

STUDENTS AT A. S. T. C. MAKE MANY INTERESTING TOYS

Primary Department Under Miss Carolyn Weaver Coverts Waste Materials Into Novel Creations. Pictures and Charts Depict Progress of the Past Century. Potential Teachers Learn How to Instruct the Six-Year-Old.

A visit to Miss Carolyn Weaver's primary department at State Teachers College is worth anyone's time for in that large, cheerful room a stranger at first glance believes that he has been transported to Old Santa's toy factory, which, faithful geographers claim is located near the North Pole. A class of more than fifty potential teachers are here tutored in ways and means of entertaining and, of course, coaching the six and seven-year-old child in his or her early education.

The walls of this interesting classroom are decorated with paintings, drawings, silhouettes of Mother Goose characters, and charts, descriptive drawings, etc., depicting the development of the past century. Miss Weaver knows that a child which has been motivated by the past, is a child which is more likely to be a successful citizen.

This is a part of the Primary Projects, a study connected with the organization of a child, and was originated by Miss Weaver. The "Sam Book," another unique volume compiled by the class, tells of the things seen by two children while on a farm. This previously illustrated textbook has been given a trial at Boone Demonstration School, where it was favorably taken to by first-graders.

Books are not all that the primary department manufactures, for on tables and window sills are rows of clay models of animals and story-book characters, made from paper pulp and creek mud. Included in this collection are rabbits, horses, camels, chickens, and even that famous even the most famous of them, the elephant, and facsimiles of other animals. On a long table is a Dutch windmill, representing the month of March, fashioned from paper pulp by Miss Grady Spicer and so closely resembling the genuine that an on-looker is led to believe that genius has been wasted on some accident at A. S. T. C. And passing on you will observe a group of drawings running half the length of the room showing the development of transportation—beginning with the sail ship, in line the carriage, the coach, the railway train, automobile, and so on to the airplane.

A "picture show" of the development of Boone occupies a prominent place in the room. Nine students of the class, Ethelene Webb, Kay Ellis, Johnson, Mary Willie Goldsboro, Margaret Mullins, Elizabeth White and Virginia Edmiston, are responsible for the novel device. By winding a bolt of wrapping paper from one spool to another you review the many changes which have taken place in Watauga's capital since Daniel Boone blazed the Wilderness Trail to Kentucky.

And down in the basement of the Administration Building is "Jack's house," constructed of paper cartons with windows of mica, Luster boxes on the ledges, curtains and shades of scrap cloth, and furnished with fixtures made from orange crates. This miniature dwelling was a part of a model farm arrangement, which consisted of the house, dairy barn, poultry house, silo and all necessary farm buildings, the grounds around them dotted with white chickens made from clay.

Miss Weaver's class uses only waste materials in the work, and many methods have been devised to make something from nothing. Old newspapers, pasteboard cartons, scraps from wood-working plants and even peanut shells are transformed into toys and trinkets which would bring gladness in any child. This capable teacher does not wish to burden her students or the students-to-be of the young ladies in her class with the purchase of expensive materials, so they just pick up things and presto! there is a doll, a toy or what-have-you! And all of this work will mean something to future primary students, for it has been truly said that to train the mind of a child you must offer something to his or her liking.

Food and Feed Acreage To Be Increased in 1931

With the 1931 "Live-at-Home" campaign entering its third week, reports to the Extension Service at North Carolina State College, which division is conducting the campaign, indicate with emphasis that the people of the State still have a responsive ear to plans to make North Carolina self-supporting.

Fifty counties have been visited in the first two weeks of the campaign by five teams of extension workers and these specialists report enthusiastic reception of the slogan, "Farm to Make a Living in 1931." The attendance has averaged above 100 and this figure is considered excellent in view of the unfavorable weather conditions which have been encountered, making it difficult for farmers in the outlying districts to reach the county seats.

The campaign continues through the month with the extension teams, each accompanied by two speakers, visiting practically every county in the State. The campaign is under the direction of Dean L. O. Schaub, director of the extension service.

Evidence that the "Live-at-Home" idea has not fallen on barren ground is shown in the 1930 crop acreage figures which have been compiled at Extension Headquarters in Raleigh.

Niagara Falls Drops a Piece of Its "Lip"



With no warning, in the night when nobody was looking, a huge chunk of limestone about 175 feet and 120 feet wide broke off the edge of the American Falls at Niagara and plunged into the gorge below the Falls. This changes the contour of the Falls completely, but without impairing their beauty. The rock is gradually wearing away but this is the largest single block in recorded history. The photograph was taken from Goat Island looking toward the American side.

Work of Well-Known Artist Appears in The Democrat Each Week



Albert T. Reid, world-famous cartoonist, whose work appears in this paper, is one of the movement to bar foreign artists from painting "official" portraits of public officers.

Are you following the work of this great cartoonist every week in this paper?

People all over the Nation are talking about him and his drawings. There is no artist living who can draw any better than Mr. Reid does. There are few who have his keen sense of humor. We do not know of one who has a deeper insight into the problems and perplexities of the ordinary man. Certainly there is none other who understands the people of the country towns and the farms as well as Reid does. And he is second to none in his unflinching Americanism, his profound faith in the future and destiny of our Nation.

Those are some of the elements that make Albert T. Reid America's greatest cartoonist. We feel that in presenting his cartoons every week we are giving our readers something that alone is worth more than the price of a year's subscription.

The land planted in 13 important food and feed crops was actually increased by 520,180 acres last year while the cotton acreage was decreased by 234,600 acres. The money value of the increase in the value of food and feed crops is placed at \$12,000,000. These figures showing actual accomplishments are proving especially encouraging to agricultural leaders and with this data in hand the speakers are able to show farmers, bankers and supply merchants that the idea has been understood and that North Carolina is on the highway to making itself self-supporting.

Governor Gardner has asked for an additional increase of \$40,000,000 in the food and feed crops in 1931 and it is this goal that the extension and county workers seek in the campaign now in progress.

AMERICAN LEGION MEETING

Charles L. Younce, commander, announces that the regular meeting of Watauga Post, American Legion, will be held in Legion Hall over Boone Feed Store, Friday evening, February 6th, 7:30 o'clock. Several matters of importance will be taken up, and officers are desirous of a full attendance.

NOTICE

This is to certify that we have this day sold our entire interest in the Boone Chevrolet Company to W. Ralph Winkler. All accounts due to said firm prior to this date are to be paid to us, and all indebtedness is to be paid by us.

This January 26, 1931.
L. L. Bingham,
W. T. Payne,
A. E. South.

Athletic Association to Meet in Wilkesboro Sat.

A meeting of representatives of all schools in the Eighth District Athletic Association of North Carolina High School Girls, who expect to compete in the basketball championship contests will be held at the Wilkesboro High School at 1:30 p. m. Saturday, February 7th. T. E. Story, chairman of the district organization and former Watauga man, has issued the following statement relative to the contests.

"At the meeting in Wilkesboro Saturday, all schedules and arrangements for the games will be made. The time of starting the contests is still an open question, and this, too, will have to be decided at the meeting Saturday. The State organization requires that each school that participates in the contests pay a fee of \$5, which is used for postage, stationery, printing, etc."

"In the past splendid contests have been held throughout the district, with most of the final honors going to teams from Avery County. What do you have to say about it this time? Shall we have a trophy cup again? You be at the meeting and help to work out the matter. Entry blanks and other information will be furnished all who wish them."

Basketball has become quite a popular sport among Watauga high school girls.

It is expected that several teams will compete in the coming contests.

FARMS FOR SALE IN THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY, VIRGINIA

Where we have good roads built and paid for; no State tax on farms or personal property. An unexcelled School System. The best of home markets and near large city markets.

135 ACRES—Smooth level land in high state of cultivation, splendid 8-room brick residence, slate roof, large bank barn and all needed farm buildings, good as new, watered by wells, springs and gravity system. Fifty acres bearing apple orchard that will pay for farm, large packing shed, full orchard equipment—tractor, tractor disc, plows, harrows, sprayer, cultivator, mower, rake, apple crates and ladders, 2 horses, 2 wagons, beds and hay ladders, 1 potato digger, on good road near a large town, cold storage, apple and cider plant. Price, \$100 an acre.

116 ACRES—Large brick residence, good as new, large porches, full basement, spring, well and cistern, all house, poultry plant, capacity 700 hens and 1500 broilers; new barn, new double garage, included in sale, two good horses, 1 good cow, and full line of farm machinery, good as new; 4 acres fruit, 7 acres timber, 20 acres blue-grass pasture, balance in cultivation, school and church at farm, two miles this city over good road. Price \$5,000, half cash.

270-ACRE DAIRY FARM—Smooth and level, new 8-room residence, a large bank barn, meets dairy requirements; all needed farm buildings; wells, cistern and never failing spring at buildings; plenty of fruit, 10 acres oak timber, 3 miles this city, good road. Price \$12,500. This is a REAL BARGAIN for someone.

80 ACRES—Good 6-room house, cellar, large poultry house; new barn, silo and all needed farm buildings; 2 wells and spring stream through 6 acres of truck bottom land; ten acres timber; four miles this city over highway. \$3,500, one-half cash.

50 ACRES—Well located, right at school, churches and store; good 7-room house; cellar, large porches and new metal roof; good barn and other farm buildings; large spring in lawn near house, large shop suitable for auto repair; located in a good community, on hard road seven miles this city. \$3,000, \$1,000 cash.

WRITE FOR FARM DESCRIPTIONS—TELL ME YOUR WANTS.

W. T. BIRMINGHAM
35 West Water Street
WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA

PETITION AGAINST LUXURY SALES TAX SENT FROM BOONE

More Than a Hundred Watauga Business Men Sign Document Opposing Sales Tax of Any Character. Many Others Express Themselves as Being Favorably Impressed With Senator Lovill's Bill.

A petition opposing the luxury sales tax bill recently introduced by Senator W. R. Lovill, signed by more than a hundred Boone and Watauga business men, was forwarded to Willard L. Dowell, executive secretary of the North Carolina Merchants Association last week. The preamble to the document stated that the signers oppose any form of sales tax which, soever, and the opinion of many of them is that the law makes a potential violator of every dealer in the articles mentioned for taxation. Still others state that a luxury tax is excessive to collect and places an equal burden on banker and beggar, is unfair in its principle, and will not afford sufficient revenue to appreciably cut the rate on real property.

Interviewed at random on the streets of Boone Saturday, several business and professional men of the town expressed themselves as being in sympathy with Mr. Lovill's bill, which provides for a sales tax on cigarettes, other tobacco products,

cosmetics, shotgun shells, candies, etc., and several of them have written letters endorsing the measure. Others say that they had signed a petition condemning sales taxes, believing that they were opposing a general sales tax rather than a tax on luxuries.

The common cry apparently is to relieve the farmer of some of his tax burden, and knowing that revenue must be raised to carry on the manifold departments and agencies of State government, scores of them believe that a luxury sales tax offers the only solution.

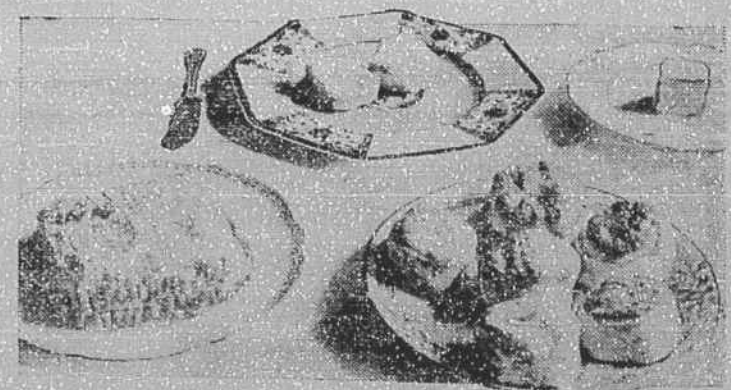
WHAT CHRIST SAID OF HIMSELF
It is quite a relief to turn from these attempts to manufacture or reconstruct a new Christ, in opposition to the Christ of the New Testament to what He says of Himself. The most illuminating of these sayings of His is: "I am the Light of the world." He came to give men a new life; He also came to give them new light; in fact, He claimed to be the Light Himself.

Let us think for a moment of what ordinary, natural light means to us. All the knowledge that we possess of the world around us, and of the heavens above us, is due to the gift of light. Without light we should dwell in absolute darkness and gloom, and such an existence would soon be over, because there could be no life without light. But Christ came to be the Light of the spiritual world, so that we might become conscious of its existence and learn to know the treasures it contains.

—F. W. N.

... SUCCESSFUL HOMEMAKING

By GRACE VIAL GRAY



What tastes better than Hot Biscuits and Honey, whether it be morning, noon or night? These appetizing biscuits were "made in a jiffy" with self-rising flour.

HOT BISCUITS AND HONEY

"Eat natural sweets," say the doctors and dietitians. They are more healthful and less injurious to the teeth and digestion than rich, heavy sweets, and by natural sweets we mean dates, figs, raisins and honey—nature's own preserves.

And with honey, of course, the natural complement is hot biscuits! Pipette hot biscuits, plenty of sweet butter and pure unadorned honey—what could be a more perfect combination for that rich, sandy, evocative sugar of to serve in an informal gathering?

The biscuit need not cause you any anxiety if you use not a thoroughly experienced homemaker. A great deal of the uncertainty can be removed from biscuit making by the use of self-rising flour, that is, soft wheat

flour to which has already been added at the mill the right amounts of pure sodium bicarbonate and monocalcium phosphate, and a trace of soda, which is really baking powder, and salt for seasoning. To use, the flour is sifted only once and the mixture should be handled as little and as lightly as possible.

Here is the recipe which is as simple as it is economical:

Hot Biscuits.
2 cups self-rising flour (whole or fresh)
1 cup milk (whole or fresh)
2 tsp. fat (butter or lard)
1 egg (beaten)
1/2 cup honey (or sugar)
Sift and measure the flour. Add the shortening and cut or rub it into the flour. Then add the milk a little at a time to make a soft dough. Roll until about one-third inch thick and cut with a biscuit cutter. Place on a baking sheet and bake in a hot oven (450 degrees) for about ten minutes. Serve at once with butter and honey.

ATTENTION Mr. Farmer!

Will you need any farm machinery, wire fencing, seeds or other HARDWARE this spring? We are now in position to take care of your wants along these lines at very attractive prices. Figure with us before you make any purchases.

We have recently taken the agency for the International Harvester Company line of farm machinery.

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