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### Weed Auctions To Begin

The opening of the burley tobacco market in Boone is a big day in the economy of the county and the tri-State area, and also a time of good fellowshipping and of renewing acquaintances when the growers come in from so many counties for their first trip in a long time.

The tobacco industry in a few short years has grown from the nen a few plants were put in the edge of a vegetable garden so's granny could have a few leaves to burn in her wheezy Sally Michael clay pipe, to an important industry in Watauga county—the biggest item in farm income, perhaps, with the possible exception of livestock.

The Boone market started with the one house on Queen and Depot Streets which looked big enough to take care of the tobacco business here for all time to come. Now the Messrs Coleman have three houses

and the Big Burley Company has opened its gigantic house 2 miles west on 421 bypass for the second year, and business in the weed continues to thrive, pumping untold thousands of dollars into the local

The burley market opening is accompanied by the first signs of Christmas, as the stores, many of them, take occasion to do their first gift advertising at this time, and the holiday shopping season's open-ing usually coincides with the start of the tobacco auctions. Boone's shopping district has been known far and wide for the variety and quality of Christmas merchandise offered. This year is no exception.

Sell your tobacco in Boone for good prices and fair treatment, and trade with Boone merchants for the best goods at the most favorable

### New Colleges On The Way

Eighty new colleges with an enrollment capacity of 200,000 students will be established in the next few years in 26 different states, according to a survey made by Chang-

In a state-by-state survey reported in the current issue of the magazine, it was found that at least 31 of the new colleges enrolled students for the first time this autumn, and another 49 will be taking students for the first time this autumn, and another 49 will be taking students in the next few years. Still another 14 new campuses are being talked

"Altogether," it is stated, "these new campuses will have a total enrollment of at least 200,000 students. Most of the institutions will be publicly supported, and the majority will be two-year colleges."

But, the article points out, more than a dozen new private institutions are being founded; nearly a third of all turned up in the survey are four-years colleges. In at least two cases, Changing Times reports, the new schools will be two-year upper-division colleges for juniors and seniors.

Just how many institutions will spring into being over the next few years no one can say for sure, the article continues. "A college that is no more than a gleam in someone's eye this year may be enrolling its first class three years from now. A parent looking ahead to the expense of sending his youngster off to the state university may discover when the time comes that a new branch campus has been established very conveniently at his doorstep.'

We point out all this to show that

certain driving facts of life are be-

youd the driver's control. Once a

head-on crash occurs nature's laws

cannot be altered, but drivers can

lessen the danger of being involved

in these crashes by practicing a few

When two cars collide head-on

there's always a cause. One driver

may have been on the wrong side of

the road, while the other driver's on-

ly error was bad judgment in react-

ing in panic. Establishing legal re-

sponsibility for a head-on crash, how-

ever, serves as little solace to the

bereaved and can do even less for

Good judgment and constant at-

tention to the driving task continue

to be the best shields against that

deadliest of all highway crashes-

simple driving defenses.

the victims

the head-on impact.

## Head-On Crash Most Deadly

If you're taking inventory of to tear while driving, put the head-on crash at the top of the list.

Although it's not the most frequent type of collision on our highways it is, accident for accident, the most lethal.

One reason head-on crashes are so deadly has to do with the force of impact. When speed is doubled, the impact force is increased four times. Triple the speed and the impact force is increased nine times.

Force of impact may also depend on the distance it takes an object to stop after it hits something. For this reason the amount of damage to automobiles and their occupants generally is less when the car leaves the road and crashes through small trees and bushes than when it collides head-on with another car, which has no "give."

THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER

## And What's Your Weakness, Mac?

Short skirts save lives, says the American Automobile Association. It's an eye-opening claim, but hardly believable. Sure, auto headlights pick up the stockings or bare legs of women at night. That must avoid a lot of pedestrian fatalities.

But short skirts have another effect in daylight. Have you seen the drivers on South Tryon who practically break their necks turning to ogle the pretty secretaries during the lunch hours? Or to get a better angle as knees, flesh, and nylon mingle in that interesting panorama as a woman driver gets in or out of a car? To say nothing of the distraction offered when the good-looking babe who accepts

a lift with you finds it impossible to hide her dimpled knees.

We wouldn't dare guess at the num-

we wouldn't uare guess at the num-ber of accidents caused by high hemlines. But we bet it would raise an eyebrow or two at the AAA. Surely auto accidents increase as the hemline creeps up. We know only one state of mind that's a defense against it. This was expressed recently by a fellow riding a city bus. Noting the trouble a pretty young thing across the aisle was having in trying to keep her skirt tugged down discreetly, he observed: "Don't stretch your gingha for me, lady. My weakness is whisky."

## London Chimney Sweep Reports For Duty KING STREET



## From Early Democrat Files

Sixty Years Ago November 19, 1903.

The law firm of Todd & Pell, of Jefferson, ras dissolved, the junior partner, Mr. Pell, retiring from the firm and locating in Winston.

A new printing press has een installed in the office of the Dew Drop, to be used, we are told, to advertise the schools here.

The first snow of the winter on yesterday—not much—how-ever, but enough to remind us of what is coming.

Mrs. Ett Horton, son and daughter, left yesterday for a visit to relatives in Jefferson. A cold wave struck here on Tuesday night and good fires and overcoats have since been in demand.

It seems that the plan for a town library is materializing rapidly. We are in receipt of a letter from Rev. W. R. Savage, in which he states that he has ready for shipment to Mrs. Boyden, who will be Librarian, 100 neatly bound volumes as a starter for this noble enterprise. He suggests that the Li-brary be opened on Thanks-giving Day and we think the idea a good one. In the mean-time, let all who feel interested contribute as many volumes as they can, and it will not be long until the Boone Library will be as good as that in any town in

A. S. Adams and family, of Cove Creek, have moved to Lenoir, where they will spend the winter. Mr. Adams told us as he passed through that he would move back to Watauga next spring and we trust he

Will R. Jurney, of Olin, Iredell county, is here opening up a stock of groceries, confecns, fruits, etc., in the little building vacated by J. W. Bry-

#### Thirty-Nine Years Ago Nov. 20, 1924.

Miss Annie B. Shull, daugh ter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Shull of Valle Crucis, who has been nursing in New York City for the past ten years, recently sailed for Manila, P. I. and was wed there last week to Mr. B. G. Leake, an attache of the U. S. Navy, with headquarters in that city. They will make young lady has many friends in her home county and else-where who wish for her and the gentleman of her choice much happiness in their far away hor

The Poplar Grove Baptist church will send early next week a truck load of mountain produce to the Thomasville Orphanage for Thanksgiving. This is a most generous act on the part of these splendid peo-

## Just One Thing

By CARL GOERCH

Here in North Carolina we've been curing tobacco in barns for some of the old barns fall down or are burned down. Every year many new barns are constructed. But Mr. John Simpson, down in Craven County, believes he has the oldest tobacco barn in North Carolina that has been used continuously over a period of years.

Mr. Simpson was 18 years old when the barn was built, and he helped build it. He claims that barn has been in use for 68 years.

It is built out of buck cypress logs on a site that was thrown up by the Confederate Army es breast-works during the War Between the States. The logs were cut alongside an old mill pond and were floated down stream to desired location. Tobacco has been cured in this same barn every year since it was built.

It was the usual type of school commencement invitation: "You are cordially invited to attend the commencement exercises. . " etc. And attached to it was the personal card of the young gentleman who had sent me the invitation. (So far as I know, we've never met.) But in one respect it was different from all other commencement invitations I ever re-

pencil, was this adn "If you can't come-give."

Capus Waynick has been in the news lately as the governor's chairman of the statewide com-mission on better relations be-tween the races. Whenever anyone mentions Capus' name, I al-ways recall this little incident about him:

He and Mrs. Waynick were invited down to Nags Head several years ago to spend the week end

### AFTER ANOTHER

with some friends.

When they arrived at the car window and inquired of a man standing in front of a re-freshment stand: "Can you tell me where the Powhatan Cottage is"

"Never heard of it," was the prompt respon

Capus drove on and asked four or five other people the same question, and in each case they professed the same ignorance. The last person of whom in was made, however, was a bright individual. "Listen, stranger," he said, "don't you mean the Croatan Cottage?"

"By George!" exclaimed Ca-pus. "Yes, that it!" He merely had got his Indians mixed up.

Up in Murphy, the county seat of Cherokee County, an interest-ing feature of the courtroom is presence of two large table on which have been carved the

Ten Commandments,
They're made of marble and
are rather heavy. We doubt
whether Moses could have carried them very far.

Terry Sanford is Governor of North Carolina. There are more than a score of families in Ra-leigh and the surrounding area by the name of Sanford. There so are a number of famil by the name of Hodges, Cherry, Scott and Broughton in the capi tal city.

There was no other Ehringhaus in Raleigh while Blucher was governor, and the closest name to that of Clyde R. Hoey was that of Charlie Hui, who used to run a hand-laundry on Fayetteville Street while Clyde was our chief executive.

Boone has been enjoying (?) her frist snap of winter since Monday night, when the first snow of the season fell here. It has melted now, and while the weather is fair, it continues real cool.

In making up your Thanksgiving offering next week don't forget the Grandfather Orphanage at Banner Elk. This is entirely a home institution and depends solely on donations for its existence. Watauga has many homeless children there. Donations will be gladly accepted at this office and forwarded at once.

The largest sweet potato we have seen was brought to this office by Mr. Paul Williams, it weighing almost six pounds. The big yam was brought by Mr. Williams from Shelby. It was not only large but good as we tried it. Thanks, Paul, if you find any more overgrown potatoes bring them in.

Mrs. Walter Winkler and her unt Mrs. M. B. Blackburn left this morning for a month's visit to the former's father, Mr. Wiley Blackburn in Missouri. While in the state the ladies will visit other relatves in Springfield.

Mr. J. Lee Hayes of Blowing Rock, one of the leading con-tractors in that growing resort town, was in to see us. Monday. His work is always in demandin fact he never catches up with it. He is now erecting a residence for Mr. W. O. Goods of Hickory.

the shop this morning. Said he came over to bring Dr. Jones a 'possum, it being one of four he has been fattening for sev-

#### Fifteen Years Ago November 18, 1948.

Dr. and Mrs. G. K. Moose spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Heffner in Glen Alpine, and Mrs. Roy Pitts in

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Conderman left Monday for Miami, Fla., where they will spend the win-ter with Mrs. Conderman's mother, Mrs. Margaret Bohnert.

Mrs. W. R. Winkler and daughter, Mary Sue, left Mon-day morning for their home in Miami, Fia., where they will spend several weeks.

Mrs. R. W. McGuire visited with her daughter, Mrs. Dan Sapp and Mr. Sapp in Raleigh last week

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hughes announce the birth of a daugh-ter, Diana Lynn, on Nov. 14 at Watauga Hospital.

Mrs. Mary Lee Hodges and n, Arlis, have been visiting in Montana and Washington for the past four months.

Mrs. E. S. Coffey and Mrs.

Nell Linney visited for a few days last week with Mrs. B. F. Williams in Asheville. Mrs. W. L. Haynes of Fresno, Ohlo was a visitor with friends

in the community Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mast were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Trotter in States-

Mr. W. W. Chester, Mrs. J. D. Cooke and Miss Phyllis Bingham left last Saturday for New York City, where they are buying spring merchandise for Belk's Department Store.

BY ROB RIVERS

The Motor Car . . You May Have Forgotten

With unprecendented peacetime prosperity and with the urge now shifting from two-car to three-car households (if there are as many as three people in the family) the country is just about full of automobiles.

. . . Parking is a problem to every town, big and little and to the countryside, where the acres of worn-out vehicles must be dumped to rust away and spoil the looks of the landscape.

IN BOONE, first automobile to show up, we believe, was in 1908. . . About 1914 the first local people bought the snorting brass-fronted T-model Fords, and Watauga set about to get herself into the age of

-The first gasoline was hauled into town in wagons

-H. W. Horton perhaps had the first sales agency and sold Maxwell cars in the east room of the old brick row. . . A big garage was built to the rear. W. R. Winkler, a nephew of Mr. Horton, local Ford dealer, got his start in the business there. . . Mr. Horton later had sold the Nash car.

—Dean Bingham pioneered in automobile mechanics. . . When the cars first came,the village smithey was depended upon as a matter of course, and couldn't very well handle the job. . . . Dean went to Kansas City, studied the mechanics of the automobiles of the day, and built a repair shop as an adjunct to J. D. Councill's blacksmith shop.

-A Ford agency was established at Valle Crucis. . . . W E. Shipley, Wade Wagner and Bynum Taylor were interested. . . . It was moved to Boone, when the old town hall was constructed to accommodate it, and later J. B. Taylor established the Taylor Motor Co., where Swofford's now stands.

-Dr. R. D. Jennings sold Dort cars. . . . W. D. Farth-ing handled the Chevrolet a long time ago. . . . F. M. Richards sold the Metz and later the Buick at Banner Elk.

—John W. Hodges owned the first closed car, a Maxwell. . . . Folks said the touring cars and roadsters were the only thing. . . . Too much glass to cut one in case of a wreck in a closed car. . . The jealous ones referred to the closed models as "show cases."

-Cars were stored when the roads froze in the fall, and were cranked again when springtime came. . . . Dr. A. W. Dula of Lenoir, set a record by bringing an EMF in during a stormy March per-

SOME MORE THINGS you might have missed if you don't read the automobile

-Mrs. John Howell Phil-lips of Chicago was the first woman to receive a driver's license (1889).

-A 1904 model car was

-Cars used to come without bumpers. . . . They were sold as extras.

-There are 32 million licensed drivers in the U. S. pilot-ing some 80 million automo-

-A handbook issued to State troopers in 1941, had this intriguing bit: "Ignore slight affronts in the demeanor of those with whom you come in contact unless such affronts amount to insults."

-Martha (Mother) Ship was a great prophet. In 1561, she wrote: "Carriages without horses shall go . . And accidents fill the world with woe."

-A California woman applying for a driver's license made a 100 per cent score on her test—100 per cent wrong.

-H. P. Maxim invented the automobile muffler . . The things the signs used to tell you to keep closed in town.

-It's forbidden to use your horn to express irritation or to hail your friends. Use it as a warning only.

-The tailgater touches off the most frequent kind of accident on freeways-the rear end collision.

—Odd numbered US roads run north and south. Even numbers east and west.

—A curious malfunction in some auto engines occurs when you cut the ignition and the engine continues to run . . The condition is known as "running on." . , A T-model

would often supply its own ignition if we went too long without finding a creek.

-Some State troopers, it is said, can parallel park their cruisers in six seconds . . The hardest thing for a lot of motorists to master

the things that seldom turns out as it should is the car just -Don't bother with inventions . . Manufacturers get

-Sudden thought: One of

month from inventors, but only one in 30,000 contains an idea both new and useful. -Winter driving tip: "No

over a thousand letters a

Slay Rides.'

# Uncle Pinkney

HIS PALAVERIN'S

DEAR MISTER EDITOR: You will recollect ole Khruschev told this feller Tito a while back that what he was aiming to say when he announced he was going to "bury" us was that they was going to bury us under production, not dirt.

I was reading some figgers this week from the U.S. Department of Agriculture that might upset Khruchy's time table, maybe his stummick

This country has cut crop acreage by 50 million acres but the surpluses is still piling up. By 1980, this piece says, another 50 million crop acres will have 50 million crop scres will have to be retired and we'll still be able to feed our entire population, which is estimated at 200,

000,000 by that time. I brung this item up at the country store Saturday night and some of the feliers thought this was mighty good. Zeke Grubb reported he had saw in the papers the other day where the warehouses was bursting out, more was being built, and the Guvernment was about to shell out \$5 billion more fer supports. Farthenmore, Zeke announced, it was perdicted that now since the growers has voted controls off wheat, we might have to use the Grand Canyon fer storage.

Bug Hookum allowed as b they was a chanct the country might run plum out of mone by 1980 but farm productio looked safe. He was of the opis ion that if we had to with ole Khruchy between ey and somepun to eat, he w in favor of somepun to eat.

his prayers facing toward Abe Lincoln's tomb, claimed we ain't got the proper balance be-tween surplus and cost. He says the Democrats was the But Ed Doolittle, that s of this evil. As a general rule, Ed always claims the Republicans is 39 per cent pure. And he says the 1 per cent they was off was on account of they had to mix now and then with Democratical Parts.

Clem Webster come back with the arguement that the greatest evil to hit this country since we stole it from the Indians was when the Republicans under lin invented the word "adjust ments." Afore like got in, said Clem, prices was raised but the Republicans started "adjusting" 'em and in 8 years the stopper got plum out of the jug. All we got now, allowed Clem," was "price adjustments." According to Clem, we was now trying to put prices on the moon afore we got a man up there. For instan, he reported he had saw where the price of hair outs in some places was now gitting "adjusted" to \$3.00.

Well, Mister Editor, I got to wen, Mister Editor, I got to close now. I just got a notice in the mall that the premium on my hospital insurance has been "adjusted." I got to git my space and read the fine print and see how fur up they adjustit. Last time they adjusted they used a hydraulic jack ler it.

Tidae Tty, Unsle Pinkney.