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Today and Tomorrow

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Temperature

An Italian inventor has developed a heat-cooling furnace for domestic use. The same apparatus which keeps the house warm in winter will draw the heat from the air in summer and keep it cool.

Scientists have known for eighty years that this could be done, but the cost has made it impracticable. Now Professor E. Guarini, of Milan, claims to have found a practical method of making such a refrigerator-heater.

The use of such a means of artificial cooling requires all windows to be tightly closed. Outside of the United States, however, few people ever open their windows; and it should not be difficult to provide for artificial ventilation to take the place of direct fresh air from outside.

Mountains

The highest peak east of the Mississippi isn't as high as had been thought. The United States Geological Survey of Mount Mitchell, in North Carolina, and finds that it is 6,884 feet above sea level, or 24 feet lower than former figures.

Only a few mountains in the East approximate a mile in height. Clingmans Dome, Tennessee, is 6,644 feet, only 10 feet lower than Mount Mitchell. Mount Washington, in New Hampshire, is 6,288 feet, or 12 feet less than a mile. The highest American mountain is Mount McKinley, Alaska, 20,300 feet high, with Mt. Whitney, California, next, at 14,501 feet.

All the highest mountains are sinking. In a million years even the Rockies may be merely hills, and the Appalachian range a flat plain.

Sherlock

The death of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle at 71 removes from the earth the creator of one of the enduring characters in fiction and the father of a new school of story writing.

Educated as a physician, Conan Doyle early turned to literature, and while he wrote several historical novels of great merit, his immense success was with his stories of the super-detective, Sherlock Holmes. Literally millions of copies of his books about Sherlock Holmes have been sold, and the name is familiar wherever English is spoken.

No real detective ever did things the way Sherlock Holmes did, but that makes no difference. What readers of detective stories want is not fact but illusion.

Washington

In 1932 the United States of America will celebrate the 200th birthday of George Washington. He was born on February 11, 1732, and the 11th was the day which was celebrated as his birthday for many years. But the change in the calendar in 1754, by which 11 days were dropped out of the month of September in that year, made this anniversary, but an exact calculation, fall on the 22nd.

The national celebration of 1932, for which Congress has appropriated \$4,500,000, will last from February 22 to Thanksgiving. The President is chairman of the Washington Bicentennial Commission, and each State is to appoint a similar commission. Local committees will be formed to see to it that every child and every citizen has an opportunity to take part in some form of local celebration.

I hope that the picture of Washington as something between a saint and a demi-god, so long perpetuated in the name of patriotism, will be replaced in the public mind by the impression of him as a very human sort of person, but I am afraid not.

Smithsonian

More than one hundred years ago James Smithson, a wealthy Englishman who was the illegitimate son of a British nobleman, left his entire fortune to the United States of America to found "an institution for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men." Congress just before adjournment this year appropriated \$6,500,000 to add to previous appropriations for the enlargement of the Smithsonian Institution and its National Museum.

Smithson's bequest and the purpose to which it has been put have been worth a countable millions to America. Research in pure science conducted by the men in charge of the Institution has done more toward the development of our national resources than any other one cause, so those familiar with the matter say. It is the center to which everybody who wants to know anything about American science, rocks, fishes, plants, trees, insects, animals goes for precise information. It is also the greatest source of information on applied science in the form of invention.

PLEASED WITH BOONE

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Boykin, of Wilson, accompanied by a small grandson, are guests for several weeks at the Daniel Boone Hotel. The Boykins have spent some time here each summer for the past three years, and state that they have never found a more enjoyable climate or more hospitable surroundings than abound in Boone.

LEES-M'RAE WILL BEGIN FALL TERM AS JUNIOR SCHOOL

September 10th Opening Date of Presbyterian College. One Grade Added to College Course. Preparatory Department Fully Accredited High School. Several Changes in Faculty Personnel.

Lees-McRae College at Banner Elk, N. C., will open for the fall term on September 10th. The college preparatory department will begin with the eighth grade, and the second year of the junior college will be added, making Lees-McRae a fully accredited junior college. Its preparatory department has been for some years a fully accredited high school.

Several changes have been made in the faculty list, which now stands as follows:

Edwin H. Tufts, Banner Elk, president; B. S. Davidson, College; Leo K. Pritchett, Reidsville, N. C., principal and dean of boys; A. B. Davidson, College; Rev. W. R. Smith, Banner Elk, director of religious activities; King College, B. D. Emory Seminary; Nell Hall, Belmont, N. C., dean of women and assistant in history; A. B. Queens College; Fannie K. Taylor, Staunton, Va., Latin and French; Mary Baldwin College; E. T. Erickson, Lotta, N. C., science; A. B. and M. S. University of Iowa; Sarah Burlington, Mooresville, N. C., history; A. B. Salem College; Louise N. Faucette, Bristol, Tenn., religious education; A. B. and M. A. University of New York; B. R. E. Biblical Seminary, N. Y.; Helen B. Peterson, New York City, home economics; A. B. and M. A. Columbia University; Jane Grey, Bedford, Va., assistant in English and religious education; A. B. Agnes Scott College; Katherine O'Neill, Coburn, Va., mathematics; A. B. and M. A. University of New York; Jeanette McLellan, New York City, English; A. B. and M. A. Columbia University; Charles Zimmerman, Asheville, N. C., physical education and social science; A. B. and L. L. B. Wake Forest College.

Alison B. Stirling, Norfolk, Va., librarian; Teachers College, Cooper Institute, Washington County Library School, Hagerstown, Md.; William C. Tate, Grace Hospital; Banner Elk, anatomy and physiology; A. B. University of Tennessee; M. D. Knoxville General Hospital, N. Y. Polytechnic; Ronald H. Hardin, Grace Hospital, bacteriology; A. B. Duke University; M. D. Medical College of Virginia; Tulane University; Georgia Phylar, R. N., Grace Hospital, practical nursing; Columbia College; Pennell Infirmary; Effie C. Wilson, R. N., Grace Hospital, hygiene; North Pacific Sanitorium; Susie V. Prater, Grace Hospital, dietetics; Georgia Teachers College.

Blowing Rock Hotel Is Thoroughly Remodeled

Thirty-six Rooms Now Equipped With Private Baths. Running Water Throughout Building. Good Tourist Business Reported

Extensive remodeling work, which has been in progress for the past three months on the interior of Blowing Rock Hotel and surrounding cottages is nearing completion, and this popular summer hostelry, opened less than three weeks ago, is now doing a lucrative business.

Changes made on the buildings include the installation of a modern water system; painting and remodeling. Thirty-six rooms are equipped with private bath, and hot and cold running water now adds comfort to every compartment.

Donald J. Boyden, owner of the property under whose direction Mayview Manor, as well as Blowing Rock Hotel, was operated last year, is now devoting himself exclusively to the management of the latter. Situated as it is, facing the Grandfather Mountain and Johns River Valley, Blowing Rock Hotel offers a distinct attraction to the summer trade, and it is interesting to state that, despite financial depression, it is entertaining more guests than at any time during recent years.

Among prominent State people registered at Blowing Rock Hotel this week are Former Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels and Mrs. Daniels of Raleigh, Judge and Mrs. Frank Daniels of Goldsboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Josephus Daniels Jr., of Raleigh.

Resident of Philippines Visitor at Valle Crucis

Mrs. B. G. Leake, nee Miss Annie Shull, and small son, James William, of Manila, P. I., are visitors at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Shull, Valle Crucis. This is Mrs. Leake's second trip to the States since she went to the Philippines, where her husband is engaged in the manufacture of cocoa oil, more than six years ago.

Mr. Leake is expected to arrive from Manila early in December, and will remain with his family until May 1, 1931, when they will return to the Islands.

The former student at A. T. S. states that she keeps herself posted on county affairs through the columns of The Democrat, and, although the paper is nearly five weeks old when she receives it, every word is thoroughly enjoyed.

Other visitors at the Shull home are Mrs. J. W. Leake and Mrs. Pearl Leake, of Charleston, S. C.

Democrat to Publish Stories by Editors

The meeting of the Press Association at Blowing Rock has attracted so much comment from the press of the State that The Democrat feels its readers will enjoy what the editors say about us and our country. Limited space forbids the publication of even the best of these stories in one issue, so some are handled this week, and the remainder will appear serially in subsequent editions.

It appears that the gentlemen of the press deeply enjoyed their brief visit with us, and are telling the world through their respective publications of the beauty and hospitality to be found in the Blowing Rock section.

Drought Is Broken by Series of Good Rains

Downpours Over Week-end Greatly Refreshed Suffering Vegetation. Temperatures Remain Comfortable as South Swelters

The continued drought of several weeks has been broken by a series of rains which fell Saturday night, Sunday and Monday. The warm sunlight and refreshing showers, it seems, have conspired together to rebuild damages done to growing crops by lack of moisture, and the countryside is again responding to their magical treatment.

While potatoes are too far advanced to be materially aided by rain, corn, cabbage, tobacco and small garden crops have been benefited to a great degree. Farmers who were forced to idleness by the dry weather have resumed their labors, and optimism again prevails in the county.

While the remainder of the South has sweltered in the heat wave, Watauga has remained comparatively cool, with the exception of a few hours during the afternoons. The Government thermometer at Appalachian State Teachers College has registered at high as 90 degrees at 3 p. m., but as evening came mercury would begin her descent, and by early bedtime comfortable temperatures of 60 to 65 were reached. In the early morning hours last week temperatures as low as 45 were recorded.

One of the leading resort towns of the Southeast, located in the Blue Ridge Mountains at an altitude of nearly six hundred feet lower than Boone and sixteen hundred feet lower than Blowing Rock, is boasting of its low temperatures during the hot weather of the past few weeks. Reason, however, leads to the belief that climatic conditions in the Boone-Blowing Rock section, nestled as it is among the clouds, would bring a greater degree of relief to heat sufferers than this other well-advertised and highly-touted resort.

Boone yearly attracts an increasing number of tourists; they come, they see, they stay and they like it. And each and every one of them become boosters of Boone.

Boone Man Displays Fine Selection of Spuds

Potatoes! Taters! Spuds! Everybody said a few weeks back that there wouldn't be any, but on last Thursday along came Watt Beach, who owns a portion of the old Azor Hartley place just east of town, with a few specimens that would lead one to believe that things are never as bad as they look.

The assortment, which is now on display at The Democrat office, represents the number one spuds taken from five hills of five different species—Irish Cobbler, Green Mountain, Sir Walter Raleigh, Early Rose and Early Bliss. Especially large are the first three varieties mentioned, their smoothness and perfection comparing favorably with the product of more favorable growing seasons. In fact, many farmers state that they have rarely seen better specimens in Watauga.

Mr. Beach, considered one of the thirteenth farmers of the county, has several acres in potatoes this year and expects to dig the best yield he has ever produced. He is of the opinion that the farmers of this section, even though greatly handicapped by extreme dry weather, will realize as much or more for their potatoes as in previous years.

DEMOCRATS PLAN INTENSIVE DRIVE IN FALL ELECTIONS

Washington.—Democratic chieftains are laying plans for an intensive congressional campaign to begin late in August by which they hope to obtain enough seats in the house to give them control in the next congress.

Formulated at secret conferences between the party leaders here and in New York the plans entail the raising of funds for drives in 72 districts in border and northern states which the Democrats hope to win. The money is to be raised and is to be used exclusively for the congressional campaign. None of it is to be applied to the \$500,000 deficit of the Democratic national committee.

NOTICE TO EX-SERVICE MEN

Watauga Post 130, American Legion will meet in Legion Hall next Friday night August 1, at 8 o'clock. Officers for the coming year will be elected at this time. They will be installed in October. Several other important matters will be discussed. Don't forget to come. SPENCER MILLER, Com.

TENNESSEE MAN IS FATALLY INJURED BY FURIOUS BULL

Father of Mrs. Don J. Horton, Dies in Banner Elk Hospital Last Friday. Funeral Held at Tennessee Home. Deceased Was Well Known Throughout County Where He Had Often Visited.

Mr. E. F. Chandler, of Washington College, Tenn., died at Grace Hospital, Banner Elk, Friday noon from injuries sustained that morning when he was attacked by an enraged bull on the farm of his son-in-law, Mr. Don J. Horton, of Vilas. Remains were taken back to the old Tennessee home where burial took place on the following day. He was about eighty years old.

Mr. Chandler had arrived in Boone on the Thursday afternoon train, where he was met by his son-in-law. On the next morning, as the news reaches The Democrat, Mr. Horton was going to the home of his brother, Mr. J. B. Horton, a short distance across the bottom, and had warned Mr. Chandler to stay out of the barnyard, where a Holstein bull was being kept. The latter is said to have replied that he did not fear the vicious animal and that should he be attacked he could easily take care of himself with a brake stick which he picked up from a wagon.

Mr. Horton thought his father-in-law was jesting and proceeded on his mission, without further conversation. He returned within a short space of time and when he reached the barn found Mr. Chandler in a half-sitting position, semi-conscious and with the infuriated beast standing almost over his helpless form. The injured man was taken immediately to the hospital where it was discovered that he was in a dying condition, ten ribs and a shoulder bone having been crushed and internal injuries sustained. There were no eye-witnesses to the tragedy.

Mr. Chandler had visited often at the home of his daughter, and was well and favorably known throughout that section of the county and has many friends locally who will receive the news of his death with sorrow.

Convict Guards Bound Over to Superior Court

Arrested Sunday by Local Officers on Charges of Possession and Intoxication. Supervisor Fills Bonds for Appearance

J. P. Gosnell and O. R. Freeman, two state guards who are employed boating "niggers" convicts on Route 60 east of Deep Gap, were arrested by Deputies Lee Gross and Poly Wyke Sunday afternoon at a lunchroom on the Blowing Rock Road just outside the city limits. The arrests were made following a complaint lodged by a tourist who stated that the men were drunk, displaying firearms and using language uncomplimentary to the Sabbath atmosphere.

When Deputies Gross and Wyke arrived on the scene they "frisked" the gentlemen, appropriated their attire (to which they strenuously objected), and relieved them of a small quantity of liquid corn.

They spent the night in jail, were given preliminary hearings before Justice E. N. Hahn Monday morning on charges of possession and intoxication, and bound over to the fall term of Superior Court under bonds of \$300. D. R. Lida, State supervisor, furnished the amounts named and took the two guards back to the camp where, it is understood, they have resumed their sordid duties.

Rumors have been coming from this particular camp for the past several weeks to the effect that ill treatment is being accorded many of the unfortunate inmates, and that methods of discipline used by the "whipping bosses" have been extremely harsh. Whether or not these reports are true, it is expected that an investigation will be made by State welfare authorities at an early date.

State Teachers College Begins Second Term

(By J. M. DOWNUM)

The Appalachian State Teachers College has just finished its first week in the Second Summer School Term, and the work seems to be starting well and in order already. The total number for the second term is 523. This is considerably above the second term last summer.

Compared with last summer, the enrollment shows quite an increase. The first term last summer had an enrollment of 586, this summer it was 795, an increase of 209. The second term last summer was 321, this summer it is 523, an increase of 202, making an increase over last summer of 411, or a little more than 45 per cent.

It is only fair to the student body to say that the first term this summer was considered the best in the history of the school, not discounting in any sense now that the present student body will be fully equal to the first term in quality. All seem anxious and ready to do their part well in every way.

The student body may be able to give several good reasons why they come to the college here from every section of North Carolina and many other states for the summer schools. One very good reason they are giving is that it is the coolest place they can find in eastern America to attend college.

Kuester Will Advance Interests of This City

C. O. Kuester, vice-president and business manager of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, who was a guest of Boone last Thursday at the picnic supper accorded State editors, has, it seems, become one of the town's most ardent press agents. In a letter to the editor, dated July 25th, Mr. Kuester has the following to say in regard to the pleasant affair:

"Spent a most delightful afternoon in Boone yesterday; the picnic dinner was marvelous and the entertainment could not have been better anywhere on this earth.

"Just want to let you know I had a good time, and shall do everything I can to advance the interests of Boone."

W. C. Dowd Sends a Message to Boone Folk

President of Press Association Expresses Appreciation of Body for Entertainment Given During Recent Session

The following letter from W. Carey Dowd Jr., publisher of the Charlotte News and president of the North Carolina Press Association, is indicative of the good will held by members of that fraternity in view of their reception by Boone citizens on last Thursday:

Charlotte, N. C., July 28, 1930.

Mr. R. C. Rivers, Editor The Watauga Democrat, Boone, N. C.

My Dear Mr. Rivers:

I trust you will grant me space in the columns of The Watauga Democrat to express to you and the good people of Boone my sincere and grateful thanks for their generous and unstinted contribution to the success of the convention of the North Carolina Press Association, held last week at Blowing Rock. I have no hesitancy in saying that the entertainment and recreation provided us on Thursday afternoon was as enjoyable as any ever afforded us. I know something of the problem of providing automobiles and serving a picnic supper. I never entertained any doubt of your ability to make an outstanding event of the venture, but it was gratifying and consoling to see the happy and friendly and wholehearted manner in which the people of Boone went after the business at hand.

The impromptu program on the picnic ground was cleverly conceived and executed and the spontaneity and wit of those who took part indicated beyond doubt that your joy and our joy was most real. We are sincerely indebted to all of you and look forward to the time when our system of rotation of convention places will permit us to return to your immediate section.

With every good wish, I am, Most cordially yours, W. CAREY DOWD, JR.

Bailey Addresses Press Meet at Blowing Rock

Three necessary steps in the development of North Carolina were outlined to the editors of the State at Blowing Rock last Thursday night by Josiah William Bailey, Democratic nominee for the United States Senate.

Briefly, they are the consolidation and conservation of progress so rapidly achieved, the rebuilding of the per capita wealth of the State, and the fostering of agriculture and industry.

Referring to the rebuilding program accomplished in schools, roads, public health and welfare systems since Walter Hines Page sounded the call to progress thirty years ago, Mr. Bailey said, "and now what is the order?"

"First," he declared, "we have the immediate task of consolidating and conserving the progress we have already achieved. We must hope, in rigid economy, to avoid retrenchment."

"Second, the per capita wealth of the people of North Carolina remains depressingly low. Recent census figures show the State to rank 12th in population, but we are below 40th in wealth. We must hope to realize upon the work of education and upon our roads. These have not yet had an opportunity to prove their wealth producing powers."

"Third, we must foster both agriculture and industry. They will go forward together. Neither can get on without the other. Sound thinking will give due regard to each. The prosperity of each is essential to the prosperity of the commonwealth."

On national aspects of the present situation, Mr. Bailey referred to the necessity for developing the State's export trade, since the United States is now producing in manufactures as well as agriculture more than the American people can consume. He also gave expression to his satisfaction that the problems of the farmers have at last been recognized by the entire nation and that to a certain extent the problems have been diagnosed.

A number of Bailey admirers from all parts of the county were present for the address.

By installing a hydraulic ram at his spring 817 feet away from the house, J. L. Long of Yadkin County now has a plentiful supply of running water for his home and barns.

VISITORS PRAISE HIS SECTION OF NORTH CAROLINA

Press Convention at Blowing Rock is Characterized as One of the Most Beneficial and Enjoyable Yet to Be Held in This State. Motor Trip Around Grandfather and Boone's Entertainment Draw Praise.

The session of the North Carolina Press Association which closed last Friday at Green Park Hotel, Blowing Rock, was a memorable occasion for the newspapermen of the state, as is evidenced by the unusual amount of publicity which has been accorded the event as well as this section of the state generally. The editors are deep in their appreciation of the courtesies shown them by the management of the hotel, by the citizens of Blowing Rock, Linville, Banner Elk and Boone, and many of them have expressed regret that the system of rotation observed by the Association will prevent another session being held in this immediate section within the near future.

The motor trip which was accorded the visitors through the courtesy of the citizens of Boone and the many favors shown along the way, however, have drawn the major share of the comment. On Thursday afternoon a string of motor cars in charge of Russell D. Hodges, President of the Boone Citizen Club called for the members of the press at convention headquarters, and they were taken over the scenic Yonahlossee highway to Linville where they were briefly received by the Linville Improvement Co. At Banner Elk the Lees-McRae College and hospital was the center of attraction and the hospitality of the management was complete. The party continued to Boone where all made a "bee line" for the home of the Watauga Democrat, oldest newspaper in this section of the state, where "shop talk" interspersed pleasant conversation with different citizens of the community.

On the lawn of W. H. Gragg the editors were seated at six o'clock dinner, during the course of which R. C. Rivers extended a brief welcome on behalf of the citizens of the city, and Prof. J. G. Greer welcomed the press on behalf of the college. Hon. Josiah W. Bailey, who had not been expected at the dinner when the hurried plans for the rather impromptu program had been made, put in appearance and W. H. Gragg introduced him to the audience. Mr. Bailey's remarks were of necessity brief, as were those of Hon. Josephus Daniels, who followed him. W. Carey Dowd, Jr. of the Charlotte News and President of the Association expressed the appreciation of the press, as did Miss Beatrice Cobb, Secretary. J. G. Greer concluded the program with two folk songs.

The dinner was generally acclaimed as nothing short of marvelous, and much praise was bestowed upon the ladies of the town who prepared it. The presidents of the women's clubs of the city composed the committee, Mesdames I. C. Greer, J. M. Moretz and P. A. Coffey, and all the ladies of the community moved forward as one in the preparation of the big picnic dinner.

The party was returned to Blowing Rock following dinner and many citizens of Boone and the county at large availed themselves of the opportunity of hearing Mr. Bailey deliver the principal address of the session in the evening.

Doughton May Run For Senate in 1932

Raleigh.—Repeats that "Farmer Bob" Robert J. Doughton of Laurel Springs, Alleghany County, might by some means become a candidate for the United States Senate seat occupied by Senator Lee S. Overman is discussed with interest here, pro and con.

His record of success in every primary and election in which he has been a candidate is looked upon as an omen of what he might be able to do if he should decide to give up the seat he has held in Congress from the Eighth North Carolina District for twenty years and seek the post in the upper body.

However, grave doubt is expressed that he could be induced to consider the change. In the first place, there is no financial gain, although that may be of minor consideration. In the next place, he would be giving up a post, which, under all normal conditions, he might be expected to retain as long as he may want it.

121-YEAR-OLD WOMAN DIES IN CRAVEN COUNTY

New Bern, July 28.—Eliza Mayo, aged negroes who claimed to be at least 122 years old, died during the week end. Another longevity record was reported in the death of Annie Wayne, negro, who died during the week end at the age of 90 years, according to the official records of Dr. D. E. Ford, county health officer.

Ann Eliza Mayo was born October 22, 1808, as a slave in Louisville Ky., according to an old Bible in the possession of R. L. Gardner her cousin, with whom she resided. Until the last month or so she remained unusually active and alert. She could sew splendidly without the use of glasses. For 50 years she had no teeth but could easily make away with nuts or tough meats.

The Federal government lost money on her prolonged life. Ever since the war between the states she had been drawing a regular pension, her husband having been in the union army.