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## The Alexander Development.

People going to Blowing Rock this season are amazed at the progress which has been made on the Mayview Park enterprise, a work begun two years ago by Mr. Walter Alexander Jr. A perfect colony of new homes has sprung up on the wooded slopes of the mountain to the east of the town, and some of the homes are being furnished by owners and residents who are arranging to "move in" for the summer. The houses are of a classic type of architecture and are equipped with water, lights and sewerage, the whole being connected up with a splendid system of driveways, much engineering skill having been demonstrated in the laying out of these roads. The central figure in the scheme is the club house, which is located on the peak of the mountain and from which the guests may enjoy one of the most impressive mountain views in all western North Carolina. The Mayview Park project is developing into a mountain resort colony of wonderful proportions and will prove a great asset to that part of the country.

One circumstance that is putting the mountain people into a good humor just now is the prospect of one of the greatest apple crops on record. The late spring militated to the safety of the budding trees and the blossoming time passed without the loss of a single prospective apple by the frost. As a consequence the trees are fairly loaded with fruit, which is hanging from the limbs in clusters. From the very abundance of the fruitage there is to be a natural shedding of the surplus, but the trees stand a good chance of yielding more than a normal crop. The prospect is all the more gratifying because of the fact that the crop in that section last year was a very slim one, and it is another encouraging outlook that the growers will receive for the coming crop the highest prices on record. The trees are in better bearing condition because the orchard owners, during the past few years, have been paying more attention to the trees and spraying has become a universal custom. The apple growers throughout the mountain sections of North Carolina are this year considering themselves in "great luck."—Charlotte Observer.

## The Soldier-Bonus Raid.

To put through the Soldier-Bonus Bill was only a few minutes pastime for the House. The rules were overridden. The gag was applied. No amendments were permitted. No debate was possible. Only twenty minutes were allowed each side for discussion, and to attempt discussion was useless, for the House was a bedlam.

An outrageous raid, engineered by Republicans against the protests of a few older leaders like Mann and Cannon, it was gleefully shared in almost equally by Democrats. Between the two parties there was little to choose except that on the final roll call a number of Democrats were moved through political cowardice to vote for the bill after pretending to oppose it on principle.

Rarely before in the history of the House of Representatives has there been so indecent an exhibition. A vote-getting scheme—devised with an eye to the coming election—to turn over nearly \$2,000,000,000 of the taxpayers' money to men who saw service in the war was a shameful proposal, both for the motives that inspired it and the methods em-

## Children's Day At Mount Vernon.

Mr. Editor: Please allow me a small space in your paper to tell you as a visitor to this place and church Sunday morning, May 30th, what a nice program was carried out by the children.

Being one of quite a little party from Boone, we arrived about 10 o'clock a. m. and received a most cordial welcome by everyone whom we met. These people forgot all about their week day business, and the entertaining of the people, visitors and all, was done to a Queen's taste.

After Sunday School was over, the Rev. Mr. Wheeler made a very helpful talk to the children as well as the "grown ups." After this talk Supt. Critcher welcomed the visitors and made us feel perfectly at home. Then the children's program came next under the direction of Mr. N. L. Harrison. The little songs and recitations were very interesting and impressive and reflected great credit upon those who had charge of the training of the children.

In the course of the exercises there was one little fellow who was called upon for his speech, and he showed his bravery by remaining at his post although he did not say a word of his recitation. To me he spoke in eloquent tones, in silence he seemed perfectly at ease, for he held the fort and did not run away until his time was up. If I had been near him with a blue ribbon I would have pinned it on him, for he deserved it. He was not a failure, even in his silence.

After the programme was carried out, we were all invited to help ourselves to a bountiful dinner brought along by these good people. The spread was simply grand in every respect and was greatly enjoyed. We shall remember what a great deal of pleasure the cordial welcome given us by the noble people around Mt. Vernon. There was one thing the writer noticed, and that was the excellent conduct by every one present.

The encouragement given these little folks is very commendable, as they will soon assume the responsible positions as citizens, taking up their duties in a very few years and too much kindness and training cannot be given them to avoid the hard knocks they will get on their way to good citizenship and success.

Really, the cordial and courteous treatment by these good people made one feel that he was a boy again and I most heartily thank all of them from the bottom of my heart for this recognition.

A VISITOR.

ployed to carry it through.

For politicians in Congress, seeking re-election next November to profess that the \$2,000,000,000 in bonuses is the free patriotic offering of a grateful country to the service men is a palpable falsehood in their own interest. The country has not been consulted, or, so far as heard, it has been ignored. The American Legion is radically divided on the issue, and at best the American Legion in its entire membership represents only a small fraction of the men who were with the army and navy during the war with Germany. The most insistent demand for the bonus scheme has come from a group of members of the House who planned to loot the United States Treasury for their own and their party's political profit. New York-World.

## Baltimore Oriole.

Called also: Frebird; Golden Robin; Hang Nest; Golden Oriole.

A flash of flame among the tender young spring foliage; a rich, high whistling song from the blossoming cherry boughs, and every child knows that the sociable Baltimore Oriole has just returned from Central America. Brilliant orange and black feathers like his could no more be concealed than the fiery little red-starts; and if they alone were not enough to advertise his welcome presence in the neighborhood, he keeps up a rich, ringing, insistent whistle that you can quickly learn to imitate. You have often started all the roosters in your neighborhood to crowing, no doubt; even so you can "whistle up" the mystified orioles, who are always disposed to live near our homes. Although the Baltimore oriole has a southern name, he is really more common at the North, whereas the orchard oriole is more at home south of New England.

Lady Baltimore, who wears a yellowish-olive dress with dusky wings and tails, has the reputation of being one of the finest nest-builders in the world. To the end of a branch of some tall shade tree, preferably an elm or willow, although almost any large tree on a lawn or roadside may suit her, she carries grasses, plant fibre, strings or bits of cloth. These she weaves and felts into a perfect bag six or seven inches deep and lines it with finer grasses, hair and wool—a safe, cozy, swinging cradle for her babies.

But as you may imagine, those babies have a rather hard time when they try to climb out of it into the world. Many a one tumbles to the ground, unable to hold on to the tips of a swaying twig and not being strong enough to fly. Then what a tremendous fuss the parents make! They can not carry the youngsters up into the tree; they are in deadly fear of cats, they are too worried and excited to leave him alone, but the plucky little fellow usually hops towards the tree and with the help of his sharp claws on the rough bark, flutters out for himself in this world.—Ex.

## Henry Cabot Barred.

Mr. Lodge, according to his biographical sketches, was 70 years old on May 12, and has therefore rounded out the span of life allotted to man by the Psalmist. The people of the United States have never elected a man of that advanced age to the presidency, and in all probability never will. The oldest of the Presidents was William Henry Harrison, who was 68 when inaugurated. He lasted just one month in office. Next to him in point of years was Buchanan, whose age, 65, when elected and 68 when the crisis of the impending Civil war found him unequal to the emergency, must be held in part responsible for his lack of aggressiveness. Taylor was 64 when inaugurated, and succumbed under the onerous duties of the presidency in less than a year and a half. Jackson was 61 when first elected, as was John Adams.

All the other Presidents have been under 60 when first honored by the voters, and in recent years the tendency has been to choose men in the very prime of life. Roosevelt was only 42 when he reached the White House through McKinley's death, and Grant was but 46, Cleveland 47, Pierce 48 and Garfield and Polk 49.

No, H. C. L. will not do. The

## Acres Are Yields.

A bulletin from the Federal Department of Agriculture advises increasing the corn crop by increasing the acreage yield. Agriculturally we have spread all over creation with acreage, but the yield to the acre is low. Fifty years ago the United States raised a billion bushels of corn on thirty-eight million acres. The average was nearly twenty-eight bushels to the acre. In 1917 the crop was three times as much, but the acreage a little over three times as much and the yield to the acre was only 26 bushels. We hardly held the average of 26 bushels to the acre one year with another. But Maine makes nearly 50 bushels to the acre, and Pennsylvania makes 40. North Carolina makes around 20 bushels to the acre, which is an increase over the low yield of earlier years.

But such a yield is too expensive. Some farms go much above this figure, but as it is the average it is certain that whenever a farm goes above this record others go below it. Now every farm that makes corn has to plow, plant, cultivate and work the acreage. Maine in making 50 bushels to the acre gets out of working one and a half acres; for it takes in North Carolina two and a half acres to make the corn Maine makes on one acre. Maine saves three-fifths of the work that we do, or with the same work gets two and a half times as much corn. It is not that Maine is a favored corn state and North Carolina not. The big record yields of away over a hundred bushels to the acre that have been made in this state show that the corn can be made here if we choose to make it.

The trouble is we have not yet learned to crowd the acre. We have had so much land that we take no account of the value of it in making a crop, and in forgetting about the land we forget that every time we plow and work more land than is needed to make the crop we are wasting a lot of time and work to no purpose. If plowing one acre and handling the crop right will give as much corn as the present unsatisfactory method gives through working two and a half acres we are farming in a way that is foolish. The next step for North Carolina to take in farming is to get the acreage yield up to where three-fifths of the work will be cut out by a bigger crop from the same acreage. The present yields involve too much walking around for all that is done.—News and Observer.

## Stopped in Time.

Little Willie, who for some few months had always ended his evening prayer with "Please send me a baby brother," announced to his mother that he was tired of praying for what he did not get and that he did not believe God had any more little boys to send.

Not long afterwards he was carried into his mother's room very early in the morning to see his twin brothers who had arrived during the night. Willie looked at the two babies critically and then remarked: "It's a good thing I stopped praying when I did."

years have ruled him out, even if his record as a bitter and malevolent partisan has not. He is eminently fitted to be president of the Massachusetts Historical Society, but not President of 110,000,000 free-born Americans.—The Philadelphia Record.

## ANNOUNCEMENT.

I have nominated myself a candidate for a chance for a seat in the next General Assembly of North Carolina, provided, my aspiration meets with the approbation of the people collectively, whose interest I hold very dear and tender.

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## Information Free, Insurance Cheap!

If you want either, see, write, or call Geo. F. Blair, the insurance agent. Office in Bank Building, Blowing Rock, N. C. 3-25-'20

FOR SALE: One set of fine French Flour Burrs and smutter; three steel two inch line shafts twelve feet long; hoop stool and hopper, and a lot of cast and wooden pulleys. See G. W. F. Harper or H. L. Houck Lenoir, N. C. 6-3-20c.

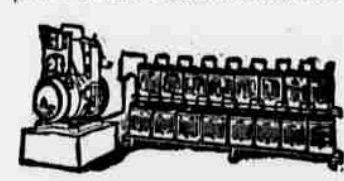
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FOR SALE: One hundred acres of good land one half mile from the depot, and within one-fourth of mile of good school. For quick sale, I will take \$20 per acre. For terms write or see Jesse F. Robbins, Shulls Mills, N. C. m 27, t. f. c.

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## NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as administratrix of J. C. Horton dec. all persons having claims against the said estate will present same within 12 months from the date hereof or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons owing said estate settle the same at once. This May 15th, 1920.

CARRIE R. HORTON, Administratrix  
E. F. LOVILL, Atty.

## NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as administrator of the estate of John W. Maine dec. all persons having claims against the said estate will present same within 12 months from the date hereof or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons owing said estate settle the same at once. This May 22nd, 1920.

R. F. MILLER, Administrator.

FARMS FOR SALE: Located in Northern Delaware in the most productive agricultural district of the United States. J. A. McKelvey, Newark, Delaware. 1-4 10t. c.

FOR SALE: The Allen Hix farm on New River, containing about 100 acres. On the farm is twenty acres of timber, and twenty acres of bottom meadow, possibly none better in the county, good residence, fine orchard and the best of lots for gardening and trucking. If interested write or call on J. S. Stanbury, Boone, N. C. m 27 tfe.

## Entry Notice, No. 2553.

State of North Carolina, Watauga County, Office of Entry Taker of said County.  
M. H. Edmisten locates and enters fifty (50) acres of land on the waters of Watauga River, in Laurel Creek township, Beginning on a hemlock, Polly Edmisten's corner, and runs north 80 poles with P. H. Farthing's line to a chestnut, his corner, thence west 15 poles to a pine, thence north 20 poles to a maple, thence east to Rufus Hockaday's line, then up the river with Hockaday's line to G. A. Edmisten's line, thence a west course to the beginning. Entered May 24, '20.  
H. J. HARDIN, Entry Taker.

## WANTED

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G. M. SUDDERTH, Cashier.