On Friday evening, February 7th, the Excelsior Literary Society gave a Valentine party in the Masonic Lodge hall. The room was beautifully decorated. Around one hundred and fifty boys and girls attended the social. Refreshments were served. Everyone had a jolly good time.

Boone High School appreciates the activities of the Civitan Club which made it possible for their school to enter the Citizenship Essay Contest. Schools probably have more to do with the building of good citizens than any other institution. It is the aim of the Boone school to develop in boys and girls self-reliance and habits of truthfulness and trustworthiness. In short, character, education, along with academic training.

At chapel exercises Saturday morning the high school paid tribute to George Washington. Helen Dawley's play, "The Truth for a Day," was presented by six girls. They were: Rhoda Collins, a goody-goody, Beatrice Cutlers, Belle Black, a scrapper, Rubye Trivette, Louise Lane, a peace-maker, Maisie Jean Jones, Clara Cottrell, a bragger, Frank Linney, Cynthia Sears, the ring leader, Thelma Miller, Miss Mudd, the teacher, Pauline McGhee. The girls, who were living in a boarding school, found it difficult to be strictly and rigidly truthful even for one day.

## SENTE CHANCES ABOUT EVEN IN WATAUGA COUNTY

Reports Circulate a Fifty-Fifty Attitude of the Voters in the Simmons-Bailey Contest. Either Candidate Acceptable to Democracy of County. Little Talk Bars Accurate Prediction.

While the contest between Senator Simmons and Josiah W. Bailey is beginning to wax hot in some sections of the State, reports reaching the Democrat are to the effect that Watauga County Democrats are generally disposed to keep themselves clear of those issues so detrimental to party success in 1928, and to avoid an open fight, preceding the June primary. On the basis of information coming from the different precincts, it would appear that the sentiment for Bailey and for the veteran Senator would register about fifty-fifty at this time. Some of those who are presumed to favor the nomination of Mr. Bailey believe that he has the odds, but in view of the unusual silence on the part of the voters, a definite prediction of the results in Watauga would be mere speculation.

The one thing, however, that does appear to be reasonably certain is that the Democracy of this region will not be considerably divided on whatever candidate wins the nomination. Those who favor Senator Simmons, while saying little, base their preference on his lifetime of service in the Senate chambers, and the position of influence which has resulted therefrom. Proponents of Mr. Bailey think that with his long years of service to the State Democracy, it is time he was being recognized, they consider him unusually capable and favor a younger man.

No fight will take place, however, before or after the primary, in the opinion of local leaders. Both candidates are acceptable to Watauga voters and whichever way the vote falls, it is believed that the mountain Democracy will not be split in the election next November.

## BAPTIST CENTENARY TO BE HELD AT GREENVILLE, N. C.

A hundred years ago on March 26, 1830, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina was organized with fourteen charter members, seven ministers and seven laymen, in Greenville, N. C. At that time, according to Dr. Thomas Meredith and Dr. Samuel White, leaders in the new organization, there were in North Carolina around 15,360 Baptists all told, Missionary anti-missionary, colored, who were grouped into 272 churches and fourteen district associations.

At the session of the convention in Shelby last fall it was agreed to meet in an extraordinary session in Greenville on Wednesday morning, 10 o'clock, March 26, to celebrate in a fitting way the centenary anniversary of the organization of the convention. No business will be transacted. Only inspirational addresses will be made pointing out the growth and development of the past hundred years and the challenge of the next hundred years.

Dr. William Louis Potat, Wake Forest, is the chairman of the special committee to arrange the program, which has been completed. Many outstanding men of this and other states are included in the program. The meetings will be held in the auditorium of the East Carolina Teachers' College. The pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church, Rev. A. W. Fleischmann, and his committee on arrangements are prepared to take care of the hundreds of delegates and visitors that are expected to attend.

If there are those in this county who are planning to attend this centennial convention and will get in touch with P. A. Hicks, Boone, he will be glad to aid you in forming automobile parties for this trip.

## AVERY COUNTY HATCHERY NOW IN FULL OPERATION

Prospects for the poultry raiser this year are brighter than ever before. This seems to be a general report. At least it is the case with the Lees-McRae Hatchery at Banner Elk. The mammoth incubator is now in operation and there will soon be hundreds of fluffy chicks sent out to the farmers of Avery and adjoining counties. Most of the eggs being hatched are taken from the flock of Parks Barred Rocks and Tanager White Leghorns.

There is an ever-increasing demand for poultry and eggs. The venture is one that is bound to succeed if the proper methods are used. There are many farmers beginning to realize the great possibilities of the poultry industry in this county and are changing from a mongrel to a pure-bred flock. The poultry industry has been a stabilizing factor in the economic life of many communities.

## JOHN R. HAGAMAN DIES AT PATTERSON HOME

Mr. John R. Hagaman of Patterson who is well known in Watauga, died at his home last Tuesday, and was buried yesterday. Mr. Hagaman was a prominent business man in Caldwell county, being the owner of the Yaddin Woolen Mills, wood-working shops and various other activities in the county. One daughter who resides in Boone, with her husband, Mr. William Winkler, and a number of relatives and friends in Boone, attended the funeral yesterday.