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## FRENCH CROPS

The Washington Post discusses this subject interestingly as follows:

Although suffering more than any other nation through loss of man power and in area of territory devastated by the war, France expects to be able with this year's crop of cereals to feed herself. In this respect the French people have gone ahead of others of the allies, whose food supplies must continue to depend in great measure on the granaries of the United States. While in this country there has been talk among farmers of less acreage planted because of the scarcity of labor, and still more discussion of further reducing production because prices are not satisfactory, the sole aim of the French agriculturist has been to plant as much as possible and to produce every bushel of which the somewhat impoverished soil is capable. Upon the successful working out of that policy depends the proper nourishment of the people, for without the food through which to develop the brain and brawn of French workers, whose vitality was sapped through four long years of incessant and hard fighting, a return to prewar industrial activity would be impossible.

The French farmers, aided by Providence, will gather a wheat crop estimated at 260,000,000 bushels. To do this they planted almost 1,000,000 more acres than the year before and have brought it to a successful harvest in the face of difficulties that would have staggered any other than a Frenchman, who was sowing and reaping for his beloved France and not for the dollars and cents represented by his wheat. With reasonable restrictions, but without war-time sacrifices, and with a judicious use of other cereals that have been grown, the French authorities expect that France will be practically independent of other nations, so far as breadstuffs are concerned. This not only means a monetary saving for the French people, but will enable the United States and other countries that grow the major portion of the world's wheat to do more for those stricken lands which are not yet able to help themselves.

This harvest means that France will keep in the hands of her own people between 3,000,000,000 and 4,000,000,000 francs, a considerable portion of which would otherwise have gone outside to buy food-stuffs. And every franc would have shrunk largely in its struggle with the rate of exchange before it could have purchased its share of the bread the people of France will need. It cost France last year 3,867,000,000 francs for bread that was bought abroad, which was a heavy tax for a nation that was struggling to recover from the effects of war. It is worthy of note that the devastated regions, where shelter for the farmers is only of a temporary character and their implements almost primitive, furnished 500,000 acres more of wheat than last year. The bulk of the French nation has always been its peasant. In any great crisis he it was who first responded to the nation's call, and today, as yesterday, France does not call to him in vain.

**FOR SALE**—128 ACRES LAND adjoining the lands of W. E. Shipley, Mrs. J. M. Shull and others. I have one six-room cottage house for sale, barn and other outbuildings. 90 acres good assorted timber. If interested call on JOHN HARTLEY, Valle Crucis, N. C. 7-8-4p

## Prominent Young Couple Marry.

A wedding of great beauty and of unusual interest because of the prominence of the contracting parties, occurred last Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the Boone Baptist Church, when Miss Allye Henry Penn, the beautiful, talented, and popular daughter of Mrs. W. C. Coffey, of Boone, became the bride of Mr. M. R. Bernhardt, son of Mrs. G. L. Bernhardt, of Lenoir. Miss Penn is a singer of note and rare talent and unusual powers. She is a graduate of Davenport College Conservatory of Music and was a student in Cincinnati Conservatory of Music for some time. For the past two years she was teacher of Voice and Piano in Logan College, Russellville, Kentucky. The groom is of one of the old and distinguished families of western North Carolina. He is a fine business man and in every way is a man of most excellent characteristics and attractive personality.

The church was most tastily decorated, the color scheme being pink and white, and these were perfectly blended under the skillful direction of Prof. T. W. Birmingham who came from his home in Columbus, Ohio, for the purpose. An archway extended from the door to the altar constructed in a most artistic manner. Miss Dell Bernhardt, of Lenoir, presided at the piano. Preceding the ceremony Prof. Birmingham sang "O Promise me," and Mrs. A. H. Crowell sang "O Perfect Love."

The bride was attended by her sister Mrs. H. Frank Seay, of Lynchburg, Va., and Mrs. Robt. B. Knox of Newton, as dames of honor. The groom was attended by Mr. R. E. Courtney, of Lenoir, and the ushers were Mr. Richmond Bernhardt, brother of the groom, and Mr. Shelton Penn, brother of the bride. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. B. Craven, President of Davenport College. For the bridal procession Miss Bernhardt played Mendelssohn's wedding march. During the ceremony she played Salute De Amour, and for the recessional Lohengrin's Wedding March.

The bride's gown was of Georgette and lace with Duchess Court Train, and the orange blossoms were those which had been worn by her mother, and she carried a shower bouquet of brides' roses, and was indeed most beautiful and attractive. Mrs. Sea was beautifully gowned in Orchid Georgette with crystal trimmings and carried a shower bouquet of La France roses. Mrs. Knox was strikingly beautiful in a perfect gown of Apricot Georgette with crystal trimmings and carried a shower bouquet of La France roses. Mrs. Coffey, mother of the bride, was stately and lovely in a faultless gown of georgette and taffeta. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Worth Penn, of Emporia, Va.

A large number of Lenoir's most prominent people were present at the wedding and the church was full to overflowing. The bridal presents were indeed many and costly, consisting of a great variety of silver, cut glass, and other useful articles, including several checks of considerable value. The bridal tour will include an extended trip to Niagara, Atlantic City, and other northern places of interest, after which Mr. and Mrs. Bernhardt will be at home in the elegant Bernhardt mansion in Lenoir.

J. M. D

## Cox And Germanism.

One of the first things the Republicans undertook to spring on Cox, the Democratic nominee for President was that he is or was pro-German. An Observer subscriber at Lenoir has sent it a clipping from a Baltimore paper making the charge and asking for an editorial expression. It is well to give the straight of the matter at the beginning—for an avalanche of Republican roorbacks is sure to be on the way. The charge that Cox was a German sympathizer is but one of many that are to develop before the campaign is well under way. Governor Cox is a newspaper man. He owns The Dayton News and it is a known fact that during 1915 and 1916, editorials which were regarded by some as of a pacifist nature, were published in that paper. But while Cox owned the newspaper property, he was not its editor. The editorial policy of the paper was in the hands of George Barba, who was solely responsible for the editorial utterances of the paper. Barba—no longer connected with Cox's paper—makes statement that he wrote all the editorials without at any time consulting Governor Cox about them. Cox was away from Dayton a great deal of the time and Barba assumed full responsibility and authority for all that happened in its columns. But Barba makes contention that none of his editorials was pro-German. He gives in evidence that his son, a boy of 19, enlisted in the ranks the day war was declared against Germany, and that Cox seemed to have faith enough in his Americanism to let him alone. It is yet to be proved that the Dayton Times was at any period during the war a pro-German paper, and even if anything Barba had written could have been interpreted as un-American, Cox was not the author and was not responsible to any possible extent further than he was owner of the paper.

There was a time when The Observer ownership was strident for Wilson and its editor was anti-Wilson, but a new editor came on The Observer, just as a new editor came on The Dayton News. It is as fair to charge the owners of The Observer with anti-Wilsonianism as it is to charge Cox with pro-Germanism.—Observer.

## Cove Creek News.

The ice cream supper held on the Henson's Chapel lawn Saturday evening was a great success. The proceeds amounted to \$135 which will be used in painting the church.

A six o'clock dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Mast on last Thursday evening in honor of their son James and a number of the Training School teachers was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present.

Mrs. J. F. Spainhour of Morganton has been visiting her son Mr. Paul Spainhour.

Miss Mable Glenn is visiting at the home of Mrs. N. L. Mast.

Mrs. J. P. Morris will have as her guest during July and August a friend from Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mrs. Ellen Davis who has been very sick is improving.

Miss Blanche Davis is slowly convalescing after her serious illness.

One of the prettiest sights to be seen on the Creek is the flower garden at the Methodist Parsonage. In it are sweet peas of every color, nasturtiums, dahlias, so well suited to this mountain climate.

## Official Majorities On State Ticket.

Formal notice has been received by Cameron Morrison of his nomination for governor, following the canvass of the returns by the state board of elections Thursday, which placed Morrison's majority over Gardner at 9,259. The vote follows: Morrison 70,332; Gardner, 61,073.

W. P. Stacy's official majority over B. F. Long for associate justice of the supreme court, was 22,247. The vote follows: Stacy 71,437; Long, 49,190.

Baxter Durham's majority for state auditor over J. P. Cook is 12,015. The vote follows: Durham, 64,697; Cook, 52,682.

## Report of the condition of THE BANK OF BLOWING ROCK

at Blowing Rock in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, June 30, 1920:

RESOURCES:	
Loans and Discounts	\$164,557.41
Demand Loans	2,500.00
Overdrafts	576.22
U. S. and Liberty bonds	4350.00
War Savings Stamps	711.71
Mayview Construction Co.	1500.00
Banking house	2750.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,298.00
All other real estate owned	190.34
Cash in vault and net amts. due from banks, bankers and trust companies	30,197.51
Cash items held over 24 hours	8.17
Lost check account	11.40
Total	\$208,650.76

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$16,000.00
Surplus fund	4,500.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses & taxes paid	2,612.96
No es and Bills Rediscounted	1900.00
Bills payable	25,000.00
Deposits subject to check	86,095.09
Time certificates of deposit	58,238.99
Cashiers checks outstanding	203.72
Total	\$208,650.76

State of North Carolina, county of Watauga, I, J. T. Miller, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. T. MILLER, Cashier.

Correct—attest:  
W. A. LENTZ  
WILL LENTZ  
T. H. COFFEY

Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 9th day of July 1920.  
GEO. F. BLAIR, Notary Public.

## NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the following resolution was passed at the regular meeting of the board of Town Commissioners of the town of Boone on July 12, 1920.

North Carolina, Watauga County, Town of Boone.

Be it remembered that a meeting of the board of town commissioners of the town of Boone, was held at their office on the 12 day of July, 1920 when and where the following proceedings were had: Present, M. B. Blackburn, I. G. Greer and F. A. Linney, Commissioners, and T. B. Moore Mayor. The meeting was called to order by the mayor and the following resolution was offered by I. G. Greer and adopted by unanimous vote of the board:

Whereas a petition was filed before the board asking for sidewalk improvements on the street mentioned in said petition was passed upon and adjudged sufficient and the resolution ordering the said improvements made was duly published, and all things necessary preliminary to the commencement of the work was done, and whereas the said work has been completed from the bridge near M. B. Blackburn's property via Baptist church to the Public school house and from the center of J. M. Moretz's lot to the court house steps, and whereas the cost per yard of the construction of the said walk exclusive of the bridges and culverts is \$1.23 1/2 exclusive of street intersections also.

Therefore be it resolved that the board of commissioners of the town of Boone assess the property fronting or abutting on the said street improvement so made \$1.23 1/2 per yard for said improvement, the said property and total amount assessed against each parcel of land hereinafter set out, and ordered to be entered on the assessment roll as provided by law and deposited in the office of the clerk of the said bd. It is further ordered that a notice of the completion of the assessment roll, setting forth a description in general terms of the local improvement, setting forth that the Board will meet at its office in Boone, N. C. on the first Monday in August 1920 for the purpose of hearing allegations and objections of all persons interested, when and where all assessments will be confirmed if no objections is made, and the said assessment so made and confirmed shall constitute a lien against the property so assessed for the said improvement. To the above assessment is added 31 cents for engineering, grading and drainage. The assessments so made are as follows:

D D and B B DOUGHERTY 190 feet of 6 ft sidewalk; 126.7 sq yds sidewalk at 1.23 1-2 per yard 156.47; engineering, drainage and grading the same at 31c per sq yd; Total \$185.75; This assessment is against the lots adjoining the new Methodist church, the Baptist church lot Smith McBridge's lot and fronts on Main Street.

BAPTIST CHURCH 34 feet of 6 ft sidewalk; 42.7 sq yds of sidewalk at 1.23 1-2 per yard 52.73; engineering, drainage and grading the same at 31c per yard 13.24; Total 65.97 This assessment is against the lot on which the Baptist church is located, adjoining the lots of the Dougherty Bros and fronts on main street

DR. ANDERS 153 feet of 5 ft sidewalk, 85 sq yds of sidewalk at 1.23 1-2 per yard 104.98; engineering, drainage and grading on same at 31c per yd 26.35; Total 131.33. This assessment is against the lot on which the dwelling of Dr McG Anders is located and fronts on the street leading to L L Critchers

D J COTTRELL 150 feet of 5 ft sidewalk, 83.3 sq yds at 1.23 1-2 per yard 102.88; engineering grading and drainage on same at 31c. per yard 25.82; Total 128.70 This assessment is against the lots on which the dwelling of D J Cottrell is located and adjoins the lots Floy Mast and Dr Anders and fronts on the street leading to L L Critchers

MRS. FLOY MAST 150 feet of 5 ft sidewalk; 83.3 sq yds at 1.23 1-2 per yard 102.88; engineering grading and drainage on same at 31c per yard 25.82. This assessment is against the lot on which the dwelling of Floy Mast is located, adjoining the lots of D J Cottrell and L L Critcher.

FATE CRITCHER 600.5 feet of 5 ft sidewalk; 333.6 sq yds at 1.23 1-2 per yard 412.00; engineering grading and drainage on same at 31c per yard 103.42; total 515.42. This assessment is against the lots on which L L Critcher lives and on which his store is located and the lots between his store and the public school lot.

M P CRITCHER 30.9 feet 7 1-2 foot sidewalk, 84.3 ft 1 1-3 foot sidewalk, 55.5 feet 6 ft sidewalk; 83.5 sq yds sidewalk at 1.23 1-2 per yard 103.12; engineering, drainage and grading on same at 31c per yard 25.89; total \$129.01 This assessment is against the lots on which Critcher Hotel is located and the brick offices adjoining the hotel.

CHARLES LEWIS 100 feet 6 ft sidewalk, 66.7 sq yds at 1.23 1-2 per yard 82.37; engineering, drainage and grading on same at 31c per yard 20.68; Total \$103.05. This assessment is against the lots on which the Blair Hotel is located, and is adjoining the lots of W L Bryan, Watauga County Bank lot and fronts on King Street.

WATAUGA COUNTY 78 feet of 5 ft sidewalk, 43.3 sq yds of sidewalk at 1.23 1-2 per yard 53.48; engineering, drainage and grading on same at 31c per sq yd 13.42, total 66.90 This assessment is against the lot on which the court house is located.

MONROE MORETZ 26 feet of 5 ft sidewalk, 14.4 sq yds of sidewalk at 1.23 1-2 per sq yd 17.78; engineering grading and drainage on same at 31c per yard 4.64, total 22.42. This assessment is against the lot on which the dwelling of Monroe Moretz is located, adjoining the lots of Jennie Coffey and F A Linney and fronts on King Street.

MISS JENNIE COFFEY 28 feet 5 ft sidewalk, 15.6 sq yds sidewalk at 1.23 1-2 per sq yd 19.27; engineering, drainage and grading same at 31c per yd 4.84, total 24.11. This assessment is against the lot on which the store house of Jennie Coffey is located and adjoins the lot of Monroe Moretz and fronts on King Street

W R GRAGG 105 feet of 5 ft sidewalk, 58.3 sq yds sidewalk at 1.23 1-2 per yard 72.00; engineering, drainage and grading on same at 31c per yard 18.07, total 90.07 This assessment is against the lots on which the dwelling of W R Gragg is located in 1 fronts on King Street

WATAUGA COUNTY BANK 99 feet of 5 ft sidewalk, 100.6 feet 6 ft sidewalk; 128.1 sq yds of sidewalk at 1.23 1-2 per sq yd 158.21; engineering, grading and drainage on same at 31c per yd 39.71, total 197.92. This assessment is against the lots adjoining Blair Hotel lot and W E Shipley and the lot on which the bank and store building is located.

GRADING, ENGINEERING AND DRAINAGE ONLY:  
F A LINNEY Engineering drainage, grading on 120.7 feet walk, 67.1 sq yds at 31c 20.80 This assessment is against the lot on which F A Linney's dwelling is located and adjoining the lots of Monroe Moretz and fronts on King Street.

J D COUNCELL Engineering drainage and grading 251 feet of 5 ft walk 130.4 sq yds at 31c per yard 43.21. This assessment is against the lots on which J D Council lives and fronts on King Street

DR J W JONES 280.5 feet of walk; engineering, drainage on same—155.8 sq yds at 31c per yd 48.30 This assessment is against the lots on which Dr Jones lives

DR H McD LITTLE 69 1-2 feet of 5 ft walk, engineering drainage and grading on 36.0 sq yds at 31c per yd \$11.97 This assessment is against the lots on which Dr Little lives and adjoins the lots of the county and Mattie J Green

On motion of M B Blackburn the meeting adjourned to meet again on August 2 at one o'clock p m

T. B. MOORE, Mayor  
M. B. BLACKBURN  
I. G. GREER  
F. A. LINNEY,  
Board of Commissioners  
F A LINNEY, Town Clerk