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## Today and Tomorrow

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### Profits

The Ford Motor Company earned \$81,797,861 profits in 1929. That was the most profitable year since 1924. In 1927, when the factory was shut down for six months, the new machinery for the production of Model A was being installed, the company lost \$42,786,727. In 1928, while the market for Model A was being built up, the company lost \$72,221,498.

Those are amazing figures. No less amazing is the Ford report of cash on hand on December 31, 1929, totaling \$346,937,496. Most of this is money on deposit, subject to check. For many years Henry Ford has carried a larger cash balance than any man in the world ever had.

Only a closed corporation like this, in which all of the stock is owned by one man, his wife and his son, can do business on such a basis. In other corporations, stockholders demand distribution of assets in dividends. Mr. Ford once told me that the reason he bought out his other stockholders, Senator Couzens and the Dodge Brothers was because they wanted dividends, and he wanted to use the profits to enlarge the business and reduce the cost of production. If he had not had such enormous cash resources he could not have weathered the crisis which the abandonment of the old Model T caused. As it was, the loss of \$115,000,000 in two years was a mere incident.

### Crossings

Nearly half of the 30,000 annual deaths in automobile accidents in America occur where highways cross railroad tracks on the same grade. Some states have begun work on programs of eliminating every grade crossing, compelling the railroads to pay most of the cost. The Federal Government is taking an active part in this movement, in the case of roads which are built with Federal aid. Since 1917, 1,676 grade crossings have been eliminated on Federal aid roads.

It is not always necessary to build a bridge over the railroad or a subway under it. Only 995 of these crossings were eliminated in that way—the others were abolished by the simple means of relocating the highway itself.

One of the things that is going to come about in America is a highway system in which this cause of accident and death will be absent.

### Books

Guests at the White House as well as future Presidents will have plenty of good reading matter for their leisure hours, if any. A committee of the American Booksellers Association has selected a library of five hundred volumes which has been presented to the United States for the White House library.

Undoubtedly many additions will be made to this nucleus, and some of the books will be less read than others, but there are many among them which will never die. In the list are such great American classics as Mark Twain's "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn," such truly great books as Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" and Kingsley's "Westward Ho" as well as many of the great histories, biographies, books of poetry and travel, in addition to the best of the works of the writers of today.

Leaving out the moderns, whose work still has to stand the test of time, and limiting it to books more than twenty-five years old, this library contains within itself all the elements of a complete, well-rounded education. I can think of no better way to bring up young folks to a high standard of morals, honor, courage and duty than to turn them loose when children in the company of the great masters of literature.

### Television

The other day I sat in a little room on Bethune Street, New York, and talked face to face with a man in another little room on Dey Street, three miles away. I could see him and he could see me, as plainly as if we were in the same room. The conversation was as if we were talking across a table—no telephone instruments to speak into or to hold to the ear.

That was the first public demonstration of two-way television. It works. The electrical engineers who explained it told me that it will work over ten thousand miles by radio as easily as over those three miles by wire.

It is still very expensive to install and maintain. It will be cheapened. Very soon there will be little rooms in every important center of population, like the ones Mr. Campbell and I sat in, to which anybody can go and for a fee talk to people hundreds of miles away, seeing them as if face to face.

Television is another age-old dream come true.

### DR. W. J. MILLER IS IN LEAD OF LENOIR GOLFERS

Dr. W. J. Miller, with a score of 170 for 36 holes, is leading by a wide margin all other entrants who are competing for the golf team to represent Lenoir in tournaments there, Hickory, Newton, Morganton and Statesville this summer.

Second place is held by W. M. Hamby and third place by J. Lee Cottrell. The tournament comes to a close on Saturday.—Lenoir News-Topic.

## SWIFT ADDRESSES SENIOR CLASS OF THE BOONE SCHOOL

Former Wataugan Bases Talk on Imaginary Conversation With Boyhood Friend. Forty-six Students Receive Their Diplomas. Maize Jean Jones Recognized as Town's Most Polite Boy or Girl.

Wiley H. Swift, acting chairman of the National Child Welfare Committee, and prominent Greensboro attorney, delivered the literary address to the graduating class of the Boone High School in the college auditorium Thursday night. Using the "Ideal Life" as a theme, the eloquent speaker entertained perhaps the largest audience ever to attend such an occasion in Boone, his dissertation being of a unique type.

An imaginary conversation between himself and a boyhood acquaintance on "Tater Hill," the beautiful mountain estate of the late Romulus Linney, overlooking Cove Creek, the native home of Mr. Swift, was the basis of the address. The speaker stated that in that remote section of the mountain region all the passions of man: love, hate, prejudice, vengeance, and whatnot, were as visible as in the more populous regions of the land. The same good was to be found, the same bad traits were born in the people, and the same qualities guided the destinies of men and women. From this perch on the mountain top, the two men could "look down on the whole world," and could review its difficulties and hardships as accurately as if they had traveled widely.

Mr. Swift then made his application: To live the ideal life, the boy or girl must look through the veil, understand the shortcomings of the human race, and make allowances for the errors made by the other person. Professor David Mast, principal of the school, introduced the speaker.

Forty-six members of the class received their diplomas. Previous to the address, a program of songs was enjoyed and a prize awarded to the most polite boy or girl in Boone, voted by the town's business men to be Maize Jean Jones.

## Mutual Policy Holders To Resist Assessments

More than a hundred policy holders in the Farmers Mutual Fire Association, northwestern division, met in the courthouse in Boone on Monday afternoon. The purpose of the meeting was to decide what the policy holders should do with reference to assessments recently made by the association.

It was unanimously voted to resist payment of these assessments and a committee composed of O. D. Taylor, J. B. Horton, Dr. H. B. Perry, L. A. Greene and W. Y. Farthing, was appointed to represent the policy holders in all matters necessary in connection with these matters.

## EDGAR BROWN MAKES GOOD RECORD AT OAK RIDGE

J. Edgar Brown, Jr., son of Attorney John E. Brown of Boone, will graduate from Oak Ridge Military Academy next Wednesday, May 21. This is young Brown's first year in the well-known school, and his rapid advancement is a source of great pleasure to his many friends here. He is considered one of the very brightest students ever to matriculate at the institution, he having started in the scientific course. He is also the prophet of the graduating class, and is very popular among his classmates.

Following the close of school, Edgar will return to Boone, where he will spend the summer with his parents, just west of town.

## MARY KLUTZ SUCCUMBS AT HOME IN BLOWING ROCK

Mary Klutz, thirteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Klutz, of Blowing Rock, died Friday morning of pneumonia after having been very sick for about five days. She had just graduated from the elementary school a few days before and would have entered high school this fall. Mary was a faithful pupil and was popular with all her schoolmates. As a member of the Presbyterian Church she was a regular attendant. The funeral was conducted Saturday afternoon at the home by Rev. Walter Keys, her pastor, in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends. The floral designs were beautiful. Her remains were interred in the family plot in Reform Church Cemetery near the home.

## WIDOW HAS BOOZE IN CELLAR; ASKS WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT

Raleigh.—In the cellar of an unnamed widow in Raleigh reposes 120 quarts of pre-war bottled-in-bond liquor, and she does not know what to do with it.

A friend of the widow has appealed to an attorney for advice, that's the way the story leaked out. She said it happened this way:

A son of the woman sent the whisky here to his home from another section of the country and then he joined the army in 1917. He was killed. The whisky has never been disturbed.

The widow is puzzled. What should she do with it?

The lawyer said he advised that it was not unlawful to have the whisky if it bore a government stamp of pre-war days and if government officers could be convinced it was stored in her cellar before the era of prohibition.

## Boone Boys Arrested After Wreck of Hearse

The Lenoir News-Popie gives the following account of the accident which occurred near that city Sunday in which Robert and Harrison Moretz of Boone were involved:

"A hearse from the Moretz funeral home in Boone, en route to Monroe for the body of F. M. Maliba who was fatally injured in a grade crossing accident near that place on Saturday night, was wrecked on the Blowing Rock Highway about three miles from Lenoir at 10:45 Sunday morning, causing Robert Moretz, the driver, and his brother, Harrison Moretz, to land in jail, charged with violation of the prohibition laws.

"The Moretz brothers were rounding a curve about three miles out of Lenoir in their hearse when they said to have run over on the left-hand side of the road and crashed into the car of J. L. Saunders of Lenoir, State Patrolman H. A. Greenway and Officer Fred Doyar were called out and they placed the boys under arrest, charging Robert with driving while under the influence of liquor and reckless driving, while his brother, Harrison, was charged with being drunk. A small portion of liquor was taken off the boys, it was said.

"The hearse was rather badly damaged and was taken to the Caldwell Motor Company for repairs.

(EDITOR'S NOTE—Mr. J. M. Moretz went to Lenoir late Sunday and arranged bail for his sons, and a preliminary hearing will be held in Lenoir next Monday. The story of the accident as told by them indicates that the presence of a big highway truck, which they were forced to pass on the wrong side of the road, kept them from seeing the car into which they collided. They are said to have been driving moderately, and state the accident could have been averted had the other vehicle not been making excess speed. When the case comes up for trial, the defense expects to prove that neither of the Moretz boys was intoxicated and that they were not driving in a reckless manner.)

## Walton League Meets At State Fish Hatchery

Daniel Boone Chapter, Izaak Walton League, held the most interesting meeting at the fish hatchery on Saturday night, May 13, ever held since the chapter was formed. Two of the most enthusiastic members, Messrs. Leo B. Vaughan and C. E. Smathers, together with the good ladies of the community, furnished the supper which was enjoyed to the limit.

Several good talks were made on what the league stands for, chief among which is the preservation of fish and all wild life. The league voted to request the County Commissioners to co-operate with the State Department of Conservation in establishing a fire zone for the county and take steps to prevent forest and employ methods to combat them after they are started.

The next meeting will be held at Blowing Rock, N. C., on Saturday night, May 17, at 8 o'clock. It is hoped by officers of the league that all present members will be on hand and that at least 25 new members can be installed on that date. There were 40 present at the last meeting.

## Farmers to Discuss Marketing of Wool

The State Division of Marketing will have a man in Boone on Saturday, May 17, for the purpose of considering the present wool prices and other matters pertaining to the industry. The division has requested the big wool buyers to submit prices on that day.

The wool committee of Watauga, W. W. Mast, R. T. Greer and Arlie Brown, will meet the representative on that date. The matter of marketing the wool will be gone into very thoroughly. If any other interested persons desire to meet with them, it will be entirely agreeable.

The present market on wool is unusually low, and it is necessary that everything possible be done to secure the best possible price. Information will be forwarded to the wool growers and dealers immediately after the meeting.

## BUSINESS SCHOOL WILL BE OPENED IN BOONE SOON

Mr. G. E. Mock, of Winston-Salem, a representative of the Twentieth Century System of Business Colleges, is in Boone, making preparations for the opening of a school here at an early date. He has just completed the organization of classes at West Jefferson and Sparta, which are now in progress.

The Twentieth Century System of Colleges give a complete secretarial course, including shorthand, typewriting, bookkeeping, rapid calculating, with business English, business correspondence and general office practice. Students are also afforded lectures on banking, financing, merchandising and marketing.

Mr. Mock comes to the town highly recommended, and the system he represents has been widely acclaimed for its thoroughness. He is accompanied by Mrs. Mock and small son.

## MAISIE JEAN JONES WINNER OF FIVE DOLLARS IN GOLD

The \$5 gold piece offered by Professor and Mrs. J. A. Williams for the most polite girl or boy in Boone was won by Maisie Jean Jones. The presentation was made last week on the evening of the graduation of the senior class, Boone High School.

## MONROE MALTBA KILLED AS TRAIN CRASHES INTO CAR

George Cottrell, Formerly of Boone, Sustains Injuries Which May Prove Fatal. Accident Occurs Near Monroe. Funeral Rites for Mr. Maltba Held Monday. Burial in Hines Graveyard.

F. Monroe Maltba, aged 42, prominent resident of Boone, died in a hospital in Monroe Saturday night, as a result of injuries sustained about three hours earlier in the night, when the car in which he and George Cottrell, a former citizen of this city, but lately of Valmead, was struck by a fast freight train at Bakers, five miles from Monroe. Both were in an unconscious condition after being taken to the hospital and letters in Maltba's pockets were the only means of identification. The death of Mr. Maltba resulted from a badly crushed skull.

Mr. Cottrell, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hill Cottrell, sustained concussion of the brain, cuts about the head and a fracture of one leg, however, latest reports are to the effect that although his condition is still regarded as extremely critical, there is a chance for his recovery.

Mr. Maltba, accompanied by Cottrell, was en route to Southern Pines, where he had been employed during the past winter, when the accident occurred. According to witnesses, he had passed an automobile near the railroad crossing, and a box car on a siding, further obscured the onrushing train. The train was said to have been making a speed of perhaps 40 miles an hour at the time of the impact and the big sedan with its occupants was carried 250 yards on the pilot of the locomotive. The car was demolished.

The remains of Mr. Maltba were brought to Boone Sunday evening, and funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon from Oak Grove Baptist Church, one mile west of the city. Revs. Sebastian and Hicks were in charge of the services, following which members of the Masonic fraternity interred the body in the Hines graveyard.

Mr. Maltba was born and reared three miles from Boone, a member of one of the best families of this section, and for the past several years had lived in this city, where he had been engaged in different business enterprises. At the time of his death he was engaged in the operation of the Boone Flaming Mills, which he had under an extended lease. He was an industrious and valuable citizen, and was favorably known over this section.

Surviving are a widow and two children, Misses Valle and Dare; the mother, Mrs. Wilson Maltba, of Shulls Mills; one sister, Mrs. Fred Winkler of Shulls Mills; four brothers, Russell and Java of Valle Crucis; Linney of Lincolnton, and Rufus of Black Earth, Wis.

## Mrs. Tom Beach Dies After a Long Illness

Mrs. Thomas Beach, 26 years old, died at her home in Boone Thursday evening, following an illness covering a period of many months. Funeral services were conducted from the Baptist Church at Mountain City on Friday afternoon by the Rev. Brown, pastor. Interment was in the cemetery in that town. A number of friends of the deceased lady from this community attended the funeral.

Mrs. Beach was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Shupe, and was a native of Johnson County, Tenn. For the past several years, however, she has made her home in Boone, where she had a wide circle of friends.

Surviving, besides a husband, are two children, J. W., and Thomas, Jr.

## JOHN CRITCHER DIES AT MORAVIAN FALLS HOME

North Wilkesboro.—John C. Critcher, of Moravian Falls, died suddenly last Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, from heart failure. He had started working near his home and had been toward the highway, leading to the house, when he was seen to fall. When help reached him he was dead. Funeral services were conducted at the Baptist Church at Moravian Falls Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Critcher was a well known citizen of Wilkes, where he made his home for the past 25 years. He was born in Watauga County, 57 years ago. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Rosa Crouch Critcher, and by four sons, A. N. Critcher, publisher of the Wilkes Patriot, of North Wilkesboro; Lawrence G. Critcher of Atlanta, Ga.; a brother, G. A. Critcher, of Statesville, and a sister, Mrs. Elrod, of Hickory.

## MISS PEARL BINGHAM WILL SPEND SUMMER IN EUROPE

Miss Pearl Bingham, daughter of the late Dr. E. F. Bingham, who has been teaching in the Keystone Grade School at Johnson City for the past two years, will sail on May 24th from New York on an Italian liner for Naples, Italy. Miss Bingham goes as a private instructor for the children of Washington and will stay on the Continent until early September. The Bennetts are taking along their private automobile and the party will tour Italy, Switzerland, France, Germany and other European countries before their return.

Miss Bingham is now in Washington, where final preparations for the extended tour are being made.

## Dr. B. B. Dougherty Visits in Iredell County

(Statesville Landmark)

Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of the Appalachian State College at Boone, spent Friday in Iredell County visiting some of the county schools.

The Appalachian State College is this year turning out 13 graduates in the four-year course, this being the first graduating class since the institution was made a standard college by the last General Assembly of the State. The class of 1930 includes 75 graduates in the two-year course, in addition to the 13 graduates in the four-year course.

Dr. Dougherty stated that there were 19 students at Boone last year from Iredell County, the total number of 1858 students having enrolled in both the regular courses and the summer term during the past year. Other interesting figures concerning the school were that the student body last year included 323 freshmen, 258 sophomores and 82 members of the junior class. Sixty-four out of the one hundred counties in North Carolina were represented in the student body, and twelve states besides North Carolina.

Dr. B. B. Dougherty and his brother, the late D. D. Dougherty, were founders of the institution at Boone which has now taken a position with the group of the largest schools of North Carolina. Under the personal team work of the Dougherty Brothers, the institution came up from a three-grade private school, starting in 1839, to a standard college in 1929. The institution was taken over by the State in 1903, was made a State normal school in 1921, and was elevated to its present high standing last year.

## Will Face Three Criminal Charges

Walter Price, resident of the Silverstone section of the county was indicted in the county justice Monday night, the warrants for his delivery having charged him with forgery, selling whisky and resisting an officer. Deputy Sheriff H. A. Hagaman made the arrest, being accompanied by Deputies Lee Mast and Granville Norris.

Sheriff Hagaman recalled that Price had been arrested twice previously, but had managed to make his escape from the law each time. Local officers, he said, had been diligently searching for him for the past twelve months.

## MRS. SUSAN MOODY, 87, CLAIMED BY DEATH

Mrs. Susan Moody, 87, relict of the late Mr. George Moody, of Beaver Dam, died at the home of her only sister, Mrs. Hiram Dougherty, in Boone, last Thursday morning. The funeral was conducted Friday at the Boone Baptist Church by the Rev. P. A. Hix, and the remains were carried to Cove Creek for burial.

Mrs. Moody, who before her marriage was Miss Susan Hayes, is one of the last sons of a highly respected Watauga family, and was, we are told, before old age claimed her, one of her section's most charitable and Christian-hearted ladies, and died as she had lived, a loyal Christian, despite the fact that she, in her advanced years, had been reduced to almost poverty. However, she was being cared for in the most gentlemanly manner when she died by near relatives and the only sister, who ministered to her last wants.

Indeed, another real lady of the old school has fallen, and her kindly face and acts will be greatly missed by many.

## BALTIMORE INVESTIGATING COMPANY SEEKS H. H. COOK

Mr. H. C. Hayes, of Blowing Rock, is in receipt of a letter from the Atlantic Investigating Company, Baltimore, Md., seeking the address of H. H. Cook. A part of the message follows:

"We are endeavoring to learn the present address of H. H. Cook, who, we understand, is in your city. This investigation is in reference to an estate. Will you kindly give us any information you may have concerning this individual, and oblige."

Mr. Hayes knows nothing of Mr. Cook, and has turned the questionnaire over to the Democrat. Anyone having information as to his whereabouts will please communicate with this office.

## BANNER ELK HIGH SCHOOL WILL CLOSE ON MAY 26

As this is the first year for Lees-McRae as a junior college, there will be no college class to graduate, but the senior class of the high school, with an enrollment of thirty-two, will be graduated on Monday evening, May 26, when Mr. J. Fred Johnson, of Kingsport, Tenn., will deliver the commencement address. Class night exercises will be held on Saturday, the 24th, and the baccalaureate sermon will be preached on Sunday morning, in the Banner Elk Presbyterian Church, by the Rev. Richard Orme Flinn, D. D., of Atlanta, Ga.

## RENO'S SHOWS COMING

Jesse Baxter, advance agent for the Reno Shows in the city yesterday advertising for the vaudeville troupe which has become so popular throughout this section, since its initial visit several years ago. Mr. Baxter says the show this year is up to its usual high standard, that the best of the old actors have been retained and new ones added. A large chorus of beautiful girls is with the show this season. The show will have a full weeks run here, beginning next Monday.

## BUSINESS MEN TO CELEBRATE WITH STATE COLLEGE

Practically All the Stores of City Will Close Tomorrow for Hour and a Half and Visit at Teachers College Commencement, Where First Class Completes Standard Course, and Dr. A. T. Allen Will Speak.

More than fifty business houses of this city will close their doors tomorrow at 10:30 a. m., and remain closed until the noon hour in order that the managers and employees may be privileged to attend the commencement exercises at the Appalachian State Teachers College. At that time Dr. A. T. Allen, State Superintendent, will address the first class ever to be given degrees at the college, and it is in honor of the closing of the first year of the local institution as a standard four-year college, that the business houses will close their doors. A written agreement was passed around the town and unanimously endorsed, the caption of which follows:

"In order to show our gratitude and appreciation for the establishment and development of a State College in our town, we the undersigned business men of the town of Boone, agree that on the first commencement anniversary of this college, which is to be held on Friday, May 16, 1930, we will each close our place of business from 10:30 a. m. to 12 m., and attend the exercises to be held in the college auditorium during the above hour."

The document bears signatures as follows: Watauga Motor Company, Boone Feed Company, Boone Hardware Company, Watauga Democrat, R. S. Swift and Company, Pastime Theatre, Boone Clothing Store, W. L. Cook, J. D. Horton, High Land Furniture Company, John W. Hodges, Cash Wholesale Grocery, Woodcraft Novelty Company, City Flour and Feed Company, Boone Drug Company, Davidson Department Store, Spainhours, J. & E. Store, J. L. Qualls, Asibley Shoe Store, Carolina Store No. 25, Farmers Hardware & Supply Company, Tom Thumb Golf Course, J. B. Dick & Company, Harris Brothers Department Store, Moretz Motor Company, Central Tire Company, Boone Chevrolet Company, Standard Oil Company, City Meat Market, Issues Department Store, J. M. Moretz, Will C. Walker, D. J. Cottrell, Floy Cottrell, W. H. Jones Shoe Shop, S. A. Norell, W. S. Goodnight, Hodges Drug Company, J. B. Hagaman, M. D., W. R. Loyall, Sheriff Farthing, Watauga County Bank, Peoples Bank & Trust Company.

It is expected that the largest crowds will attend this year's commencement in the history of the school. Large numbers of former students and other friends of the institution from this and other states will be present for the exercises.

## Pennsylvanian Named For Supreme Bench

Washington.—President Hoover on Friday afternoon nominated Owen J. Roberts of Philadelphia, special government counsel in the oil scandal prosecutions, for the Supreme Court in place of the rejected Judge Parker of North Carolina. Save for a short-lived flurry of dry disapproval of the nominee, the Senate received the name with general satisfaction and every sign of early confirmation.

Republican liberals, like Borah and Norris, who led the fight against Chief Justice Hughes, then against Parker, hailed the new choice of the President as a victory, not because Roberts is a liberal, but because he is looked upon in the Senate as an eminent lawyer of distinction and ability, with a record of long, unusually successful service at the bar, seldom as a champion of the corporate client.

Roberts has never lost a case before the United States Supreme Court where he has appeared orally. His nomination was sent in by the President after a talk with Roberts at the White House last night.

For six years Roberts has given a large share of his time to the oil prosecutions—incidentally without fee so far—and his success, though he lost the criminal cases against Sinclair and Debeny, in recovering the naval oil reserves worth hundreds of millions, and in convicting Albert B. Fall, has won him favor with most of the Senate, notably Senator Walsh of Montana, the principal investigator of the oil scandals.

As the third judicial district represented on the court, the choice of Roberts fits the Hoover idea of geographic representation, now that the Senate has rejected Parker from the fourth circuit. Roberts is a Republican, who has fought the Vire machine in Philadelphia as well as the Mellon grip in Pittsburgh. Even so, Senator Reed of Pennsylvania extolled Roberts as "one of the greatest lawyers in America at the present time," and predicted his confirmation without trouble.

## MICHAEL—WATSON

The following announcement, which is of much interest in this section, has been received by friends of the popular couple in this community:

"Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Michael announce the marriage of their daughter, Lois Standford, to Mr. Walter F. Watson on Wednesday, the seventh of May, one thousand nine hundred and thirty, Rutherford, North Carolina."

After having enjoyed a visit to Washington, D. C., the newly-weds are making their home near Rutherford.