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CHRISTMAS APPROACHES

Boone merchants are just beginning to launch their selling campaigns on holiday merchandise, and indications are that they have this year, exceeded their former efforts in amassing amazingly complete and attractive lines for the Christmas trade. Practically all of the stores have already taken on a good deal of the Christmas atmosphere and a Santa Claus who could not fill his gift list completely and satisfactorily in this community would be just downright contrary.
More and more the residents of this entire section of the state are realizing the importance of Boone as a trade center and it is to be hoped that this year there may be a minimum of trade diverted by local people to the channels of commerce in other sections and municipalities. Glittering pamphlets from towns in other states invite Wataugans to go there for their holiday merchandise—where there is no sales tax—and it would take the purchase of more than one hundred dollars worth of goods to offset the bare expense of reaching those stores. Let us join in patronizing our local institutions, who can serve us to an infinitely greater degree of satisfaction, and thus contribute to the prosperity of the town and county, as well as to our own financial interests.

The Family Doctor

By DR. JOHN JOSEPH GAINES
WHOOPIING-COUGH—PERTUSSIS
Bad company for the youngsters—and not by any means good for the grown-ups. As old as the hills, its cause is still an undiscovered element, perhaps because it has not been considered a serious menace to the life of the child. I have known many families in the earlier day that paid little attention to the disease among the little ones, so they just "whooped it out" until recovery came—somehow.
Whooping-cough is contagious. I would feel better if it were quarantined, in the hope of blotting it out. It may indeed produce derangement of the air-passage in the lungs, dilate them and leave the lung abnormal until the effects are outgrown.
Very few remedies, outside of nursing, do any good. A little of some sedative cough-syrup should be administered to quiet, if possible, the paroxysms and lessen their force.
Feed the child good, easily-digested nourishing food. You cannot "break up" whooping-cough. The best you can do is to let it run its course. Once over with it, the patient is considered immune from further attack.
An old remedy that has not been disproven is quinine. A good quinine ointment, ten grains to the ounce of benzoated lard, and spread on a cloth as a plaster, may be laid or worn on the child's chest. Change it every two days. It has been proven, I think, that this tends to prevent dilation of the air-passages and, consequent weakening of the structures composing the breathing apparatus.
Sedative cough syrups may contain bromide or tincture of red onion, or of humulus (hops) or very minute doses of ipecac. But not enough to nauseate.
Keep the little one in out of bad weather or night air. Violent exercise will aggravate the paroxysms. Forbid it. Keep the little sufferer quiet. See your family doctor often,—and do the best you can.
METHODIST CHURCH
Morning worship will be at the Boone Methodist Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The pastor, Dr. Ernest C. Widenhouse, will take as his subject, "Christ and the Common Folk." There will be special music by the choir, led by Miss Virginia Wary. Sunday School will be at 9:45. The Epworth League will hold its devotional service at 8:30. The evening preaching service will be at 7:30. The Young People's choir, led by Professor Henson, will lead in the singing and furnish special music.

CRITICS OF COURTS OFTEN AMONG PETITION SIGNERS

Concord Tribune.
In a recent charge to a jury in Catawba county, Judge Hoyle Sink said:
"As long as people engage in modern sentiment about law violation, so long is law violation going to thrive and profit. I am candidly of the opinion that one of the greatest breeders of crime today is public sentiment and sympathy for criminals. I sentence a man to 90 days for violating the law and the whole town rises up in arms. I can't get to my meals at the hotel, everybody and his brother wants to take him out. And so long as this sentiment and sympathy exist just so long is the life of man going to be in danger.
"No one enjoys seeing his fellow man suffer—I do not like to see an animal suffer, let alone a human being. There is no pleasure to a court in imposing a fine when it means the reduction of the source of bread to a family of hungry children and maybe an invalid wife, or take the bread winner away from them. But there is a duty that must be performed and we had as well make up our minds now that criminals must be punished. A few years ago such sentiment did not exist, it indicated to every criminal that a violation of the law meant punishment. Now they are listening to that sentiment and that's all they will listen to. Reformation has its foundation in fear of punishment."
One sees corroboration of what Judge Sink was talking about almost daily.
Just as soon as a man gets in trouble and faces a jail sentence, or a road term, his friends and many others set about to nullify the work of the courts. Often these persons are among those who, before sentence is passed, insist upon the law being observed.
If the judge refuses to set aside the verdict or reduce the sentence petition is made to Raleigh for pardon, and if this likewise is denied, it is not long before a prole is sought. In too many cases the term is shortened and the criminal is soon freed.
And herein we have one cause for much of the present-day crime and lawlessness.

Glass Eye Poured Year Ago, Perfect

Corning, N. Y.—Successful completion of the 200-inch glass eye for the world's largest telescope, announced at the Corning Glass Works, means that in about five years man will see four times farther into space than ever before.
Astronomers will see what may exist in regions about 1,200,000,000 light years away—areas of the sky so remote that their light takes that long to reach earth, and which may be seen, five years hence, as they looked more than 1,000,000,000 years ago or long before any known life existed on earth.
Most Difficult Step
Today's event finishes the most critical and difficult step in making this telescope, which will be twice the size of any now in existence. Five years ago a conservative estimate of the time needed to grind and polish the big glass into a mirror and to set it up in a telescope in the observatory yet to be built on Palomar Mountain, about 75 miles south of Los Angeles.
The huge glass disk 17 feet in diameter and more than two feet thick was poured last Dec. 2, molten glass about a third the temperature of the sun's surface. It has been cooling ever since in an iron annealing oven.
Surface Is Still Warm
It is still there, awaiting an official "party" for its removal in about two weeks.
But meanwhile, it was revealed today, the worries about possible flaws were removed by two Corning Glass Works experts who crawled on hands and knees a few days ago into the now cool oven and back and forth across the still warm surface of the glass.
They could see major flaws if any and found none. Polarized light from hand flashes would show without awaiting removal whether the texture of the glass was free from strains.
Cooled Very Gradually
The creeping inspection was made by Dr. J. C. Hostetter, director of development and research and Dr. George V. McCauley, physicist in charge of disc making. The latter superintended the almost year-long annealing, the slow cooling of "little more than a degree a day which assured freedom from the dreaded "strains."
Although the Corning Glass Works took less than a year to make the disc, the task of creating it began seven years ago in 1928. Because nothing like it ever was done before years of experiments preceded the casting of the great "eye."
Poured Second Disc
Barely more than two years ago the astronomers in charge of experiments decided on a new kind of pyrex borosilicate glass to be made at the Corning works. The first 200-inch disc was poured of this material in March, 1933.
That first mirror was a success but accidents to its mold produced a disc which would have required so much grinding that the scientists decided to try for a more perfect one, the "eye" now completed.
In this they repeated astronomical history. Four discs were poured for

Seek Reduction In Heavy Automobile Toll

Chicago.—A nation-wide campaign seeking to reduce automobile accidents at least 35 per cent. by 1941—thus preserving 38,000 lives—was announced by the National Safety Council. The drive will open January 1, the council disclosed, and will continue for five years.
The council stated it had a large organization ready to proceed in cooperation with public officials, traffic safety chiefs, educational leaders, safety groups, civic organizations and federal departments.
Announcement of the program came several days after President Roosevelt called a conference at Washington within the next two weeks to consider means of insuring greater safety on the land and sea and in the air.
Plan Educational
The council's plan is largely educational. It envisions the extension of uniform, time-proven methods to all sections of the United States. It will be localized for each state and city.
"It is planned to co-ordinate much of the existing safety effort, to centralize and standardize the work through application of methods proved by successful experience," the council set forth.
A definite state-wide school program will be recommended for each state, together with the organizations of state safety councils and localized safety organizations in towns and cities.
"The adoption of uniform laws, including standard drivers, license legislation, will be urged, together with adequate administration of traffic laws. Standardization of accident reports will be undertaken with provision for more complete accident statistics and their interpretation and application. The detailed engineering, enforcement, and education technique of the states and cities now doing outstanding work will be made available to the country at large."
The executive committee of the council invited all interested agencies to join in the campaign.
The council expressed confidence that achievement of the objective was possible in view of reduction of the accident death toll during the first nine months of 1935 by 23 states. The council cited the cases of Rhode Island with a 31 per cent. decrease, Oregon 16 per cent., Massachusetts 14 per cent., and Minnesota 11 per cent. Intelligent effort also brought about reductions in fatalities in a number of cities.
Motor vehicle deaths reached an unprecedented high in 1934, when almost 36,000 persons were killed in the United States and 1,250,000 were injured.

To Forecast Weather Two Years Ahead

Cleveland, O.—A weather observer, returning from a rendezvous with a major storm he foresaw months ago, disclosed today a new method of calculating the weather far in advance.
He is Selby Maxwell, instructor in meteorology who has been doing research work in a laboratory at Northwestern University.
He has evolved a "principle of astronomical computation of the weather" which he calls "forecasting by astronomy."
"You can predict the world's weather for two years in advance with the same ease that you might predict a storm for tomorrow," he asserted in an interview.
Proved His Charts
In October he made 12 charts of the storm's course and placed a blueprint of the storm in the hands of navy weather men and his friends. It called for a start on Nov. 11, and on that date he began driving eastward from Chicago. It rained hard at first.
At Niagara Falls on Nov. 13 he noted how heavy winds had blown back the water of Lake Erie, drying up the falls. Then he hit an ice storm in upper New York State, went over to the Atlantic coast in New England and drove southward along the coast and heavy gales swept the seaboard last week-end, thus confirming the charted course he had predicted.
Storm Differed in Sections
"It was interesting to note the different manifestations of the same storm at various points," he said. "The winds on Lake Erie, the ice sheet in New York State and the Atlantic gales were all from the same source, a cold mass of air from over Greenland."
His method is based on the fact that the relative motions of the earth moon and sun are irregular, resulting in a slight motion of the earth's whole mass.
"That causes the atmosphere which is like a fluid, to slosh back and forth over the earth, just as water will slosh out of a pan if the pan is jiggled," he said.
How He Does It
Mr. Maxwell computes the relative changes of the magnetic fields of the earth, moon and sun, which form an astronomical triangle of continually variable shape. From this he knows the variation in the earth's motion. And hence the later variations in atmospheric masses, making possible long-range forecasting.
Mr. Maxwell predicts less snow than usual this winter. "During the

Black Fighter Said To Be A Gourmand

Joe Louis, the 21-year-old Negro champion that whipped Max Baer in a recent pugilistic encounter, is also a gourmand. He eats more than a half dozen men if reports are true.
Monk Harris, a close friend of the brown bomber, who is heir-apparent to the world's heavy-weight boxing throne, has watched great eaters in action for more than a quarter of a century but when it comes to stowing away vittals in job lots he names Joe as the champ.
"Joe is the eatingest and sleepingest man Ah ever saw," said Monk, shaking his head. "An' what's stranger, the more food he eats the stronger and better he seems to get. Why, it's nothing—nothing at all—for him to sit right down and eat five chickens for one meal. How that man loves his chicken!"
Monk, as amazed as his audience but insistent that what he said was not exaggeration, related some of Joe's "light meals."
Breakfast: A half dozen apples, some bananas, half a quart of ice cream and two quarts of sweet milk. (Monk said Joe was just a sucker for ice cream and apples at breakfast.)
Lunch: Five chickens with all the trimmings, a big mess of black-eyed peas and two quarts of sweet milk.
Dinner: Two or three big steaks and a lot of ice cream and milk. (Monk said that after Joe had weighed in for his fight with Max Baer that he ate a \$7 dinner of "plain vittals" and then took a nap before getting married and beating Baer into a pulp.)
The other night, Monk said John Roxborough, co-manager of the brown bomber, had a 12-pound turkey roasted and ready for some guests. Joe didn't know about the company, but he found the turkey and ate it up.

Simple Wealth

"There is a sort of wealth in the ability to find happiness in simple things like books, birds, flowers, and friends, that cost nothing."—Vinton A. Holbrook.

MYSTERY EXPLAINED

How they caught a monster like those of the old fairy tales is related in an interesting illustrated article to be found in the December 8 issue of the American Weekly, the big magazine which comes regularly with the BALTIMORE SUNDAY AMERICAN. Get your copy from your local newsdealer or newsboy.

Sharpening the Old Machete — by A. B. Chapin



WAR AND LOVE THEME OF FAMOUS PICTURE

"So Red the Rose," which deals with the great conflict between the States in the eighteen-sixties, comes to the Pastime Theatre on December 9-10th.
"So Red the Rose," is not primarily a war story, although the War serves as its exciting background. Rather it is the story of life on a great plantation before and after the War, revealing the conflict of loyalty and duty that suddenly swept down upon a gentle and peace-loving family.
The film is an adaptation of Stark Young's novel of the same name which, since its publication nearly

one year ago, still retains its position on the national best-seller list. The picture, produced by Paramount under the direction of King Vidor, is a faithful transcription of the novel of the same name.
The cast of "So Red the Rose" is a large one, and features Margaret Sullavan, Randolph Scott, Walter Connolly, Elizabeth Patterson, Janet Beecher and Daniel Haynes.
Whether you are six or sixty you will chuckle over the popular comies to be found each week in the Baltimore Sunday American. The big 16-page Comic Weekly gives you the best humor that money can buy. Get your copy of the BALTIMORE AMERICAN from your favorite newsdealer or newsboy.

CHRISTMAS G-I-F-T-S

As usual Walker's is the home of lovely and enduring gifts, and this year we are particularly well prepared to cater to the wants of everyone, and fill your gift list completely and in the most economical style. We submit for your approval a few suggestions:

FOR HER
Watches, in white or yellow gold, Dinner Rings, Diamond Rings, Birthstone Rings, Bar Pins (all in white or yellow gold) Pen and Pencil Sets, Pens, Manicure and Toilet Sets, Silverware, Compacts, Bracelets, Necklaces, Books, and many other items.
FOR HIM
Watches and Rings (yellow and white gold), Chains, Chain and Knife Sets, Belt and Buckle Sets, Military Sets, Bill Folds, Cigarette Lighters and Cases, Bibles, Books, Flash Lights, Pocket Knives, Shaving Sets, Watch Bracelets.
FOR CHILDREN
Bracelets, Rings, Pins, Christmas Books, Yellow Locketts, Spoons, Spoon, Fork and Knife Sets, Knives, Toilet Sets, Bibles, Watches, Pens and Pencils.
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