

IDEALS . . . the approach

I find no essential difference between the avowed objectives of all the different groups which are striving to put their ideas into effect, all over the world. All are actuated by the same ideal, that of remaking the social and economic order so that life will be easier, or at least more bearable for everybody.

I am certain, however, that not all of the methods by which nations are striving to reach that goal can be right. Leaving personal and party ambitions, jealousies and hatreds out of the question, some of the plans must be wrong.

My feeling is that every plan to make the world over will fail unless and until it is approached as a spiritual problem. Politics cannot instill the spirit of fair play and tolerance; still less can war make for brotherly love. But social justice and economic security will be idle words, signifying nothing, until those spiritual ideals rule the world.

MONEY . . . changes

Money and customs concerning money are constantly changing. I don't know how many local names there are for the sum represented by 12½ cents. In my boyhood it used to be called a "York shilling," and not many years ago I still heard rural residents of New York calculating in terms of shillings—eight to the dollar. Our "New England Shilling," on the other hand, was a sixth of a dollar—16 2-3 cents.

In the South, as far north as Virginia, I used to hear 12½ cents called a "Levy." I do not know whether the term is still in use or not. But I hear western friends refer to a quarter as "two bits."

I can remember when no actual coin smaller than a five-cent piece circulated on the Pacific Coast or in the Deep South. Newspapers all sold for a nickel, and all the store prices were in multiples of five cents. A San Francisco merchant nearly caused a riot by bringing in a few tons of pennies and marking goods in odd-cent prices.

COINS . . . proposed

The Treasury is proposing to issue new kinds of money. Half-cent pieces, of copper, and one mill—a tenth of a cent—coins of aluminum, may soon come into use. The need for these coins arises from the sales taxes in many states.

The suggestion of the new coins takes me back to boyhood, when many coins were common which have long since vanished. The big copper half-cent was often seen, but commoner was the two-cent piece, made of bronze and somewhat larger than the one-cent piece. Then we had two kinds of three-cent pieces, one of nickel, about the size of a dime, and one very much smaller, made of silver. Silver five-cent pieces were in common use in the 1870's. We also used to see twenty-cent silver coins, about the size of a nickel.

It seems to me that the one new coin that is most needed is a 2½-cent piece. It would find a variety of uses, especially in buying items now sold "two for a quarter."

FORESTRY . . . up our way

Early the other morning I heard the sound of woodsmen's axes, followed by the crashing of a falling tree. In the clear mountain air the sounds carried for a long distance. What I heard was an echo, reflected from the steep side of Stockbridge Mountain. The choppers were at work two miles away, in one of Noble Turner's pine tracts, on the slope of Tom Ball Mountain.

Next morning I heard the strident song of a buzz-saw. Will Seeley had set up his portable sawmill and was slicing the pines into boards almost as fast as the axemen could cut them down.

Noble Turner tells me that the most profitable of all crops is trees. He owns several thousand acres of mountain pines, and gets a comfortable income with little labor.

I don't own any pine land. I wish I did!

MULES . . . war steeds

The preparations for war in East Africa have sent up the price of American mules!

Even in these days of mechanized transport, you can't get men, guns and supplies across African deserts and mountains without the aid of the mule. So Mussolini, I learn from a friend who has been busy buying up Missouri's most famous livestock product, is collecting mules from all over the world.

I remember in the last important African war, between the British and the Boers, another friends who made a comfortable fortune by sending several shiploads of Missouri mules to South Africa and selling them to the British army.

War anywhere in the world affects all the rest of the world.

FAMILY REUNION

A reunion of the family of David and Mrs. Greene was held at the home in the Blue Ridge section Sunday. Two brothers and two sisters of Mr. Greene and others to the number of 27 partook of a sumptuous dinner.

REIS AND BOWERS AWARDED TROPHY

"El Largarto," Thirteen-Year-Old Racer, Again Winner of Annual Gold Cup Regatta.



LAKE GEORGE, N. Y.—The designers of the speed boat, "El Largarto" did a good job of it thirteen years ago. The old boat, with owner George Reis (left), and Anderson Bowers (right) in control, defended her American motor boat championship by winning the annual Gold Cup Regatta for the third consecutive year. Photo shows Reis and Bowers with the famous Gold Cup trophy.

No Arrests Yet Made in Daytime Lynching of East Carolina Negro

Raleigh, Aug. 5.—Lips were sealed as to the identity of the group of 25 or more men, some said to be negroes, at the hearing before Judge Harris, Raleigh, as a committing magistrate, inquiring into who composed the crowd that lynched Govan Ward, negro, taken from Sheriff Moore and two deputies in Franklin county while they were trying to spirit him away for safe keeping.

The negro had knocked down his sister with a rock, struck a white boy who came to her rescue with a bottle and knocked unconscious with a rock, then beheaded with an axo Charles Stokes, 60, prominent Franklin county farmer, who sought to pacify the infuriated negro. Later he broke up furniture and knocked over a nurse in a doctor's office while being examined.

The mob overtook the sheriff and his deputies, took from them Ward, strung him to a tree and filled his body with bullets and shot.

At the hearing at which Solicitor William Y. Bickett, assisted by Attorney General A. A. F. Seawell, examined dozens of witnesses, not a bit of direct evidence as to the identity of the lynchers was secured, although some of the evidence may be of use later. The hearing was adjourned to be resumed at the call of Solicitor Bickett. Information may or may not be disclosed meanwhile to implicate those guilty of the crime.

SANATORIUM LOCATED

Location of the western North Carolina tubercular sanatorium will be on the old Buckner place, two miles from Black Mountain and on both sides of Route 10 in Buncombe county, the site committee announces and the board of director approves. Kemp

Revival Series to Begin At Cove Creek Baptist

A series of evangelistic services will begin at Cove Creek Baptist Church on the third Sunday in August, according to announcement made yesterday by Rev. Philip D. Fletcher, pastor. Rev. Fletcher will do the preaching, assisted by Miss Sara Funderburk and Miss May Hine, returned missionaries from the South China Baptist Mission Field. The public is cordially invited to attend these services, which will be held afternoon and evening.

Rev. Fletcher, who recently assumed the pastorate of the Cove Creek Church, was for five years pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Johnson City, where he was superintendent of Sunday school work in the Holston Association. During the past twelve months he was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Davenport, Fla.

Recent rains in Nash county will increase the tobacco yield by 100 to 150 pounds an acre.

D. Battle, chairman of the site committee, and Senator Lee L. Gravelly, chairman of the directors, both of Rocky Mount, made the announcement.

The old Buckner place contains 178 acres and cost \$18,200, while deductions of contributions made will reduce the cost to \$12,861. On the site is a plateau suitable for buildings protected on the north by a range of mountains and open on the other three sides. Asheville water and sewer lines cross the property as does the Southern railway, and it is near the mountain test farm, from which dairy products and vegetables may be secured. The Asheville Chamber of Commerce will furnish water free for five years. The sanatorium was authorized by the 1935 General Assembly.

FARM AGENTS MEET

Meetings of farm agents and farmers in several counties will be held with district farm agents of the state College extension service this week and next for the purpose of forming organizations of Soil Conservation Associations to promote soil erosion control work. John W. Goodman announces. Members of the soil erosion service will meet with the groups at 21 points to explain the aid that can be secured for farmers from the Emergency Conservation Workers camps being established in several counties.

TOBACCO CONTRACTS

Flue cured tobacco growers of the State will be offered this year a tobacco adjustment contract covering the years 1936-39, inclusive, which any grower may terminate at the end of the year.

Water Bills Must Be Paid at the Town Hall

Mayor W. H. Gragg states that there has been considerable dissatisfaction over the methods previously used in sending men to the various homes of the town to collect water bills, and wishes to emphatically state that henceforth consumers are required to call at the city hall between the first and tenth of each month and settle these obligations.

It is the desire of the administration to save the expense of solicitors going over the town, to make these collections, and it is earnestly desired that citizens co-operate in making these payments promptly and at the City Hall.

TO RECEIVE CHURCH LETTERS

Since the death of Dean Swift, clerk to the Three Forks Baptist Association, it has been requested that the churches mail their church letters to G. P. Hagaman, chairman of the executive committee, at Boone.

INSURANCE FIRM FILES ANSWER TO SUIT MRS. GAITHER

Massachusetts Protective Association Contends Dr. Gaither Caused Own Death.

SAYS HE MAIMED SELF TO COLLECT ON DISABILITY

Answer Filed to Insurance Claim of Mrs. Sarah Bagley Gaither in District Court Monday, Ten Thousand Dollars Involved.

GREENSBORO, N. C.—Allegation that the late Dr. Joseph M. Gaither, Boone dentist, last October "with the express purpose of realizing the total and permanent disability provisions in his said policies of insurance, voluntarily and deliberately maimed himself by shooting himself in the left leg, just above the ankle, and that as a result of said wound, voluntarily inflicted as aforesaid, the insured died on or about October 27th, 1934," is embraced in an answer filed in United States District Court here Monday by the Massachusetts Protective Association, incorporated.

In the instrument mentioned the association answers the complaint of Mrs. Sarah Bagley Gaither, of Watauga County, in her suit against the corporation, an action in which she is undertaking to recover \$10,000 declared by the plaintiff to be due under two life insurance policies issued to the late Dr. Joseph M. Gaither by the defendant.

In the complaint it is averred that Dr. Gaither's death was "a result of bodily injuries effected directly and independently of all other causes by accidental means, to-wit: by reason of the accidental discharge of a shotgun." It was October 26, 1934, that the dentist, 34 years of age, was wounded, and he died the next day. The plaintiff alleges that she is entitled to recover a combined principal total of \$10,000 on two \$5,000 life insurance policies issued to Dr. Gaither by the association.

In addition to the allegation that Dr. Gaither's death was not due to accidental causes and that he shot himself deliberately with a view to procurement of the total and permanent disability benefits in the insurance policies the defendant avers that the two policies were obtained by "misrepresentations of material facts" on the part of the dentist when he was applying for the insurance. It is alleged by the association that at the time he had a large amount of health and accident insurance not disclosed by him in his application.

Upon "learning" that certain answers given by the insured to questions propounded to him when he applied for the insurance were "untrue," it is alleged in the answer of the association, the defendant "elected to cancel and rescind" those two policies. The defendant now tenders to the plaintiff, through the court, \$56 on one policy and \$28 on another by way of return of premiums paid, together with the interest, and asks that the court declare both policies void.

In the answer is an averment to the effect that Dr. Gaither had "accumulated insurance on his life amounting to approximately \$80,000." The defendant asks for dismissal of the suit.

Originally the litigation was filed in Watauga Superior Court, but it was transferred to United States District Court upon petition of the defendant and order of A. E. South, Superior Court Clerk in Watauga.

Inspector of Weights and Measures Makes Report

O. L. Yates, inspector of weights and measures, North Carolina Department of Agriculture, spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Boone, checking up on gas tanks, scales and liquid measures. He was accompanied by Mrs. Yates.

An inspection throughout the city revealed that 33 1-3 per cent of all gas pumps were giving short measurements up to a pint on the five gallons; that one half of the scales in grocery establishments were out of adjustment, mostly against customers, and that forty per cent of packaged merchandise carried in local stores is weighed short.

Inspector Yates stated, however, that Boone stores are average or above in this respect, and that most establishments have been in error due to minor needed adjustments on their scales and tanks. No fault was found with liquid measures here.

The green seal of the Department of Agriculture has been placed on grocery scales weighing accurately; white seals have been attached to gas pumps giving full measurement, while red tags have been displayed on pumps found to be out of adjustment.

State Commander



Josephus Daniels Jr. (above), son of the Ambassador to Mexico and war-time Secretary of the Navy, who Tuesday was named commander of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion. Mr. Daniels served during the World War with the 13th Marines and was an aide to General Smedley Butler. He is now business manager of the Raleigh News and Observer.

MRS. L. T. TATUM PASSES FRIDAY

Popular Watauga Woman Succumbs to Long Illness. Funeral Held Saturday.

Mrs. L. T. Tatum, 35 years old, prominent Boone resident, died at her home Friday morning after a long period of failing health. Her illness had been pronounced for the past two months, but the day before death came she was described as being in excellent spirits and was going away the following day for rest and treatment in Tennessee.

Funeral services were conducted from the Boone Baptist Church Saturday afternoon by the Rev. J. C. Canipe and interment was in the local cemetery. A large crowd gathered to pay their respects at the bier of the popular lady and the profuse floral offerings evidenced the esteem in which she was held.

Surviving is the husband, two small children, John and Ruth; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Qualls of Boone; two brothers, Archie and Ed Qualls, both of Boone.

Mrs. Tatum was born in Tennessee, but for the past sixteen years had made her home in Boone where she had established herself amidst a wide circle of friends. For 23 years she had been a member of the Baptist Church and was consistent in her religious beliefs. She had been prominently identified with different organizations within the church, and was a Christian lady of especial usefulness in the community.

Tax Rate to Be Set At Special Meeting

The Board of County Commissioners will determine the tax rate for the year 1935 at a special meeting to be held on the 15th, it has been learned. Action in this matter could not be taken at the designated time, due to the fact that large numbers of citizens had delayed listing their taxes, making it impossible for the commissioners to make estimates until the lists were more nearly complete.

Mr. and Mrs. Teal Honored by Legion

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Teal received recognition at the American Legion convention in Fayetteville this week, Mr. Teal having been designated as commander of the Seventh District, while Mrs. Teal was elected district president of the Legion Auxiliary.

DR. WHITENER RETURNS

Dr. D. J. Whitener of Appalachian State Teachers College, has returned to his home here from Ann Arbor, Mich., where for the past five weeks he had studied at the University of Michigan. Dr. Whitener was one of fifty college men in the United States to be invited to the University by the Carnegie Foundation to make a study of international law.

AUTOMOBILE WRECK

A car operated by Frank Teague of Boone turned turtle on the Boone Trail east of Rutherford Sunday afternoon as it attempted to pass another machine, and was seriously damaged. Teague was said to have escaped practically uninjured while Tommy Osborne, one of the passengers, sustained severe cuts from flying glass.

COUNTY SCHOOL OPENINGS WILL BE AUGUST 29TH

Boards of Education Approves Contracts at Regular Meeting Last Monday.

BOONE AND THREE OTHERS NOT TO OPEN UNTIL SEPT.

Thursday opening on account Text-book Difference Made in Thanksgiving Holidays. List of Teachers Named.

The schools of Watauga County are to open on Thursday, August 29th, with four exceptions, it was learned following the regular meeting of the Board of Education Monday, at which time the contracts for the new school year were approved.

Those schools opening on the 29th will include all units in the county except Boone, Green Valley, Miller and Deep Gap—these will not open until Tuesday morning, September 3, and are not scheduled to have any holiday at Thanksgiving time. Those opening on the 29th of August will have a two-day holiday at Thanksgiving.

County Superintendent Howard Walker states that Thursday was set as the opening date for the schools in order that Saturday might be set aside for the clarification of the text-book situation.

The names of the schools in the county, together with the names of the teachers who have been employed are as follows:

- List of Teachers**
- Boone High School: Roy Dotson, principal; E. S. Christenbury, Mrs. E. S. Christenbury, Mrs. Claude Pyatte, Miss Lucille Miller, Robert Shipley, Miss Ruth B. Rhyme, Miss Martha Lee Mickle.
- Boone Demonstration School: John T. Howell, Mrs. John T. Howell, Miss Eula Todd, Mrs. R. L. Clay, Miss Ella Mae Austin, Miss Ruth Robinson, Miss Jane G. Eliason, Miss Mary Reed Moore, Miss Helen Fleming, Miss Clyde Mae Goodman.
- Oak Grove: Cleve Gross and Mrs. Linney Walker.
- Rutherford: Mrs. Mack Cowles and Mrs. Joe Crawford.
- Liberty Hill: Sam Austin and Miss Cleo Walker.
- Miller: Dale Norris and Mrs. Eula Cowles.
- Green Valley: Alex Tugman, Tom Jackson, Miss Floy Cannon and Miss Alice Taylor.
- Winebarger: Olen G. Winebarger, Mrs. Eleanor Moretz.

Large Crowd Attends Auction of Realty

A large number of people came to town for the auction sales of the Critcher Hotel and Loy properties Monday and Tuesday. The Critcher property in the heart of town averaged bringing more than \$100 per foot, the corner lot going at \$142 per foot, however, only one sale was confirmed, 25 feet next the Boone Drug Store to W. R. Winkler. The Critcher hotel building is being torn down and the lumber will be sold privately.

About half of the lots in the Loy subdivision were sold, but the sale was stopped and there were few confirmations.

Thirty-four Farmers to Receive AAA Checks

Thirty-four Watauga farmers will receive their 1935 corn-hog rental and benefit payments this week. The total values of the first payments amounts to \$480.30. The second payment will be due sometime in January of 1936, and will be approximately the same as the first, minus administrative expenses. The total payments called for in the corn-hog contracts will be made in the two installments.

The 1935 co-operative farmers have been notified that they can receive these payments at the County Agent's office.

Al Pearson Succumbs After a Brief Illness

Al Pearson of North Wilkesboro, member of a prominent Wilkes County family, and brother of Frank Pearson, local merchant, died at a Statesville hospital Tuesday after an illness of only a few days, but funeral arrangements had not been completed as The Democrat went to press.

Mr. Pearson was the son of the late R. H. Pearson, leading business man of the Wilkesboro, and a member of the firm of Pearson brothers. Deceased had frequently visited with his brother in Boone and was quite well known in this community.