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BOONE NEEDS

A good water system—If we get any summer visitors we will have to have some way of getting rid of waste and filth. It is no less important to us who have to live here. Then, too, fire cannot be controlled without water pressure.

A building material plant.—We are not only paying people outside our community a fabulous price for what we have here at home in the crude state, but we are draining our county of money that we need right here to build up our community and help pay off our bonds.

A brick making plant—for the same reason that we need a wood-working plant.

A tourists hotel—Already and in greater numbers later, people with good money in their pockets are going to give it to hotels and boarding houses in other places because we won't house and feed them at a good profit.

Boarding houses, or furnished rooms to rent.—The hotel is important; but if the vacant rooms all over town and out in the country were thrown open at even what we would think high rates, people would take them gladly.

A good drug store and soda fountain—A good paying business is waiting for some one in this line. Who ever heard of a drug store failing? They all make money, and it is permanent.

A good hardware store—Some one will take advantage of the opening here for a good hardware store. Why not some of our county people?

A business men's organization—Some authorized body of business men to take hold and push the organization and establishment of the above and other enterprises.

A better freight service—so that standard carloads could be delivered here and save the present exorbitant transportation charges.

10,000 more good people—to make Boone bigger and better, and punishment meted out to some young thieves who are making it risky to turn your back on any small article of value.

German Girls Told Not to Associate With Americans.

Posters written in German and warning German girls against associating with Americans, appeared recently in several places in Coblenz, Germany, and other towns on the Rhine, the girls being urged to refrain from making the acquaintance of soldiers, regardless of the fact that the treaty of peace had been signed. At various times posters have been put up threatening indiscreet girls with punishment of one kind or another.

American officers who have investigated say the Germans are determined that girls who associate with the soldiers shall have their names known to the population and that several secret societies have been formed for that purpose. Intelligence officers say that on several occasions the names of girls who are on the records of the German police for associating with Americans have been read to the congregations at Sunday morning church services. In other villages the practice of posting the girls' names in public places was inaugurated some time ago.

The officers assert that blacklists of the girls' names have been prepared and are being kept for future use, after the Americans are gone.

Don't know how the American soldiers feel about it, but the folks back home generally prefer that they leave the German ladies alone.

Exaggerated Reports.

Statesville Landmark.

"An Infantry Officer," writing to the Greensboro News concerning the alleged mistreatment of military prisoners in France, much in the papers recently, asks:

"Did you know that 'Hard-boiled Smith, of recent Paris Farm, No. 2 fame, because of mistreatment of military prisoners and about whom you commented quite at length editorially, was not an officer of the regular army, and that the average man confined to the prison was a deserter from the front, a yellow coward, a slacker and a piker, and only out of the goodness of heart of the court that convicted them, they were not shot for desertion in the face of the enemy?"

No matter if the prisoners were guilty of all that and more, and were saved from death through sympathy, they were entitled to humane treatment. It were better to have shot them and made an end of them, than to have saved their lives and tortured them. But The Landmark has referred to this to say that it has believed all along that the stories of inhumane treatment of military prisoners in France were much exaggerated. The prisoners were, as Gen. Pershing said, the hardest nuts in the army, and no doubt, as an infantry officer alleges, some of them would have been shot had they got their deserts. Having this bunch to deal with and having no respect for them, some of the guards were guilty of cruel treatment and have been punished, as they should have been.

Another evidence that the alleged complaints were not based on actual fact is that an attempt was made to show that at least part of the cruel treatment was due to the prejudice of regular army officers against the national guard. The infantry officer quoted shows that "Hardboiled" Smith, convicted of cruelty to the prisoners, was not an officer of the regular army; and numerous officers of the national guard and national army have testified that they were associated with regular army men and received from them only kindness and consideration.

The attempts to discredit the army have been so persistent that one is forced to believe there is an organized purpose to that end; and the pity is that any report of this character is usually accepted by the average reader, because he is usually accepted by the average reader, because he is looking for something of that kind.

Cove Creek Home Destroyed by Fire.

At noon last Friday the home of Mr. A. J. Payne, near Sherwood, this county, was destroyed by fire, but, fortunately, the major part of the contents was saved through the heroic efforts of those who reached the scene of the conflagration. The loss was considerable, as it was only partially covered by insurance.

Summer Complaint in Children.

There is not anything like so many deaths from this disease now as before Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy came into such general use. When this remedy is given with castor oil as directed and proper care is taken as to diet, it is safe to say that fully 90 out of every 100 cases recover. Mr. W. G. Campbell of Butler, Tenn., says: "I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for summer complaint in children. It is far ahead of anything I have ever used for this purpose."

Bell Opened Cell for Bride.

The New York Herald of recent date carried the following story full of romance and doubtless true to fact:

Romance rivaling the story of "The White Sister" came to light yesterday when Private Joseph Rinaldi, of the Fifth Division, and his bride passed through the city on the way to his home, in Old Forge, Pa. Before Mrs. Rinaldi met her husband she was Sister Marie, for eighteen years in the Convent Ecole Menagerie, at Esch, Luxemburg.

After the Fifth Division had participated in the St. Mihiel, the Argonne and Meuse River offensives and the armistice was signed, the troops were billeted in the town of Esch.

Near the divisional quarter arose the tall, gray walls of Ecole Menagerie, housing in its many buildings hundreds of orphans. Even from the windows of the officers' mess, it was said; the sisters, in pairs, could be seen marching to their cells.

One night early in June a squad of privates were in the kitchen, back of the mess hall. "Look!" exclaimed one, who had been casually looking through the window at the nightly procession in the convent. "The mother superior has taken one sister out of line."

Private Joseph Rinaldi was peeling potatoes and the knife fell back into the tub.

Several days later reports from the convent told the soldiers that the nun taken from the line was sister Marie, who had entered the nunnery at fifteen and was then thirty-three. It was also said that Sister Marie had been glancing at a soldier from her cell window and that the Mother Superior had taken her to another and more inaccessible convent at Luxemburg.

Almost nightly, it was noticed, Private Rinaldi took the lorry for Luxemburg. One night as the mother superior there and Sister Marie were praying together in the latter's cell—pleading for strength for Sister Marie so that she might put the world entirely from her—the private confronted her and confessed his love for the sister. And the nun had no difficulty in telling the mother superior that she reciprocated the soldier's affection. The mother superior consulted the Bishop, who, of course, sided with her and sent Sister Marie into solitary confinement, but not before the soldier had obtained the promise from her.

"If on the tenth day you happen to be here, and the bell in the tower tolls at this hour, come for your Marie, for the church will have lost. If the bell is silent, go away, and God bless you."

The bell tolled at the appointed hour and Private Rinaldi and Sister Marie—her sisterly garments piled in a trunk in the Ecole Menagerie Convent—were married by the Burgomaster. Later another ceremony was performed by Chaplain Anderson, of the Fifth Division, with Private Edward Mesino of Brest the couple joined sixty others.

You can do some things next week, but some you cannot.

So don't wait, act now!

Insure your house before it burns.

Insure your health before you get sick.

Insure your life before you die for then it is everlastingly too late.

I sell the best policies at universal rates.

GEO. F. BLAIR,
Blowing Rock, N. C.

Kentucky Man About 130 Years Old.

The oldest person in the world is believed to have been found on Greasy Creek, Leslie county, Ky. and the National Geographic Society has been requested to make an investigation to determine whether he is really the most ancient living human.

The man is John Shell, and according to all records thus far found, he is 130 or 131 years old. He can remember things that happened 115 years ago.

He lives in a little cabin 20 miles from Hyden, county seat of Leslie, far back in the mountains, many miles from a railroad.

"Uncle Henry" Chappell, a neighbor, who is more than 70 years old and one of the most reliable citizens in the community, says Shell was an old man as far back as he can remember, and that he has a tax ticket showing payment of an assessment by Shell in 1809, when Shell would have been 21 years old to have been liable for taxes.

Mr. Shell's oldest children are about 90 years old and he has several great-great grandchildren. He has nine children living while no effort has been made to count the grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and other descendants, although the total it is said would reach nearly 200.

His sight is as good today as ever, it is said, and his greatest pleasure is to have the "boys" come in for old-time shooting matches, in which he generally beats present-day marksmanship, even though he uses his old-time rifle. He came to Kentucky when this section was a wilderness, following the hunting trails blazed only a few years previously by Daniel Boone, and Shell himself was a noted hunter and pioneer.

He attributes his long and vigorous life to his outdoor living and to his never-failing temperate habits. In his use of tobacco and liquor and in eating he has always been careful never to indulge to excess.

In later years a fourth set of teeth has made its appearance. Mr. Shell is light, wiry built and when he has occasion to do so, he mounts his horse and rides 20 miles into Hyden and back the same day without evidence of an unusual fatigue.

Mr. Shell helped clear eastern Kentucky from Indians, there still having been a few tribes when he arrived, and was probably the first white man to settle in Leslie county. He lives near the home he picked out more than 100 years ago.

Well Improved Carter County Farm for Sale on Easy Terms.

You can buy direct from the undersigned owner a 150 acre farm on the State Line Highway—one and a half miles from Elizabethton, Tenn. with reasonable cash payment and on long and easy payments for the balance of purchase price.

All of farm is high class red limestone land, 100 acres of which is in clover and grass. Good crop of wheat and oats just taken off. Nice corn crop on land at this time. 50 acres of this land has been well limed. Improvements consist of new cottage house and small barn, and place is watered by same spring as supplies Elizabethton. This land will grow blue grass, clover, corn, hay or anything you want to plant on it, and you can buy at the right price.

J. M. LACY,
Elizabethton, Tenn.

Mules For Sale.

I have for sale 4 pairs of fine young mules, ranging in age from one to five years old. None better in the county. If on the market for good stock. See me.

J. F. BAIRD,
Valle Crucis, N. C.

The Cost of Typhoid.

Figures compiled by the state board of health predict that during the month of July typhoid fever will cost approximately one million dollars in this State. This is based on the loss from illness alone and does not take into consideration the economic loss arising from the deaths that will result from this preventable disease. Reports from all sections show that the disease was on an increase during the first 15 days of this month. On the 15th the total reached 332. With the same increase during the remainder of the month the total will approximately be 1,000 cases.

Typhoid fever is a preventable disease. It can be prevented as has been demonstrated time and time again, and it seems especially pathetic that the inconvenience, loss, suffering and sorrow that follows in the steps of this disease should be allowed, when with so little effort on our part we can practically wipe it from existence.

Vaccination will give immunity from the disease from two to four years. This is not mere "dope" handed out by the State Board of Health. It has been tried in every county in this State, and always following the vaccination there has been the decrease in the disease. Typhoid fever is practically unknown in the army where every man is required to take the treatment.

North Carolina is fast learning the lesson of the cost of typhoid, and the remedy, but it is costing a great loss both in life and money for the people to really understand the seriousness of the matter, and the simplicity of its eradication. —Coffey Times.

The Dance Described.

We looked in upon the dance at Lumina (at Wrightsville Beach), given "complimentary" to the Press Association. No immodest dancing is allowed there, we understand, but when an 18-year old youth rests his cheek against that of an equally youthful partner, presses her breast against his, interweaves his legs back and forth between hers and vice-versa—well that kind of dancing is just as much a "compliment" as the Democrat desires of the kind. But, mind you, there were couples upon the floor that danced more decently and also more gracefully. It seemed to be a case of choose your own style to hug, and there were all degrees after a hand lightly laid upon the back with the young lady's face and body several inches from those of her partner to the style described above, with an occasional extra touch to that. But how does a mother know what style her daughter or her daughter's daughters certainly chose or allowed the closer embrace. But maybe flesh and blood are not heirs to the old passions; yet somehow we think they are.—O. J. Peterson, in Clinton Democrat.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS.

North Carolina Watauga County. In the Superior court, before the clerk, T. E. Bingham and wife Zillie Bingham, Jas. H. Bingham, W. H. Bingham and wife Bessie Bingham, Vera Hayes and husband Grady Hayes, Minnie Presnell and husband Vance Presnell, Coy Bingham, Ralph Bingham, Mary Bingham, Ruth Bingham, Albert Bingham and Elliot Bingham, the last three named by their next friend John E. Brown against Paul Madron, Ruth Madron, Horace Madron and Ethel Madron.

The defendants in the above entitled action will take notice that on the 22 day of July 1919, a summons in said action was issued by O. L. Coffey, Clerk of the Superior Court for Watauga County, the plaintiffs asking for the sale of land for partition, in Watauga county, North Carolina, in which defendants have an interest, which summons is returnable on the 25th day of August 1919. The defendants will also take notice that they are required to appear and answer or demur to the petition of the plaintiffs at the time and place named for the return of the summons, or the relief demanded will be granted. This 23rd day of July 1919.

O. L. COFFEY, C. S. C.

NOTICE.

Be it remembered that a meeting of the commissioners of the town of Boone was held on the 4th day of August 1919, when and where were present I. G. Greer, M. B. Blackburn and F. A. Linney, commissioners and T. B. Moore, Mayor, when and where the following proceedings were had:

That petitions having been filed with the clerk asking for street improvements to be made by local assessments, to wit: asking that a side walk of concrete be constructed along the South side of King Street from Blackburn's property beginning at the branch, west of said property and continuing to the Baptist church, thence on the east side of the street leading from said church to L. L. Critcher's store passing to the east side of said store to the public school house lot; and on the North side of King Street from the east corner of the court house lot to the west corner of Dr. J. W. Jones' lot; and on east side of the street from King Street, to the depot, and on south side of the street from King Street to the town limit at Dr. Bingham's, and the said petition further showing that the abutting property owners desired that the town pay for one half the cost of the said side walk construction and the property owners one half the cost thereof and the clerk having investigated the sufficiency of the said petition and the extent of the property affected thereby, and having submitted the same to the said commissioners, who find, First, that the said petition is sufficient; Second, that the said petition is signed by more than a majority in number of the owners of all the lineal feet of frontage of the land abutting upon the streets proposed to be improved;

Therefore be it resolved by the board of commissioners of the town of Boone that concrete side walks be constructed along the streets as above set forth according to the plans and specifications set forth by our engineer that the said walks be built on a four inch rock base, and from four to six feet wide, and that the work be done by contract under the supervision of our engineer, and that the town pay for one half of the cost of construction and that the abutting land owners be, and are hereby assessed one half of the cost thereof, the said assessment to be made out when the work is completed, as provided by law.

Be it further resolved that coupon bonds in the sum of five thousand dollars be issued by the said commissioner for the town of Boone and sold as the law directs to defray the said expense incurred by the said town in building the said side walks, and that said bonds bear a rate of interest not exceeding six per centum, per annum.

2. That the said bonds be issued in denominations of \$1,000.00 each and due and payable as follows: First bond payable Jan. 1, 1930 and one bond of one thousand dollars each year on Jan. 1 until the year 1935.

3. That a tax sufficient to pay the interest and to provide for a sinking fund be annually levied and collected.

4. That a statement of the present indebtedness of the town and the assessed valuation of the property subject to taxation by the municipality for the three fiscal years in which taxes were last levied, be filed with the board and sworn to by the treasurer of the town.

5. That the bond shall be a coupon bond, each in the sum of one thousand dollars, signed by the mayor of the said town and the secretary thereof, and sealed with the corporate seal thereof; the coupons to be signed by the mayor.

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage. Passed in regular meeting by a unanimous vote of the commissioners on this 4th day of August 1919.

F. A. LINNEY,
M. B. BLACKBURN
I. G. GREER
Commissioners.

T. B. MOORE, Mayor.

The commissioner having let the contract for the building of the said side walks, before sale of said bonds and it being necessary to borrow money for said work until said bonds are sold, the treasurer is directed and empowered to borrow an amount not exceeding \$4,000.00 for said work, for 30 days or longer if necessary not exceeding 90 days from the Watauga County Bank or elsewhere and have the town's note executed therefor. On motion it is ordered by the board that a concrete culvert be constructed by our contractor across the street at the branch near the depot, and that the work be done according to the plans and specifications of our engineer and under his supervision. It is further ordered, on motion, that the work on the side walks begin at the branch west of Blackburn's on the south side of King Street.

It is further ordered on motion that the county teams be employed and the county work force be employed to do the grading on the streets and side walks at such places as the engineer may direct. That a rock culvert be constructed across the street at the branch below the jail and that said street be graded by the county road force, if it can be employed.

It is further ordered on motion that a copy of the resolution above set out be published in the Watauga Democrat for 30 days. On motion the meeting adjourned. This Aug. 4, 1919.

F. A. LINNEY,
M. B. BLACKBURN
I. G. GREER,
Commissioners.

T. B. MOORE, Mayor.