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Today and Tomorrow

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Values

A boy is worth \$9,343 when he is born, if his family has an income of \$2,500 a year, an insurance expert calculates. That is what it would take, put out at interest at 3 1/2 per cent, to rear him to the age of eighteen and produce the net income which he may be expected to earn from then on. It costs the average family \$7,238 to bring up a boy and put him through high school. By the time he is eighteen, however, he is worth \$28,654, again figuring his potential earning capacity.

On that basis, the male population of the United States is worth one trillion, one hundred and forty-four billion dollars.

Gasoline

Cheaper gasoline and a smaller surplus of heavy fuel oil are the results expected from the adoption in this country of a new German process for adding hydrogen gas to crude petroleum. This is one of the revolutionary discoveries of science, which are being made so rapidly that every industry has to be constantly on the lookout lest its whole methods be to be changed overnight.

Not so many years ago gasoline was a waste product. Then Daimler invented the gasoline engine and that part of the petroleum suddenly became the most useful. The Diesel engine, which uses heavy oil fuel, has not yet been sufficiently developed to consume anything like the surplus left after the gasoline has been extracted.

Defense

Thirty-seven ships of war steamed into New York harbor through the Narrows the other morning. Overhead 160 Navy airplanes, loosed from the deck of the airplane carrier "Saratoga," soared over the city. It was the Navy demonstration of strength, and an impressive one.

Navy men do not like the program of reducing armaments. They would like us to believe that all the rest of the world is watching for a chance to pounce upon us and that only an enormous Navy can keep us from being gobbled up.

One does not have to agree with their point of view, however, to admit that a battle fleet in the Hudson River is a magnificent spectacle and that a flock of airplanes can draw everybody away from their desks and tools to the rooftops to watch the show. We older folks will never get over our wonder at seeing men fly. To the youngsters it is already commonplace.

Energy

Most people think that the brain needs as much food as the body does. People complain of fatigue after mental effort, and because they feel as tired as if they had been using their muscles they think they must have used up as much energy as if they had been working with their bodies.

Scientists at Westyan University have been studying the energy requirements of brain-workers for several years, and have announced that all of the energy expended in a solid hour of most intense mental effort can be replaced by eating half of a salted peanut! Five minutes spent in dusting a desk consumes more energy than an hour of hard mental work at the desk.

Much of the so-called mental fatigue is physical fatigue. The writer who is tired after a day at the typewriter or pen is tired because of the physical effort of writing. Many who complain of brain-fag after a day of business conferences should rather complain of "talk fag." The physical effort of continuous speaking is a great energy consumer, as every orator and actor knows.

Most often, so-called mental fatigue comes from the failure to eliminate wastes properly from the body. The one thing the brain-worker needs most is physical exercise in the open air.

Movies

Mr. Will H. Hays, president of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, very courteously writes to me concerning a comment in this column a few weeks ago to the effect that the movies do not give a real picture of life, and send me a quantity of printed matter to prove that the picture men are doing their best to keep the movies pure.

Purity is one thing and intelligence is something else again. You can lay down rules which if followed, will prevent the movies from giving offense even to the most prudish mind. There are no possible rules by which people who do not know the difference between truth and falsehood can be prevented from putting false ideas on the screen.

The motion picture is today the most influential force in the world, because it impresses the very young through the most effective channel for impressions, the eyes. For that reason, the movies are a fair target for criticism all the time.

A Clerkenwell, London, man has invented a synthetic wood, the base of which is cotton. The wood can be used for any purpose for which wood is used, and can be worked in any way in which wood is worked, and is quite inexpensive.

UPCHURCH OPENS CAMPAIGN WITH CHURCH SPEECHES

Dry Crusader Spends Week-end in Boone Perfecting Organization for Simmons. Distributes Red Hat Literature and Receives Collection Amounting to Less Than One Dollar.

Rev. C. A. Upchurch, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League for the State of North Carolina, arrived in the city Saturday for the purpose of lending his aid in the contest for the nomination of a candidate for the United States Senate on the Democratic ticket. The dry crusader spoke at the Baptist Church at 11 o'clock on Sunday morning and in the evening occupied the pulpit at the Methodist Church, for the purpose of indirectly dictating the policies of the assembled voters in availing themselves of the privilege of the franchise.

Mr. Upchurch began his address with the statement that the Democratic Party in North Carolina was being "scourged," and referred to two distinct classes calculated to vote for a man who had thrown his influence against prohibition. Those who pilot Pearce-Arrow automobiles and the ones who cripple along the highways in dilapidated Model T Fords were jointly assailed as the "wet" voters, while motorists "in between" were characterized as "testing high" according to his standards of political expediency. Then with the application of his illustration of the farmer who refused to place a red fox in charge of the litter of small pigs, or the farm wife who opposed giving a chicken hawk the foremanship over the "biddies," he insisted that the dry laws should be in charge of men who were personally and politically dry, and insisted on their election to all offices from constable to President. At the close of the speech a collection of a little less than one dollar was taken up.

The address was taken as an indirect assault on the candidacy of J. W. Bailey for the United States Senate, in view of the fact that the Raleigh candidate was an open supporter of the full State and National Democratic tickets in 1928, when Former Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York sought to be elected to the Presidency. In view, however, of the well known fact that Mr. Bailey had once occupied the position which Mr. Upchurch now holds, and that he has been considered the leading crusader for the dry cause in North Carolina, before there were laws and officers to curtail the liquor traffic, the consistency of the indirect assault was doubted. However, on Monday morning, Mr. Upchurch wound up his visit here by perfecting a concise Simmons campaign organization to cover the whole county. He brought with him various and sundry literature calculated to bring about discord in the Democratic ranks and made arrangements for its circulation. He canvassed the crowd in attendance at commissioners' court for opinions on the Democratic side of the sheet, and left with his organization ready to function under the auspices of the Anti-Saloon League, long recognized by the press of the country as a strong right arm of the Republican Party.

The Democrat is not operated as a partisan newspaper, has not been such for many years, and will never be under the present ownership. This organ will be satisfied regardless of who receives the nomination next Saturday. It has not lent its support to either candidate. However, it stands exactly where it did upon the occasion of the last Upchurch campaign in this city. Democrats or Republicans either in this section will, no matter what the argument presented, be mighty slow in getting used to having political arguments stirred up from the pulpits of their churches, which they did not build to be used for these purposes. We have no apologies to offer for our convictions along this line. Should Mr. Upchurch be criticizing candidates of the Republican Party, the Democrat would feel impelled to take issue with his tactics just as severely. He has, however, applied himself strictly so far to the short-comings of one party, just as if there were not enough of wet incursions in all of them, and just as if there had never been a law in the country to curtail the traffic in liquor. The prohibition laws, it would seem, are just about as air tight as can be made, millions are being appropriated for their enforcement, and the benefits, other than political, that could be derived from the Upchurch stumping, would be compelled to be negligible.

Democratic and Republican partisans in Watauga County were doing whatever work was done in preparation for the primary on a friendly plane and in a manner calculated to preserve the unity of both parties. Vicious literature had been taboo on all sides and no public utterance had been made. It is a deplorable fact that an outside politician should have set the pot to boiling, but it is yet believed that the vote will be cast Saturday in the best of good fellowship, and that whichever of the able candidates presented are selected, they will have the united following of their party in this county.

Washington, D. C.—Motion picture attendance has doubled in the two and a half years since sound pictures first caught the public fancy, according to Dr. Franklin S. Irby, editor of Electronics. Dr. Irby reports that 9,000 of America's 22,600 motion picture theaters had been sound-equipped by the end of 1929, and that the trend indicates that 75 per cent of the theaters will have talkie apparatus by the end of 1930.

Retiring President



Mr. George P. Hagaman, retiring president of Boone Civitan Club, who is succeeded by R. D. Hodges. During Mr. Hagaman's administration the club has enjoyed a large growth, and today is considered one of the State's liveliest civic organizations.

Mrs. Fulkerson Dies In Charlotte Hospital

Mrs. R. D. Fulkerson, 27, died last Sunday in a Charlotte hospital following an illness which had its beginning only a few days ago. Funeral services were conducted from the Willowdale Baptist Church, at 11 o'clock, Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock by the Rev. P. A. Hicks. Rev. A. J. Greene assisted in the services. Remains were taken to Jonesboro, Tenn., for interment.

Mrs. Fulkerson was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Dugger, of Villas, and was born and reared in this county. She was married to Mr. R. D. Fulkerson, of Jonesboro, Tenn., June 14, 1923, and three children were born, two of whom survive. She united with the Willowdale Baptist Church in 1916 and was a faithful member until death. Mrs. Fulkerson was well known throughout this section, was a lady of rare personality and a fine Christian character. She made a host of friends wherever she went who are made sad by news of her death.

Surviving are the husband; two children, Anna and Julia; father and mother; three brothers, David, Homer and Hal; and one sister, Mrs. W. S. Frantz.

Eleven Maniacs Are at Large in Iona, Michigan

Iona, Mich.—Thirteen dangerous inmates of the State Hospital for criminal insane made a daring escape from the institution before daylight yesterday.

Eleven of the fugitives, armed with knives and razors, were still at large today.

Two of the thirteen were recaptured within a few hours after the break on a trunk line highway. Of those still at large, four were sent to the hospital because they had committed murder; one charged into a courtroom with two pistols and threatened the judge; another ran into a downtown Detroit bank and snatched \$1,000, and the others were adjudged insane after committing robberies.

The escape was effected through a rise from a third floor ward in which eighteen men were confined.

Two guards were informed that some of the men were trying to saw their way out of a window. The guards summoned the night supervisor. When the three entered the ward, they were attacked and overpowered, the inmates displaying razors and knives which they had fashioned from dining room utensils.

The two guards were locked in a washroom and the thirteen men left the ward, taking Owen, the night supervisor with them. The other five made no attempt to flee. Men from other cells which the inmates unlocked also remained behind.

Owen was taken through a tunnel to the main entrance of the asylum where he was released.

GANGSTER GUNS BLAZE ANEW IN CHICAGO BEER WARFARE

Chicago.—Machine guns, shotguns and pistols blazed from the center to the four corners of the Chicago area over the week-end and left the police with the fear that they had a new beer war on their hands.

Eight are dead, two are dying, and four others were wounded in lesser degree. In one affray, three men were massacred and a woman and man were probably fatally shot.

Five of the dead were known gangsters, two were apparently ride victims and for that reason assumed to have been gangsters, and one was a gambler.

The most spectacular affair was the slaying of three gangsters early Sunday morning in a cottage at Fox Lake, north of Chicago.

NEW YORK'S PEACE WAR

In New York's peacetime war there were last year 1,307 employees killed while at their work, and more than 12,000 received injuries which crippled or disfigured them for life. The total number killed and maimed in New York City every year is nearly 315,000. The State of Ohio has almost the same number of deaths and injuries annually as has New York City.

BOONE CLUB NAMES NEW OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

R. D. Hodges Elected as President of Civitan. G. P. Hagaman, Retiring President Offered Vote of Thanks for Capable Work of His Administration. Other Officers Elected at Interesting Meeting.

Russell D. Hodges was elected president of Boone Civitan Club for the ensuing year at the regular weekly luncheon meeting held at Daniel Boone Hotel last Thursday noon. Mr. Hodges, who since the organization of that body has been active in its work, replaces George P. Hagaman, retiring president.

One of the largest crowds ever to attend such a meeting of the club was present, and much enthusiasm was displayed in the balloting. During the administration of Mr. Hagaman a number of important civic reforms have been carried to a successful conclusion by Civitan, and an increasing interest in the work has been shown by the entire membership. The club has vigorously supported municipal officers in law enforcement, better sanitary conditions, improved parking ordinances, etc., and the effort has resulted in a spic-and-span little city, probably second to none in cleanliness.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Hagaman for his capable leadership during the past year, and words of praise were spoken by several members. Mr. Hodges in the opinion of clubmen is adequately fitted for the important post. He has been connected for a number of years with the Taylor Motor Company and the Farmers Hardware Company, has a wide acquaintance, and possesses all the necessary requirements for an able executive.

Other officers elected were: W. H. Gragg, vice-president; A. E. South, secretary; Howard W. Mast, treasurer; G. P. Hagaman, trustee. The Board of Directors is composed of J. M. Gaither, I. G. Greer, J. B. Hagaman, J. F. Moore, G. K. Moore, and R. F. McDade.

District Masonic Meet Will Be Held Today

District Deputy J. J. C. Wright, of Boone, has called a meeting of all the officers of the Masonic Lodges in his district which is to convene in Boone afternoon and night, Thursday, June 5th. The afternoon session will be held at 4 and in the evening at 8 o'clock.

These meetings are held for the purpose of instructing the officers of the various lodges and it is hoped that a full attendance may be had so that there may be a full discussion of the problems of the fraternity.

MRS. MACK REESE DEAD

Mrs. Mack Reese, of Beach Creek, died Sunday evening after a prolonged illness. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday and interment was in the community cemetery.

Mrs. Reese was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Reese and was a niece of Mr. Joseph Hodges, of Adams. She was an admirable lady and much loved by all her acquaintances. She will be sadly missed in the community.

Those attending the funeral from Boone were Mr. and Mrs. John Greer, Mr. Carol Adams, Mrs. Jessie McGuire and Miss Gladys Swift.

HAYES BROTHERS MAKE LONG TRIP IN TRUCK

Clyde and James Hayes, of Limestone, Tenn., sons of Walter Hayes and grandsons of former Sheriff J. L. Hayes of Watauga, left their home on Friday, May 19, for St. John, Washington, driving a Chevrolet truck. On Wednesday, just six days later, they arrived at their destination, having negotiated the 3,140 miles without mishap.

The young gentlemen will spend the summer in the Northwest looking after the 1,300-acre wheat crop of their father, and are expected back in Limestone early in October.

Confederate Veterans in Reunion at Biloxi, Miss.

Biloxi, Miss., June 3.—Appetites sharpened by the gulf breezes, the army of Confederate Veterans, in reunion here, feasted at dinner on Southern fried chicken tonight and then were marched from the mess tent to the big tent auditorium where the fortieth reunion formally opened. The main tent, large enough to accommodate a two-ring circus, was gaily decorated with associated flags strung from side to side. A huge Confederate flag was draped over the speakers' stand which was almost hidden from view by flowers and plants. The main floor was bordered with box seats reserved for the many generals of the Confederacy and their staffs and sponsors. Back of these rose tiers of circus seats.

As the tent filled with veterans of Lee's army and members of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans, sponsors of the opening session, and the women of the Southern Confederate Memorial Association as well as thousands of visitors, the United States Marine Band kept music in the air. This band, the President's own, opened the night's program with "Dixie."

Rear Admiral Thomas Pickett Magruder, recently appointed as commander of the New Orleans naval base, was the principal speaker. In the afternoon many veterans joined the automobile parade to the formal opening of the Biloxi bridge, dedicated to the men and women who served in the World War.

Tennesseans Fined \$4 For Breaking Shrubbe

A party of five Elizabeth Tenn., people, enjoying last Sun in and around Blowing Rock, were arrested by Chief of Police G. Story of that city on a charge of trespass, tried in Mayor G. C. Robb court, and fined \$8 each. The trespass took place on the summer estate of E. H. Williamson, of Burlington. The Tennesseans having entered the premises, broken loads of rhododendron for the decoration of their car, pulled up shrubbery and otherwise defaced the property.

Mayor Robbins stated that this is only one of many cases which have been brought into his court during the year for trespass. He explained that many of the summer homes in his town are so located in the natural wilderness of rhododendron and mountain ivy that strangers hardly realize that they are on private property before the depredation has been committed. "However," he continued, "we have a State law in North Carolina which prohibits the breaking of shrubbery or flowers within 200 feet of a highway and, if this statute was strictly enforced, municipal officers in this section would be entirely relieved of such cases."

The Blowing Rock Mayor offers the suggestion that all highways leading into the mountains should be marked by signboards explaining the law, thereby protecting the beauty of the landscape as well as those who are unaware of the statute.

HENRY GREER DIES AT HOME NEAR MABEL

Mr. Henry Greer, near 80 years of age, of Mabel, died at his home Sunday morning, after a protracted illness. The funeral was conducted at Union Church Monday by the Rev. Wellington Swift, and the remains were buried in the church cemetery.

Mr. Greer was one of the very substantial citizens of his section, and will be missed sorely in the community in which he was born and reared. He is survived by his widow, also ripe in years; two sons, Messrs. Andrew and Charles Greer, and one daughter, Mrs. Henry Norris, who are numbered among our best citizenship.

SUICIDE BY STARVATION NEARS END AT DANVILLE, VIRGINIA

Danville, Va., June 4.—J. W. Davis, 60-year-old farmer of near here, slowly dying from self-imposed starvation in a determination to die, is now bedridden and so weak that he cannot talk above a whisper. He is reported to have feebly stated this morning, "My time will be up on Friday," basing this calculation on literature he had read in which it was stated that the limit of human endurance without food is 26 days. Davis is greatly emaciated but seems to show no weakness in his mental determination to die.

The aged man has been removed from his lonely home to that of Mrs. Josephine Miller a neighbor, to whose grandchild he has become greatly attached, having left his farm in his will. He appears rational and refuses to eat, as he has done since May 12, despite persistent efforts by doctors and neighbors to save him. However, he still drinks water and this may postpone his end.

Davis has told a doctor that he is 60 old to work and that he has outlived all those dear to him and has no desire to live, choosing starvation as the method rather than by violent means. He possesses a revolver but is reported to have stated that to shoot himself would be morally wrong.

BOONE (Charlotte Observer)

Talking about gains in population we are not to overlook the capital of Watauga County, which is Boone—well-paved, bright-faced and a town of thoroughly "citized" appearance, which in ten years has grown up from the low in the hundreds to a comfortable place in the over a thousand towns. Boone's development is due in large measure to the progressive spirit of its people, who have developed talent in both industry and commerce and not the least item in promotion of its growth is the Appalachian institution established there by the Dougherty brothers and fostered into a commanding position among the educational institutions of the land.

It is a good thing, too, that the census enumerators got in their work before this session of Judge Hayes' court, because he has caused a transfer of a right-sizeable slice of the citizenship of this and adjoining counties to Chillicothe and Atlanta.

RALEIGH SCHOOL NAME IS CHANGED TO "FRED A. OLDS"

Raleigh.—Thousands of North Carolina school children know Col. Fred A. Olds, of Raleigh, as a friend for his services acting as guide in the Tar Heel capital city and beginning next fall one of the city schools of Raleigh will be known as the "Fred A. Olds School."

For years Colonel Olds, custodian of the State hall of history, has directed thousands of school children annually on tours of Raleigh. He has described points of interest in the capital city and introduced the children to governors and other State officers as the years have passed.

"HEAVIEST DOOR" INSTALLED

What is believed to be the heaviest door in the world has been installed before a vault in a bank in Berlin, Germany. It weighs 25 tons and with its metal and concrete foundation the entire entrance totals nearly 400 tons.

The door is three feet nine inches thick and seven feet eight inches in diameter. It is of solid steel, and is two and one half times as thick as the armor on the largest battleship of the World War.

Cleveland County cotton growers report the best stand they have had in several years. The corn is also up to a good stand and is growing nicely.

THREE FEDERAL HIGHWAYS WILL CROSS WATAUGA

Unofficial Information Comes to Effect Organization to the Effect Three Federal Highways Have Been Approved Which Will Traverse This County. Numbers Not Assigned.

Mr. Grover C. Robbins, of Blowing Rock, secretary to the Western North Carolina Park to Park Highway Association, has received information to the effect that three Federal highways are to be designated for North Carolina, all of which will traverse sections of Watauga County. The news comes to Mr. Robbins through John D. Waldrop, State highway engineer, who has recently returned from Washington where he went in the interest of these projects. The text of the letter is as follows:

"I am glad to advise that my recent trip to Washington was successful and that I secured approval for several additional U. S. highways in North Carolina. These highways are as follows:

"From Twin Oaks, near Sparta, to Ingalls, via Blowing Rock and Boone. From Greensboro to Boone via Winston-Salem and North Wilkesboro.

"From Bristol to Columbia, S. C., via Boone, Blowing Rock, Lenoir, Hickory, Newton and Gastonia.

"I have not received official notification of this nor the U. S. number that will be assigned to them.

Last year the local organization was formed with the expressed purpose of fostering a movement to designate these highways as Federal thoroughfares. A board of directors was appointed consisting of members from each of the towns directly affected and the secretary's office has been functioning right along. It is felt that the enterprise of the organization has been largely responsible for the endorsement of the highway projects.

Frost in Watauga Does Great Damage to Crops

On Sunday morning, June 1, Watauga and contiguous counties were visited by a frost that played havoc with the growing crops in some sections. As usual, it was quite freakish. For instance, the gardens and truck patches in the town were not very slightly hurt, while within a mile out, the potato crops that the evening before were most promising, were only a blackened mass of withered vines.

Mr. J. M. Moretz, of Boone, plowed out the major part of his field and planted it to early corn, while others will, possibly, plant their potato lands to cabbage. This condition does not exist generally, as much of the crop got through unscathed, the most hurt being done along New River. Not much of the upland corn was hurt seriously.

Through the western part of the county the damage was rather light. It seems that both Ashe and Avery counties were harder hit than Watauga.

WILKES POPULATION REDUCED BY FEDERAL COURT SESSION

North Wilkesboro.—The May term of Federal Court, after ten days of rapid grind, called it a day Wednesday afternoon and adjourned. Perhaps no Federal session in recent years has witnessed such rapid-fire disposition of liquor cases and other violations. Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of Greensboro, tramped right heavily on the gas, having due regard, of course, for the curves in the legal road and the result is that the docket has been cleared of a great many pestering cases.

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UNITED PRESBYTERIANS VOTE TO MERGE WITH OTHER BODIES

Des Moines, Iowa.—The United Presbyterian Church of North America, in seventy-second annual assembly here, Saturday voted to merge with five other Presbyterian denominations.

The churches with which it voted to consolidate are the Northern and Southern Presbyterian churches, the Dutch and German Reformed churches, and the Presbyterian Church of the United States.

LAWRENCE LOVE, OF NEAR BOONE, VICTIM OF EPILEPSY

Lawrence Love, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Love, of the Laurel Fork section, who has been suffering with epilepsy from boyhood, was found dead in the bed at the home of his parents Sunday morning, and he supposed was that he had been dead several hours.

Lawrence was a hard worker, a man of fine moral character and was highly respected by those who knew him.

He is survived by the widow (formerly Miss Clo Hodges) and five small children, who are left to fight the battle of life alone under very adverse circumstances.