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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 irremediable 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 1859, 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 "Elsie 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.

Alice

My guess is that the winner in a national referendum on the most popular woman in America would be Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, wife of the Speaker of the House and daughter of Theodore Roosevelt.

She knows more about politics, the inside working of affairs, than any other woman in America, in all probability. She never makes speeches, which may be one of the reasons why everybody thinks well of her. Her most intimate friend is Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick, who is running for Senator from Illinois and in whose campaign Mrs. Longworth is helping. They have been intimates from girlhood, when Alice's father lived in the White House and Ruth's father was United States Senator from Ohio.

Births

Twenty-four hundred and eighty babies were born in New York City in the last week of July. In the same week only 1,205 persons died in the city. If the same ratio of births to deaths continue through the year and revealed all over the country, our population would soon grow so large that we could not support it.

As a matter of fact, the national birthrate in the United States is rapidly approaching the death rate. The proportion is now about 20 deaths to every 23 births.

A century and a half ago an English clergyman named Malthus wrote a learned essay in which he calculated that the pressure of population upon the means of subsistence would make it impossible for all the people on earth in the 20th century—now—to get food enough to eat. The Malthusian theory was taken seriously by many economists until recently. But, somehow, it isn't working out. Right now we have a surplus of most foodstuffs, and the birthrate is still declining.

Drought

If mankind ever learns to forecast the weather for even a few weeks ahead, it will mark the beginning of our final victory over Nature. But so long as we are at the mercy of the weather we can hardly say that we have conquered our environment.

The drought of 1930, extending throughout the Middle West and the South, is the severest in thirty years. Last year the Northwest suffered from lack of rain, but without serious economic consequences. This year the wheat and corn belts are the victims, with greatly reduced crops as a result.

The compensation lies in the larger market for wheat, as a substitute for corn for cattle feeding, and higher prices for both grains because of the short supply.

"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.

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 rate 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 Turner 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 Pressnell 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 Pressnell for like offenses, said to have been committed there.

PERSONALITY CONFERENCE TO BE HELD THIS FALL

It was announced last spring at 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 schools closer together. If 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 manliness, 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.

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 Mebane 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 ballroom dance, a crystal reader, confetti and good music.

Local Tire Concern High in Competition

Central Tire Company, local Goodyear 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. It is 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 cured.
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. I. G. Groer, 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

DANIELS DISCUSSES WATAUGA'S FARM RESOURCES IN NEWS AND OBSERVER

Josephus Daniels, editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, who, with Mrs. Daniels has spent the major part of the summer at Blowing Rock, is still boosting Watauga. An editorial entitled "Cabbages and Kings," written on this county by the noted journalist, follows:

To quote Lewis Carroll: "The Time has come," the Walrus said.

"To talk of many things: Of shoes—and ships—and sealing wax—

Of cabbages—and kings— And why the sea is boiling hot— And whether pigs have wings."

The political pot, put on in North Carolina in June, has not been watched and the fires will not be really kindled until there is an "r" in the month. I do not know what there is in common between oysters and politics, but you never can get the best of either unless there is an "r" in the month. To be sure, the politicians insist upon holding the primaries and conventions in the spring or early summer, in most States, but after the nominations everybody goes to sleep and it is a hard job to wake them up in October to carry on a real campaign. As a matter of fact, except in cases that are out of the ordinary, people refuse to become excited or even interested in politics until early fall—save the latter part of August or September, and sometimes in October. This is as it should be. In the old days when there were no good roads, no quick communication or transportation, no radio, and when daily papers did not reach every remote community, it was necessary for Vance and Aycock and Glenn to have five months to reach the people. Now a candidate can reach the voters better in five weeks than Aycock could in five months. Therefore, no primary ought to be held until August or September. Why, then, are they held? In North Carolina the Republicans hold their conventions in April or May. Why? To please the politicians who can control nominations better before the people are interested. Why do the Democrats hold theirs in June? For the same reason. The politicians control and the people are so little interested they make no kick.

But people are not in this part of the world talking about kings or politics. They are glad that most kings are dethroned and they'll not think of politics until there is an "r" in the month. Their chief subject of conversation in Cabbages with a big "C." If you wish to see hillsides and even mountainsides in beautiful green cabbages, growing to perfection and being carried to market, you should drive over Watauga County. Cabbages to the left and cabbages to the right greet you at every turn of the road. There are cabbages, white and hard and round, ready for the market; cabbages young and tender which will be ready later; cabbage in the gardens, on the hillsides and way up on the mountains; cabbages on trucks being taken to the markets of North and South Carolina; cabbages on trains doing to distant States where the drought injured the cabbage crop; cabbages in the kraut factory at Boone; cabbages on hotel and boarding house tables, and cabbages wherever you turn and in such abundance you wonder if there are enough people to consume the big crop in Watauga and surrounding counties. In Watauga one thing is certain: Cabbage is King. So when the Walrus suggested talking about cabbages and kings, he probably did that on top of the world here where the cabbage was king.

Not only do farmers grow cabbages and brag on having the best

grown in the world, but bankers, editors, professional men and everybody has a crop of cabbages, and if you are so beloved a friend wishes to give you a present that is the best token of regard, he gives you a cabbage. If he likes you much, he gives you two. If he likes you very much he gives you three. By that token I stand high in Watauga, or at least in the office of The Watauga Democrat. Calling there today to see if Bob Rivers and his boys were working the Washington land press, I asked the editor about the cabbage crop this year. I recalled that when the editors were here four weeks ago the cabbage growers were in the dumps. Farmer Stanbury told me that if rain did not come soon, the farmers growing cabbage would be badly hurt. The outlook was bad then. It looked like it had forgotten how to rain. But it is very different now. Though some crops have been badly hurt, and the grazing land and stock have suffered most, the rain came in the very nick of time to save the cabbage crop.

"Talking about cabbages," said Editor Rivers, "I am some cabbage grower myself. Wait here a minute." He disappeared and in a few minutes reappeared and gave my wife three immense cabbages as big as a man's head. "Here are cabbages enough to give the old man cold slaw till I come down to the State Fair when I will bring a second instalment." They were solid, white, beautiful and will help to fill out for many days in the editor's home. All the jiggies in the country will be envying me if they see these cabbages. "But cabbages are not the only things in which Watauga excels," said Editor Rivers. "Look at this potato." They don't call 'em "Irish potatoes," as we do in the East—just simply "potatoes," with a great big 24-cent capital "P." "Here is a potato I want you to take to Raleigh." It was grown on Green Mountain by Pink Hodges. It weighs three pounds and nine ounces, enough to feed the whole News and Observer family for a whole week, maybe a month if you are trying to preserve your gulish "figger."

Next to cabbages, the potato is the biggest money crop in Watauga, and the rain came just in time to prevent much injury to the potato crop which is large. Some of the potatoes are sold for seed to Eastern North Carolina and Southern truckers who grow white potatoes for the early markets. The bulk of the crop finds markets in North Carolina and the adjacent States, and are delivered by trucks.

To return to Cabbages and Kings or King Cabbage, I went to the kraut factory and talked with Frank Miller and Mr. Blair, who were busy getting the plant ready to turn out kraut. Already several million—maybe it was only several thousand—cabbages had been received preparatory to the opening of the plant tomorrow. It is a big place, fitted up with modern machinery, and from now on will be about the busiest place in Boone. In the early part of the year Mr. Miller said he contracted for cabbages to be grown on 80 acres. This insured cabbages for the kraut factory and insured a market for the cabbages to the farmer before he started his crop. The price is fixed in accordance with the prevailing price of kraut.

"You see," said Mr. Miller, "the farmers have already begun to deliver from the eighty acres under their contract," pointing to cabbages without number in the receiving end of the building. "A full run is 50,000 cases of kraut. We put them up in two-pound cans. The wholesale price is \$2.10 for two dozen cans of one pound and 12 ounces to the can."

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MORRISON WILL BE KEYNOTER AT POW WOW SAT.

Former Governor Slated to Address the 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 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 Haag 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, Leaning and other places were remarkably well entertained on Saturday by Miss Christine Henkel with a number of very 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 possessor of unusual ability and performance. Mr. Robbins, who is from Leaning, is a pianist of superior talent and remarkable performance, having just spent three years in German musical institutions, after good training in America. The audience was unusually well pleased with the character of the entertainment and would gladly welcome these fine musical artists back at any time.

REV. WILSON CLOSING REVIVAL AT PROFFIT'S GROVE CHURCH

Revival services lasting nine days closed more than a week ago at Profit's Grove school house on upper Meat 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 SOSSAMON

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 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.