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Today and Tomorrow

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Pansy.

To thousands of middle-aged and elderly Americans the news of the death of Mrs. Isabella M. Aiden will come as a surprise that she should have lived so long, and will cause many a sign of regret at the snapping of another link with the irreplaceable past.

Under the pen-name of "Pansy" Mrs. Aiden wrote more than 120 books, which were enormously popular in the 1870's and, indeed, down to the beginning of the present century. She was born in 1841, and before 1850, more than eighty years ago, her first story had been published! The wife of a minister, all of her books were of a distinctly religious cast. Her most popular series, the "Esther Reid" books for girls and young women, sold into the millions. It was largely through Mrs. Aiden's writings that the Chautauqua educational movement gained its great popularity.

I know of few persons who have lived such useful lives and none who spent so many years in one vocation.

Population.

The total number of inhabitants of the United States is 122,728,873 according to the Census final figures. That was the count on April 1, 1930, and covers only Continental United States. Adding Alaska, the Philippines, Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Virgin Islands, the total number of persons under the United States flag is 137,501,581.

There are but three other governments in the world under which so many people live. They are China, Russia and India. The total population of the British Commonwealth of Nations is, of course, larger, but none of the Dominions—Australia, Canada, the Union of South Africa and the rest—nor even England and Scotland together, has anywhere near as many people as we have.

And we are still growing. The 1930 figures are seventeen million higher than the 1920 count, the largest ten-year increase in our history.

Water Rate Increased To Meet Interest Rate

To meet an emergency brought about by the fact that the income from city water and sewer rents has been insufficient to pay the interest on the bonds floated for the construction of the water system, the board of aldermen, after having held an advisory session with representative taxpayers of the city, have decreed a slight increase in the cost of service. Hereafter the charge for water and sewer right shall be \$1.75 per month, for water alone \$1.25 and for sewer alone \$1.25. The new scale represents an increase of 50 cents on the combination service.

In view of the fact that Boone has perhaps the lowest rate on water to be found in the country, no meters are employed and the quantity a housewife may use is unlimited, the citizens of the town, as well as the officials, felt that the slight change in rates would meet with general approval. The water system was installed with the idea of its paying its own way and a raise was necessary before it could do this.

September 1 Is Last Day for Trout Fishing

The trout fishing season for Watauga County is officially closed on the first day of September, according to Warden H. G. Farthing, and the squirrel hunting period will open on the 15th. The official urges all hunters to provide themselves with the proper licenses prior to that time, provided they are not hunting on their own land.

Already, says Mr. Farthing, reports are coming in of violations of the hunting laws and warrants have been sent to Caldwell County for the arrest of Ed Miller and Hoyle Teague, of Granite Falls, who are alleged to have shot squirrels in the Cove Creek section last week.

Warden Farthing also reports the arrest of James Presnell and Ben Hicks. They were charged with dynamiting the waters of Beech Creek, but came clear for lack of direct evidence. Officers of Unicoi County, Tenn., were on hand and took charge of Presnell for like offenses, said to have been committed there.

PERSONALITY CONFERENCE TO BE HELD THIS FALL

It was announced last spring after the successful initial meeting at Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk, of the Personality Conference that a second such conference would be held this fall. This new educational movement was inaugurated by the school principals and superintendents of the four mountain counties of Yancey, Watauga, Mitchell and Avery, in Western North Carolina.

The immediate purpose of this conference is to bring together selected groups of high school students from the four counties mentioned to listen to inspiring talks by outstanding speakers on the best ways of developing personality and to discuss among themselves various personality problems. The aim is to help these students in building up their own characters and to enable them to exert good influences in their schools. The conference will also, it is hoped, be a means of binding the high school students closer together. High school students are to be fitted for useful citizenship, they must have the threefold development of heart, head and hand. The whole man must be educated, and the individual must learn how to discover his own personality and how to develop it so that it will impress itself upon others for their good.

Last year fifty-five students were in attendance for two days at the Personality Conference held at Lees-McRae. The program at this first meeting was of general nature. "What is Personality?" was discussed by Professor Kenneth J. Foreman of Davidson College; Dr. Robert Yost of King College spoke on the question "How Can Personality Help Me to Succeed?", and Mr. Victor M. Davis, of the University of Tennessee, gave an address on "How Can I Obtain a Winning Personality?" The group discussions were also greatly enjoyed.

It is hoped that this Personality Conference will become an annual one and extend to the high schools of all the mountain counties. The principals and superintendents of the four charter counties are about to meet to decide on a program for this fall's conference to be held at Lees-McRae probably in October. A tentative one has been prepared for their discussion and the one decided on will probably treat in a definite way of the various factors which go to make up a personality, such as willpower, books, manners and mannerisms, high and low ideals, cheerfulness, indifference, graciousness and many others, not all of which, of course, can be treated in one meeting, but which will perhaps provide subjects for succeeding ones.

The interest in the conference is widespread and it is felt that its future will be assured and will have a vital influence for good in shaping the lives of the mountain young people.

College Will Extend Underground Tunnels

Mr. R. F. Coffey, resident engineer at the Normal College, says that on September 2, officials of that institution will receive bids for additional underground heating mains connecting the old buildings of the campus with the new central heating unit. The tunnels hitherto have been laid only to the newer buildings.

"WHOOPEE"

The management of the Carolina Theatre, Blowing Rock, takes pleasure in announcing the pre-release showing of "Whoopie" starring Eddie Cantor, famous star of the speaking stage. The engagement with the local house covers Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. Those who have witnessed the initial showings agree that the production cost of \$1,750,000 is entirely justified and that "Whoopie" is the greatest piece of screen or stage entertainment ever conceived.

ANNUAL BUDGET CUTS TAX RATE BY FIVE CENTS

County Auditor's Budget Estimate Is Approved, and Tax Rate Is Fixed at \$1.15 for This Year. Total Budget for Year Ending June 30, '31, Is Placed at \$194,007.23. School Fund Largest Item of Expense.

County Accountant A. E. South has prepared the uniform annual budget estimate for Watauga and the same has been approved by the Board of County Commissioners and is being published this week in compliance with the requirements of the County Fiscal Control Act passed during the 1927 General Assembly.

This year the tax rate will be \$1.15 on the hundred-dollar valuation, or a reduction of five cents over last year when the rate was \$1.20. The school fund is the largest item and a tax of 47 cents is required. The remainder of the assessment is distributed as follows: General county fund 15 cents; road maintenance fund 15 cents; interest and sinking fund, 38 cents. The figures of the accountant indicate that \$194,007.23 will be required to conduct the affairs of the county during the present fiscal year. Of this amount \$23,917.90 is included in the general county fund, \$18,550.00 is set aside for road maintenance, \$16,270.00 is applied to interest and sinking fund, while the school fund's portion of the budget is set at \$105,270.23.

CIVITAN CLUB SPONSORS CARNIVAL BALL SATURDAY

Under the auspices of the Blowing Rock Civitan Club, a carnival ball is to be given Saturday evening in the ballroom of Mayview Manor. The dancing is to begin at 9 o'clock and an admission of one dollar will be charged which is to be used by Civitan for promoting charitable enterprises. Some of the proceeds will likely be used in connection with the proposed tubercular clinic which is being considered for Watauga County. Mr. Chapman, manager of Mayview Manor, gave the ballroom for the occasion and supplied the orchestra.

Mrs. Robert Mehane is chairman of the ball. This promises to be a very gay and delightful occasion as the entire affair will be carried out in the carnival spirit, with a balloon dance, a crystal reader, confetti and good music.

LOCAL TIRE CONCERN HIGH IN COMPETITION

Central Tire Company, local Good-year agency, is making a big showing in the mid-summer sales campaign, and is ranking among the leaders in this district, according to W. R. Winkler, manager. The winner of the "Zepplin race" will be entitled to a free trip to Akron as guest of Goodyear. Mr. Winkler reports a big increase in business of late, and has reasons to believe that his concern will win in the district this year, with bright chances of taking State and national honors in the future. The awards are made on the basis of number of sales according to the auto census in the community affected.

McCRARY ADVISES FARMERS TO CONSERVE FEED SUPPLY

O. F. McCrary, district agent of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, has sent out the following letter to stockmen in this section:

There is a serious shortage of feed for livestock in a number of our counties. All feed possible should be saved this fall in order to meet the situation as far as possible. With this in mind, the following suggestions are timely:

1. Keep it too late to plant summer crops to be harvested and stored this winter, in most counties.

2. Harvest all forage possible and store for winter use.

3. Cut corn as the blades begin to fire above the ear, cure in an open shock and put under cover when well dried.

4. Keep livestock on pastures as long as possible before feeding begins. Feeding value of short dry grass is very high. Pastures are expected to make rapid recovery with fall rains.

5. Save corn for work stock and maintain other stock as far as possible on pastures.

6. Conditions are usually favorable for the growth of fall sown grain and clovers. Acreage should be greatly increased.

7. Encourage your neighbors to buy seed now before the supply has been fed or sold for feed. As far as possible, assist farmers who have seed for sale, in selling it to other farmers in your county.

8. If farmers must buy feed, assist them in every way possible to buy it co-operatively.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB ENJOYS PICTURE AT PASTIME

On August 22 the members of the Friday Afternoon Club were guests of Mrs. Addie Little for a delightful afternoon at the Pastime Theatre, to see "Romance." This program over, Mrs. Little took her comrades to the Princess Cafe for refreshments, and for an hour of friendly visiting. It was a pleasant occasion from which everyone came away in a happy frame of mind.

The next meeting of the club will be with Mrs. L. G. Greer, on Friday, August 29th. All members are expected to be present to take part in the election of officers for the coming year.

CONVENTION KEYNOTER



CAMERON MORRISON, Who Will Address Democrats Here Saturday

MORRISON WILL BE KEYNOTER AT POW WOW SAT.

State Librarian

Former Governor Slated to Address Watauga County Democratic Convention. Precinct Meetings Will Be Held on Friday. Hon. R. L. Doughton, Representative from Eighth District to Speak Monday.

The Democrats of Watauga County have been called to meet in convention in the courthouse next Saturday at 1 o'clock for the purpose of naming candidates for the various county offices. Precinct meetings will be held at the various voting places on the previous Friday for the purpose of naming delegates to the county convention.

Immediately following the business of the session, Hon. Cameron Morrison, former Governor of North Carolina, and one of the leading figures in the political life of North Carolina, will address the voters on the manifold questions of the day.

To Hon. R. L. Doughton, however, belongs the honor of touching off the opening shot of the year's campaign, as he will address the voters in the courthouse on next Monday during the noon recess of court. Mr. Doughton will also be present at the convention, and will likely introduce Mr. Morrison to the audience.

Lots of Places to Go During Coming Week

The program for the next week is something like this: The Johnson County Fair is now on in full swing and many Wataugans are attending, next Friday p. m., Democratic primaries are in the various townships of the county; on Saturday the Democratic County Convention in Boone—Hon. Cameron Morrison, ex-Governor, to address the convention; next Monday Superior Court will open, Judge Stack presiding the first week and Judge Lyon the second; during the noon hour on Monday "Farmer Bob" Doughton will address the people on the political issues of the day. And last, but not least, the Mighty Haig Shows will be here on Monday. The question is, how can a man or woman, having anything at all to do, attend so many things in so short a time.

STUDENTS OF COLLEGE ENJOY RECITAL BY MISS HENKEL

The students and faculty of the college and friends from Boone, Lenoir and other places were remarkably well entertained on Saturday by Miss Christine Henkel with a number of fine vocal solos, and Mr. Ralph Robbins, a wonderful fine pianist. Miss Henkel, who is from Statesville, is a student of the college. She has had splendid training for a number of years and is a soloist of unusual ability and performance. Mr. Robbins, who is from Lenoir, is a pianist of superior talent and remarkable performance, having last spent three years in German musical institutions, after good training in America. The audience was immensely well pleased with the character of the entertainment and would gladly welcome these fine musical artists back at any time.

REV. WILSON CLOSES REVIVAL AT PROFFIT'S GROVE CHURCH

Revival services lasting nine days closed more than a week ago at Profitt's Grove school house on Upper Mead Camp. The pastor, Rev. L. A. Wilson, was assisted by the Rev. Winkler, pastor of South Fork Baptist Church. There were twenty-one conversions and fifteen were received into the church by baptism on Wednesday, August 20. The church and community, we are told, are greatly revived spiritually as a result of the wonderful meeting.

OPENING OF BOONE HIGH SCHOOL SET FOR SEPT. 9

In order not to conflict with the opening of the college, Boone High School will open on Tuesday, Sept. 9th. There will be a meeting of the teachers in the school library on DAVE P. MAST, Principal.

Sossamon's Sayings

By LEROY OSSAMON

A TIME FOR EVERYTHING
There's a time to laugh and a time to cry;
A time to embrace and say goodbye;
There's a time in love, a time to be out;
A time to be sorry, a time to pout;
There's time to be merry, time to be sad;
A time to smile and pretend you're glad;
There's a time for a speech and time for a song;
And a time to choose between right and wrong;
There's a time for fools, a time for sages;
Time to study prehistoric ages;
There's a time to study, a time to sleep,
And a time to sow what we later reap;
There's a time for this, a time for that—
But there should NEVER be time for a SPAT!

But you will find that in this world
Nobody will start such a rule;
Every day in this old world
Somebody is playing the fool.
Why this is I cannot tell you,
Because I know not the reason—
But this I know—come Spring, come Fall—
Quarrels are always in season.

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