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Today and Tomorrow

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Sheets

To determine why cotton fabrics wear out, the U. S. Bureau of Home Economics has made a laboratory test of 400 sheets discarded by a big Washington hotel.

The results of the tests have been submitted to manufacturers of sheeting, who are trying to find ways to make sheets which will wear longer in the parts where they give out.

Not a matter of great national importance, perhaps, but an illustration of the way in which scientific research by the Government aids manufacturers and incidentally helps to provide the public with better goods.

Industries

Economists, statesmen and capitalists are hunting for new industries to take up the slack in permanent employment resulting from the extensions of labor-saving devices in established industries.

One thing that is being seriously considered by one of the great concerns which manufactures mechanical devices, is a machine which can be installed in the home, like a radio or a refrigerator, which will cool the house, or at least the room it is in, in summer. In the laboratory it is possible to do this now. What is needed is the development of this on a commercial scale, to sell at a price within the reach of the average family.

In time, and perhaps in a very short time, something like that will become a great industry.

Airplanes

For the first time since flying was invented, anybody can now buy a serviceable, up-to-date plane, complete with engine and all necessary equipment, for less than \$1,000.

That does not mean, however, that flying is about to become as popular as motoring. For one thing, an airplane still needs a lot of room from which to take off and land in; it is not adapted to the use of the city dweller. Parking space for airplanes is not easily found.

Nevertheless, young folk are practicing flying in increasing numbers and planes are being steadily improved as to stability and durability in the air. Thousands more lives will be sacrificed before the safe airplane is perfected, but it is safe to say that in another fifty years the air will have lost most of its danger.

Concrete

In writing the history of human progress a thousand years from now one of the important milestones which will have to be recorded will be the invention of Portland cement, in the early 1800's. The use of concrete consisting of Portland cement and sand or crushed stone is one of the great advances made practically in our own time. It is still so new that all of its possible applications have not been realized.

An improvement in concrete making it at once lighter and more nearly fireproof has just been developed. Tests by Columbia University experts proved that it resists a temperature of 1,800 degrees and weighs less than a third of ordinary concrete, bulk for bulk. It is made by adding aluminum powder and soda to the aggregate. The aluminum generates hydrogen gas and makes the concrete rise like bread, so that it takes only a third as much to fill a given space. Two inches of the liquid mass poured for a floor, for example, will rise to nearly six inches thick, drying as it expands.

Fireproof and heatproof homes will be regarded as necessities a hundred years hence.

Rest

A ten-minute rest every two or three hours is a better stimulus to continued efficiency than stopping off an entire hour from the working day, the Women's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor reports.

Tests of the recuperative power of the human machine have proved that it takes four times as long for the muscles to rest when they have been worked to the endurance limit as it does for them to regain their tone after working half as long.

In one large New York publishing house there is a ten-minute rest period at 10:30 in the morning and another at 3 in the afternoon.

The same office closes down all day Saturday from April to October. Its record of production is higher than in any office with which its work has been compared.

Mental workers as well as physical workers benefit by complete relaxation at frequent intervals.

WELFARE BOARD ENDORSES STATE TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC

To the People of Watauga County: Starting September 15th, the Health Department of the State will conduct a tuberculosis clinic among the school children in this county. The Welfare Board takes this method of commending the clinic to the people. We believe it to be the means to save much suffering and many lives. We ask the people to co-operate with those in charge. The Citizens of Boone and Blowing Rock, and other organizations have been the means of bringing this help to us.

Yours sincerely,
A. J. GREENE,
Chairman of Welfare Board of Watauga County.

BRUTAL STORIES OF PRISON CONDITIONS DENIED BY DOCTOR

Dr. J. B. Hagaman States That Conditions Found at Stockade on 60 Are Good. Discharged Guards and Unruly Prisoners Blamed for Many Runners That Have Been Circulated for Several Weeks

For the past several weeks State and local newspapers have carried several gruesome stories depicting alleged cruelties to convicts at the prison stockade on Route 60 east of Deep Gap. These stories, coupled with the mutterings of disgruntled inmates of the camp, have led to a general belief that conditions existing there are horrible; however, Dr. J. B. Hagaman, who has attended the incarcerated men regularly for the past several months, has a different version of the affair.

The local physician, in an interview given this paper early in the week, stated that during his frequent visits to the stockade he has never seen any man who bore marks of abuse, and that sanitary conditions there are the very best. "The food provided the negroes is substantial, is served in ample quantities, and the treatment of guards, construction foremen and supervisor is as good as could be hoped for by anyone," Dr. Hagaman continued. "Since the camp was moved to its present location, I have been called on to examine afflicted inmates at regular intervals and have never seen anything that would indicate inhumane treatment. The cots provided for the men are comfortable, and even the solitary confinement cell, which has been the subject of so many horrible stories, is nothing akin to as bad as it has been depicted."

In the opinion of Dr. Hagaman, Dan Lyda, prison supervisor, has handled the job in a satisfactory manner for the State, and that guards discharged by him during recent months have been responsible for the unfavorable stories that have gone the rounds.

It is understood that the Grand Jury last week found true bills against Mr. Lyda and a guard by the name of Freeman, charging cruelty. Six convicts, all of them members of a group of prisoners who took part in a rebellion recently, appeared before the jury and offered testimony against the two men. These negroes, it is believed, painted a rather horrible picture to the jury, as would be natural, each member of the sect having been subjected to solitary confinement on limited rations for his part in the insurrection which almost proved fatal to an unarmed guard.

Lindsey Woodie, former deputy Sheriff of Wilkes County, who is alleged to have stood by as an angry black wielded an iron last and floored a guard during the strike of prisoners early in July, is said to have been responsible for many of the stories which have led to jury investigation. Woodie, according to testimony given Superintendent Lyda by honor prisoners, had told several of the convicts that the Governor would back them up if they refused to work. An altercation resulted and an unarmed guard was almost killed in the struggle, Woodie, it is claimed, refusing to intercede. Dr. Hagaman dressed the wounds of the injured men, and says that the guard would have been killed had not a foreman engaged by the Nello Teer Construction Company come to his rescue.

Superintendent George Ross Poul, of the State Prison, visited the camp last Thursday, and is said to have found conditions satisfactory. It is believed that papers will be issued in the near future for Woodie, charging participation in a rebellion against the State of North Carolina.

Dr. Hagaman told numerous stories to substantiate his claim that conditions at the camp are good. "Some of the toughest criminals in the State are under the care of Superintendent Lyda—murderers, rapists, burglars and other major offenders—and he has a hard job at the best. I am still of the opinion," the doctor concluded, "that everything taken into consideration, the camp is a model one, and that stories told to the contrary have been passed from the lips of discharged guards and disgruntled prisoners."

BLOWING ROCK SCHOOL WILL OPEN MONDAY, SEPT. 15th

The Blowing Rock School will open Monday morning, September 15th, at 8:40 o'clock. Dr. J. D. Rankin of the Appalachian State Normal College at Boone, will deliver an address, and County Superintendent Smith Hagaman is also expected to be present.

Patrons and friends of the school are cordially invited. Pupils are requested to bring all the books which they used last year, that they may be exchanged. Prospects are good for a large opening.

BOONE Y. M. C. A. ELECTS OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR

The Y. M. C. A. of Appalachian State Teachers College met Thursday evening of last week in the Appalachian literary hall and elected officers for the coming year.

T. Roosevelt Hunt, promising third year man, was unanimously elected president. Fred Aderholt was elected vice-president, Conrad York, secretary; J. Glover, treasurer; and Lindsey Waters, chaplain.

Malcolm Laxton is chairman of the relationship committee, and Sossamon heads the editorial department.

Mrs. Hannah Fuzzelle and son, Joe, of Johnson City, Tenn., have been spending the last several days visiting friends in Boone.

College Opens Football Season on Sept. 20th

In view of the number of veterans returning to their old berths, the Appalachian State College Mountaineers will present a formidable line when they tackle Lincoln Memorial University's eleven in Asheville on the night of September 20th. Babbs, regular guard who suffered from an attack of blood poisoning early in May, will be the only man missing when the first whistle blows. However, this will not present a serious obstacle, as a number of reserve men from last year are on hand for replacement in the forward wall.

The shifting of Canipe, regular left tackle, to right end offers a left tackle for one of the reserves and will be filled by either Smith or Leney, who both show promise. The guard position left open will be assigned to either Jeffcoat, second year guard, or to McCullough, a promising first year man.

Veterans back on the field are Canipe, right end; Macdonald, right guard; Fulkerson, McKinney, or Hoyle, all veterans, center; Jeffcoat, McCullough, or Bougherty, a reserve who was out part of last season because of scholastic deficiency, left guard; Vance, left tackle; Pyatte, or Hooper, left end.

The chief problem confronting Coach Johnson will be the selection of a backfield from the multitude of backs on hand. Those who saw service last year are Harris and Reeves, fullbacks; Hanson and Williams, halfbacks; O'Hare, quarterback; Halyburton, Waters, Calhoun, Garrison and Johnson are reserve backs who saw service on the field last year.

Among the new prospects are Goms, reserve end last year; Lipscomb, Rhodes and Moorefield, ends; Werb, Livingston, Mahoney and Davis, tackles; Cook, Townsend and Saunders, guards; Hardin, center; Reeves, Baucum and Triplett, halfbacks; Triplett and Reeves, fullbacks. Walker, regular end last year, has been shifted to halfback and shows promise of development.

The Mountaineers have taken two workouts daily since September 2nd, but beginning Monday the drills will be confined to one a day owing to classroom schedules.

Coach Johnson has arranged an unusually hard season for his Mountaineers. Teams from Tennessee, Georgia and Virginia have a place on the card. High Point, Catawba and Atlantic Christian College of the Little Seven conference sea action with Appalachian's eleven. The opening game will be with Lincoln Memorial University in Asheville on the night of September 20th.

The rest of the schedule follows: September 27th, King College; October 4th, Tusculum; October 11th, Catawba; October 18th, Atlantic Christian College; October 25th, West Liberty; November 1st, Georgia Aggies; November 7th, open; November 15th, High Point; November 27th, Bowling Springs; November 27th, Piedmont. Other games will probably be added.

Squirrel Hunting Season Will Be Open on Monday

Monday, September 15th, marks the opening day for the squirrel hunting season, according to an announcement made Tuesday by County Game Warden H. Grady Farthing. After this date, says Mr. Farthing, anyone possessing resident county license is permitted to hunt squirrels anywhere in Watauga County, provided permission has been secured from the owner of the land where the sportsman intends to hunt. The warden further insists that all hunters must wear the button provided with the license while hunting, as they are sure to be called on.

He further pointed out that anyone who has secured resident State license and who has lived in North Carolina for six months or longer is permitted to hunt anywhere in the State, provided permission has been secured from the landowner. Any land owner may hunt any kind of game on his own premises without license, but is required to observe the open and closed season on the different kinds of game the same as the man who owns no realty.

Mr. Farthing says that some of the local sportsmen are under the impression that there is a special license for hunting foxes, and explains that one must have county or State license as the case may be, but this is the same license and the same price as the squirrel hunter's license. One license, he says, covers all kinds of game hunting during the open season. Mr. Farthing insists that all land owners help the department protect their game by reporting all violations they see to either the county warden or one of his deputies.

THE WEATHER

Weather report for week ending September 6, 1930, as compiled by the Co-operative Station, Appalachian State Teachers College, J. T. C. Wright, observer:

Average maximum temperature, 78 degrees.

Average minimum temperature, 51 degrees.

Average temperature, 64 degrees.

Average daily range in temperature, 27 degrees.

Greatest daily range in temperature, 29 degrees; date 6th.

Average temperature at 6 p. m. (time of observation), 71 degrees.

Highest temperature reached, 82 degrees; date 2nd.

Lowest temperature reached, 45 degrees; date 6th.

Number of inches rainfall, 0.46.

Greatest rainfall in 24 hours, 0.46; date, 5th.

Number of days with 0.01 inch or more rainfall, 1.

Number of clear days, 4.

Number of partly cloudy days, 3.

Direction of prevailing wind, west.

C. R. KIDD BUYS THE DANIEL BOONE; TO TAKE CHARGE SOON

Former Manager of Central Hotel, Charlotte to Operate Boone Hotel. Trade Made Last Week. Under Management of Leo B. Vaughn, Splendid Patronage Has Been Built Up.

The Daniel Boone Hotel, built more than six years ago by local citizens as a joint stock proposition, was sold to C. R. Kidd, of Charlotte, last week for a consideration of \$100,000. Mr. A. C. Ellerbe, former manager of the Central Hotel, Charlotte, will be in charge of the local hotel after October 1st.

Mr. Leo B. Vaughn, of Winston-Salem, who for the past four and a half years had owned a lease on the Daniel Boone, will probably go to Lynchburg, Va., where he will be engaged in hotel work this winter. During their stay in Boone, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn have become very popular with a large circle of friends, and have been identified with every movement for civic betterment. The courteous service and excellent food served at the Daniel Boone have spread its popularity until it is looked on by many as the best little hotel in North Carolina.

Mr. Kidd, the new owner, is connected with the Charlotte Paper Company and other business firms of the Queen City. Mr. Ellerbe has had years of experience in hotel work, is well acquainted throughout the Carolinas, and will unquestionably uphold the fine reputation of the local house.

Mr. Vaughn yesterday stated that in all his travels he has never found a more ideal little town than Boone, better people than those who reside here, or a more excellent climate than Watauga's. He further said that the years he and his family have spent as citizens of the county have been years of real delight, and that they will be frequent visitors here in the future.

Central Tire Company Wins Highest Honors

Mr. W. R. Winkler, manager of the Central Tire Company, received word the first of the week to the effect that his concern had won first place for the fourth division, North and South Carolina, in the Goodyear Zeppelin race, or annual summer sales contest. Many scores of agencies competed for the high honor, many of them located in towns of fifteen thousand population and up.

Mr. Winkler and the other members of his organization are to be congratulated upon their industry. The sales period extended over a period of sixty days and many hundreds of Goodyear tires moved from the floors of the local dealer during that time.

With the announcement of his success, Mr. Winkler received instructions from the Goodyear office to be in Charlotte on Saturday, the 20th, ready to entrain at 8:30 that evening for Akron, Ohio, for a week's trip to the Goodyear plants. He will be one of the guests of honor at a banquet given by Goodyear to the successful salesmen over the country. The entire expenses of the trip will be paid by Goodyear. It is believed that never before in this part of the country has a dealer met with such outstanding successes in a town the size of Boone.

"Each year our business has shown substantial increases," said Mr. Winkler, when being congratulated by The Democrat upon his achievements, and added, "there are three underlying reasons for this increase. First, the quality built into Goodyear tires by the manufacturer; second, the service given and last, but of no less importance, continuous and adequate advertising appropriations." Mr. Winkler throughout his business career has been a consistent and liberal advertiser, and believes that there is no other way in which to make business show steady and marked increases. He has kept Goodyear tires constantly in the public eye, and that it has paid is evidenced by the fact that sales keep increasing, despite the general business depression which has been experienced. Quality, service and advertising well directed, says Mr. Winkler, have made Goodyear's slogan about the truest thing in the world. "More people ride on Goodyear tires than on any other kind."

Waltonians Hold Picnic At State Fish Hatchery

On Monday evening the members of Daniel Boone Chapter, Izaak Walton League, with ladies and a number of invited friends, enjoyed a picnic supper at the State Fish Hatchery near Rutherford. Weiners, coffee, lemonade, pies, cake and other good things, prepared by the ladies of the Rutherford community, furnished a repast which was greatly enjoyed. An interesting feature of the event was the first public concert by the American Legion Band, and those present agree that the boys made a splendid showing.

They have been practicing regularly for a number of months, under the tutelage of Mr. Remmel Porter, and their progress has been altogether satisfactory. The Cook sisters, well known string musicians, contributed to the entertainment with violin and guitar numbers, and a general good time was had by those present.

The League now owns about 500,000 trout of the different varieties, which are being reared at the hatchery and these are to be liberated in the streams of the county this fall.

Revival Singer



Stanley Armstrong, of Memphis, who is musical director of the Mott Revival Meetings, in progress at the First Baptist Church in Boone.

Enrolment at College Will Pass 600 Mark

(By J. M. DOWNUM)

The Appalachian State Teachers College is closing its first week of the fall term, and the indications are that the enrolment will reach 600 or more. It is near that number now with several here to register yet. The enrolment now is 581 which is an increase of more than 25 per cent. over last year at this time, and nearly 300 of these are in the freshman class. These students represent every section of the State and a number of other states. The spirit of the student body seems to be of a very fine type.

Many members of the faculty have been in various institutions during the summer, and some of them during the year, working toward higher degrees. Professors V. C. Howell, G. L. Sawyer and Antonius Antonakas were at the University of North Carolina; Professor J. T. C. Wright and Miss Maude E. Cathcart and Professor J. A. Williams attended Peabody College. Professor Chappel Wilson attended Peabody for the past year, working toward his A. M. degree, and Miss Ida Belle Ledbetter attended the University of Chicago, and she and all the rest are working toward their Ph. D.'s. Professor Van G. Hinson was at Duke University working toward his Masters degree, and Mrs. Van G. Hinson was also at Duke working toward her Ph. D.

Cove Creek School Has An Auspicious Opening

Cove Creek High School opened Tuesday morning, September 2, with an enrolment of 23. The elementary school enrolled 217, while in high school the enrolment was 196. This is by far the largest enrolment in the history of the school. Two other districts, Phillips and Mast, have been consolidated with Cove Creek and this is partly responsible for the large increase.

A department of agriculture meeting the Smith-Hurkes requirements has been placed in the curricula this year. Mr. Howard Walker, a former graduate of the school and a graduate of Berea College, will be the agricultural teacher. Other new teachers are Miss Annie Dougherty, home economics; Mrs. Maude Spainhour, art and music; Mrs. W. P. Payne, first grade. Teachers re-elected last year are S. F. Horton, principal; W. Y. Perry, history and mathematics; Mrs. David F. Mast, English; Miss Constance Shoun, science; Mrs. S. F. Horton, French; Dean Swift, seventh grade; Miss Blanche Stokes, sixth grade; Mrs. Hattie Johnson, fifth grade; Miss Ruth Bingham, fourth grade; Miss Winnie Thornburg, third grade.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave P. Mast have moved into the pretty home of Mrs. Lucy Bingham for the winter months. Mrs. Bingham and two children will spend the winter in Florida with Mrs. Mattie Mast Lane.

Miss Annie Sherwood left Tuesday to resume her work as teacher in the Salisbury city schools.

Miss Blanche Horton will teach music in a county farm life school in Craven County this year.

Superintendent Smith Hagaman filled the pulpit of the Cove Creek Baptist Church Sunday morning and brought a forceful message on the Book of Job.

County Tuberculosis Clinic Begins Sept. 15

Dr. McCain of the State Board of Health is expected to arrive in the city within the next few days to take over his work in connection with the Watauga County tuberculosis clinic, plans for which were recently launched by the Boone Civitan Club. Mrs. Smith Hagaman has agreed to act in the capacity of nurse during the six-weeks period.

The committees appointed by the local club have taken care of the arrangements for transporting doctor and nurse to the various schools and another committee is to look after furnishing the X-ray plates, when necessary. These come at cost from the State and the doctor's services are also furnished free. County Superintendent Smith Hagaman is urging every teacher in the county to co-operate in the work to the end that tuberculosis may be eradicated from the county.

MOIT REVIVAL IS IN FULL SWING AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Noted Winston-Salem Evangelist Is Attracting Large Crowds. Singing in Charge of Mr. Armstrong. Business Houses Agree to Close Hour for Afternoon Services. Young People's Work a Feature.

Marshall L. Mott, Jr., lawyer-evangelist of Winston-Salem, opened a series of meetings at the Boone Baptist Church Sunday morning, and at both afternoon and evening services since has been attracting large and attentive crowds. Rev. P. A. Hicks, pastor, states that the churches of the town are co-operating nicely in the work, and predicts one of the most successful meetings in Boone's church history.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, of Memphis, Tenn., are doing excellent work in the meetings, the former being in charge of the choirs, and the latter looking after young people's work. Mrs. Armstrong is also lecturing to the young ladies at Appalachian State Teachers College each morning at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. Mott has been in the evangelistic field for the past five years. At the time he entered the ministry he was a successful attorney at law in Winston-Salem, looked on as one of the most brilliant in the local profession of that city. His efforts in his new work have been equally rewarded, and today all denominations marvel at his power in the pulpit.

Afternoon services begin at 3:30 o'clock; evening services at 8 o'clock. The following Boone business houses have agreed to close for one hour each afternoon, 2:30 to 4:30 o'clock excepting Saturdays, during the series of meetings: R. S. Swift & Co., Will C. Walker, J. M. Moretz, Boone Clothing Store, Hi-Land Cleaners, L. S. Isaacs Department Store, G. E. Ashley Shoe Store, The Fashion Shop, Davidson's Department Store, Spainhours Inc., J. B. Dick Co., Harris Brothers, Boone Hardware Company, Farmers Hardware and Supply Company, Carolina Store No. 7, J. & E. Store, City Shoe Shop, F. C. Miller & Company, Sanitary Barber Shop, Carolina Store No. 25, High Land Furniture Company, John W. Hodges, Boone Feed Company, City Barber Shop, City Meat Market and Central Barber Shop.

Lewis Case Up for Retrial in Court Here

Watauga Superior Court last Friday adjourned until Monday, after having cleared away the entire criminal docket within a space of two days, and disposed of many of the entries on the civil calendar. Judge A. M. Stack presided. The term opened Monday morning, with Judge Lyon of Elizabeth City presiding, and the hearing of civil cases resumed.

The suit brought by the Unaka and City National Bank of Johnson City and the First National Bank of Bristol against John P. Lewis and wife, Madges Lewis, prominent Johnson Cityans and former summer cottagers at Blowing Rock first received the attention of the court on Monday morning, and the case is not expected to be given the jury before noon today.

It will be remembered that the suit being brought against Mr. and Mrs. Lewis was for the purpose of setting aside a deed which the former had made to his wife for certain properties at Blowing Rock, valued at about \$10,000, and for the further purpose of obtaining possession of two automobiles and numerous articles of diamond-studded jewelry, which is said to have a value of about \$15,000. The personal property had been attached by the Sheriff of Watauga County about a year ago, and has since been held by him pending the outcome of the suit. The defendants aver that the jewels and realty belong to Mrs. Lewis as well as one of the autos, while counsel for the plaintiffs base their contentions on the assumption that money was placed in these chattels in her name to save the property from attachment by creditors. Mr. Lewis was formerly connected with the Tri-State Fruit Company. It was while in this business he became financially involved, and heavily indebted to the banks.

The case was tried at the spring term this year, but a mistrial was declared when the jury failed to reach a verdict. The case has aroused a good deal of interest in this section and has been brilliantly conducted. Messrs. John E. Brown and T. C. Bowie are employed by the banks, while Ervin & Ervin, W. C. Newland, G. M. Saddreth and W. R. Lovell represent the defendants.

CALDWELL EDITOR'S MACHINE STOLEN FROM HIS SANCTUM

Lenoir, N. C.—Two weeks ago a rattlesnake with nine rattles was killed in the office of the Lenoir News-Topic, and this week that same paper comes out with a front page story telling that Editor Johnson Avery's typewriter was stolen right out from under his nose. No clue of the thief has been found.

It happened that Avery's typewriter was the oldest machine in the office and he was the only one who could use it with any degree of speed.

The News-Topic office was locked up Saturday night and Avery was there again about noon Sunday. He said if the typewriter was gone then he didn't notice it, but another member of the staff was in the office at 1 o'clock and said the machine was missing.