

The Watauga Democrat.

Local Affairs
Town and County

Mr. J. N. Davidson is building a new dwelling on the Daniel Boone Park addition.

We are requested to announce that the two local banks will be closed on May 20th.

Mrs. Graves of Plessureville, Ky. is here for a visit of some time to her daughter, Mrs. F. M. Huggins.

Mr. Boone Gragg of Kentucky is spending some time with his sick father, Mr. J. A. Gragg at Hodges Gap.

The farmers of the county, owing to the very unfavorable weather conditions of late are somewhat behind with their work.

Mr. Ed Hodges and family of Ohio have decided to remain in Watauga for the summer at least. They are now at home in the Bryan cottage adjoining the new theater building.

Despite the cold weather and the slight frosts early in the week the fruit crop in Watauga is yet safe, and the prospects for an abundant yield are good so far.

We are sorry to learn of the serious illness of our aged friend Mr. John A. Gragg of Hodges Gap. He has been very low with pneumonia for possibly two weeks, and we were told yesterday morning that he was still unimproved.

Mrs. Edna Hodges and daughter Louise have moved into their new home on Hardin Street, recently purchased from Mr. F. M. Maliba. Mr. Maliba now occupying his new home erected on a nearby lot. Miss Hodges is planning to build on her lot on Oak Street this summer.

Prof. Vance Howell of the faculty of the A. T. S. purchased last week of Mr. H. Grady Farthing two beautiful lots just within the corporate limits of the town on the Boone and Blowing Rock road. Mr. Howell says he may build a dwelling on the property this season.

Rev. and Mrs. F. M. Huggins left Tuesday morning for Atlanta, Ga. to attend the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in that city this week. This meeting brings together the largest denominational gathering in the world, as it covers 15 states, all of which send large delegations.

Miss Annie B. Shull of New York City in renewing for her subscription, writes in part: "I enjoy the paper very much. It is always at the apartment for me Monday evening when I return from work and it is read like a letter. It will soon be vacation time and I am already planning my trip to good old Watauga."

Capt. E. F. Lovill, who continues in very feeble health, left yesterday morning for Baltimore where he will take treatment and possibly undergo an operation in Johns Hopkins hospital. His friends here hope that his recovery may be speedy, and that ere long, he will return to them enjoying his former good health.

Married on Sunday last, Mr. Bynum Greene of the Boone Hardware Co. to Miss Lottie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Edmisten, the Rev. Levi Greene officiating. Mr. Greene owns one of the many pretty homes in East Boone, where the happy couple is now residing. The Democrat extends congratulations to the newly-weds and wishes for them much happiness and prosperity.

Miss Rose Marvel, of Trenton, N. J., Superintendent of the Orthopaedic Hospital at that place, returned to her position last Thursday after having spent some time visiting her friend, Mrs. Smith Hagaman of Boone. Miss Marvel made many friends while here, who regretted for her to leave. She is highly pleased with this section of the country, and will doubtless return at some future time.

Married on Sunday May 4 Mr. John Baker of Bakersville, to Miss Mahala Kate Wilson, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Walter Wilson of this place. The bride was to have received her diploma from the A. T. S. on Friday, so the marriage was kept a secret until she got in possession of the much-coveted paper. The groom is a prominent business man in his town and the bride is very bright and attractive; a favorite in her class at school, and has made many friends in Boone. The young couple will make their future home at Bakersville.

DEEP GAP

Mr. A. G. Miller has recently become sales agent for the Oldsmobile car which looks good to the eye and runs as smooth as a sewing machine. The price is modest, considering the type of car he sells and if you are in the market for a good car at a living price within your

reach, get in touch with him, as he puts things across when it comes to good business.

Mr. B. L. Greene of Sands was a visitor at the home of Alfred Watson for a few days recently.

Last Sunday was a rainy day with a little chill in the air here and it makes one think of the good old summer time when the skies are blue and the sunshine which kisses the ancient hills have fled and gone hence.

The fruit crop in this section is a little short from the fact that the apple orchards seem to bloom very slowly and then again some trees do not bloom at all which indicates that Mother Nature is on the wane or either some of the trees have gone on a strike for better care, which is often neglected at many orchards.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Blair of Blowing Rock paid Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wellborn a visit last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Wellborn's daughter Sallie was with them to see her parents here.

Since our last write up in connection to a news item about Mr. A. G. Miller's store having been broken up by some unknown persons smashing the glass fronts by throwing some stones in at the windows, we have heard a few remarks as to our manner of the report as written.

We stated that the blood hound did a considerable amount of tracking around and which was true in every respect. We have no apology to make, but since that time some persons are under suspicion by their whereabouts not being known and by the chase of the dog.

This should satisfy the most critical as to this matter and if this explanation does not satisfy our report on this matter and news item, then we are no sage.

Mr. Howard Steelman was a visitor at the home of Mr. A. G. Miller last week.

Mrs. Winnie Miller of Stony Fork was shopping at the cash store here recently.

News for this week is hard to find for a report, but Mr. Ralph Bingham Prohibition Agent swooped down on Stony Fork and found a little "60" being joyfully at a certain place that was spilled upon the ground from the fact that the prohibition laws are severe and enforced by the federal and state statutes.

SCOTLAND ARD MEN BEGIN A CRUSADE ON THE DRUG TRADE

London, May 12.—The illegal drug traffic in England has grown to such an extent since the war that it has crept out of its dusky Limehouse haunts to pervade the dance halls and restaurants of the west end.

The war is held responsible for the abnormal conditions. During the stress of the times the vigilance of the police was otherwise employed, and traffickers obtained a foothold in the slum districts of London. After the war, because of the loss in exchange in other countries, most of the drugs were shipped to England. Probably the war can also be blamed for the great increase in the market for the drugs, anyway there is said to be several times as much sold here now as in pre-war times.

Following the death of several of the dancers due to the use of drugs, and the exposure of several clever distribution schemes in the London police courts, Scotland Yard men have opened up on the traffickers. They increased the narcotic squad and began a round-up of criminals which has already resulted in the imprisonment of some of the leaders and has broken up the regular source of supplies which extended into the West End.

The headquarters of the traffic were easily traced to Limehouse, the ancient and natural haunt of all foreign vices. Long investigation and watching resulted in the arrest and imprisonment of a clever young Chinaman who had been under observation for many months by the police. As is usually the case, the man operated a small restaurant in the squalor of the Limehouse docks. Above the dirty living apartments from which he carried on the traffic. He is said to have been the leader of the gangs peddling the drugs throughout London. Several other orientals have been arrested during the last few weeks. They have been sentenced to a year or more in prison and will then be deported.

Cleaning up the wholesale traffic and the clearing houses which exist along the water front of most of the English ports, however, is a much bigger job. Hundreds of ships enter England each week from Oriental ports, and although they are searched upon entrance and a close watch kept on the crews, the police say the traffickers are able to bring in huge supplies. Generally, it is explained, the drugs are sold at once to a dealer and he in turn sells in large quantities to slurs going to other ports. Much, it is supposed goes to the United States and other American countries; certainly it gets in-

to the Scandinavian countries and Holland and Germany.

The dealer in England thus only act as commission agents. They move about the ports so quickly and make their money and disappear, that it is almost impossible for the police to hunt them down. Usually a crafty Chinaman is behind the operation, but he employs girls to carry out the work and after a few deals they disappear.

STATE LOOKS TO BIG WHEAT CROP

Raleigh May 13.—The present outlook for the wheat crop in North Carolina, based on 87 per cent of the full crop condition indicates that 4,720,000 bushels will be produced this year, according to Frank Parker the state agricultural statistician, in his monthly grain report for the state. This year's production will be 22 per cent less than last year it is estimated. The abandonment, due to the winter's damages, is three per cent, it was said, and less than any other southern state, while the abandonment in the United States was given at 8 per cent. The acreage in this state was reduced about 10 per cent from last year, the report says, and gives the price on April 15 to be \$1.30 as compared with \$1.46 per bushel a year ago.

"The United States wheat crop has a reported condition of 85 per cent of normal which is almost five per cent better than last year, but not quite equal to the 10-year average," Mr. Parker explained. "The national production of winter wheat is forecast at 533,000,000 bushels or almost 97 per cent of the last year's production. The April 15 price was placed at 96 cents per bushel as compared with \$1.08 a year ago."

The oats crop in North Carolina was stated to be very poor due to the stands primarily. The January freeze did heavy damage to the oat crop, particularly in the central or Piedmont region, it was explained, and many farmers have plowed up the oats and planted other crops. It was reported that the oats condition was 67 per cent of a full crop. It was pointed out that it was probable that many crop failures had not been reported. It is claimed by the report that the spring crop is much better than the fall sown acreage. Last year's condition was given at 21 per cent better than the present. About 90 per cent of the crop was said to have been full sown.

"The present fall outlook is for 86 per cent normal," Mr. Parker said as compared with 97 per cent a year ago. "The yield per acre is expected to be 10.3 bushels. The national crop shows 88 per cent as compared with 85 per cent last year. Prospective production for the country is 62,000,000 bushels as compared with 75,000,000 last year. Average yield will probably be 14 bushels per acre."

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10 a. m.
B. Y. P. U. 6:30 p. m.
Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
In the absence of the pastor arrangements have been made for the services Sunday morning and Sunday night. We extend a cordial invitation to all to attend these services.

CORPORAAL PUNISHMENT NOW IS A THING OF THE PAST

(Louis E. Bisch.)
Whether a child should be punished—and how—is a problem that frequently confronts every parent, teacher and guardian who has the best interests of childhood at heart. Unfortunately there are adults who never find themselves questioning or in doubt about this most important phase of child training. Either they believe in punishment and inflict it without hesitation, or they hold the idea that all forms of punishment are wrong, and simply let the children run wild. Neither viewpoint is defensible or justified.

To be sure, all children are like untamed little animals. But it is the duty of their elders to teach them not only the benefits to be derived, but also the stern necessity as well, of behaving according to the customs and standards that civilization has established. Only if a child lived on a desert island, all by himself, would absolute and untrammelled freedom be warranted. If he is allowed to grow up like a young savage in the world as it is, he soon finds himself out of tune with other people, shunned, despised, ostracized. Undisciplined boys and girls, even in their teens, begin to feel the unsympathetic, critical, and depreciating attitude of those they come in contact with. Thus they grow up to feel indifferent and they suffer because of it. In this way does a shut in, depressed brooding—and finally antisocial—type of character develop.


But above all else childhood must be respected. We must give them all the leeway we can so they can express themselves to the fullest possible extent. Only, indeed, should punishment be resorted to, if mis-

When the Time Comes

for you to seize a good business opportunity will you be ready? Opening an interest account in this bank is a start towards future preparedness.

You will experience a most pleasant and highly valued business relationship by carrying your account here.

DIRECTORS:—N. L. MAST, L. A. GREENE, F. A. LINNEY, G. P. HAGAMAN, B. E. DOUGHERTY, S. E. CRAGG, J. H. MAST.



WATAUGA COUNTY BANK

BOONE, N. C.

behavior tends, directly or indirectly, to run counter for respect of the rights, privileges and feelings of others.

Never should we punish hastily or arbitrarily or because we are annoyed. And never, never, never, should we punish while in anger, a show of unquestioned authority, or superior strength, or favoritism, or absolutism, without recourse to appeal makes a child resentful, vindictive and revengeful. With this kind of treatment the average boy will smart under the hurt of an unfairness, and sooner or later will try to "get even" by taking the same attitude of bravado and bullying to younger and weaker playmates. A girl too, may follow a similar course or she may develop into a shy, retiring, retired young lady who learns to depend largely upon quick-wittedness and evasiveness to gain her ends.

FARM WOMEN WHO WORK LIKE HORSES

Investigators at the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College have found that a farm woman without running water in the house travels an extra 140 miles a year in doing her housework. They figure she did the work of two horses in plowing 11 acres of ground in carrying water for her farm home for a year. Taking the U. S. census figures on the number of farm homes having water piped into the house, we find that there are more than 5,500,000 farm homes without this essential to modern home life and using the Virginia woman's extra steps it is figured that there are still enough farm women doing "horse work" to plow all the wheat lands of the U. S. or over 60,000,000 acres. In extra steps they must be walking around the world over 50,000 times a year. When they paid regular "plow horse wages" as worked out at the cost of plowing they would earn the cost of a complete water and light system for their homes in a short time, paying for a simple water system in a single year. Their annual earnings based on low "plow horse wages" would be over \$17,000,000, not to mention the years added to their lives and the time they

would have for doing the really worthwhile things that make a farm home life the finest life in which to rear a family.

For a mere \$25 says the extension division of the Virginia Agricultural College, water can be put into the house with pumper, pump sink and open well bored well and driven well. Such an embryo system can be added to from year to year as income permits until a modern combined light and power plant will give all the conveniences of modern city life at an expense of around \$100.

Farmers in Pamlico county recently shipped a car load of soybeans cooperatively. The local price for beans offered by dealers then rose from \$1.50 per bushel to \$2.05 per bushel, reports county agent R. W. Galphin who handled the shipment.

TO SCHOOL COMMITTEEMEN:

The Board of education will be in session on Tuesday May 20, 1924 for the purpose of preparing a budget for all the schools of the county for the next school year.

You are requested to meet with the board on that day in order that you may present such items of expense as may be needed for your school during the year.

The Board of Education can make no further appropriations to any school during the year except items that go in the May budget.

W. F. Sherwood, Chairman.

Dr. A. W. Dula

Eye Specialist

This is to announce that I will be in my home office at Lenoir, N. C.

SATURDAY MAY 17
to
SATURDAY MAY 24

ONE WHOLE WEEK AT HOME OFFICE

Dr. A. W. Dula

Glasses Fitted Exclusively

Why not **GRAIN** your old Floors **OAK** at a saving of one half the cost of a new floor covering?

Painting, Paper Hanging, Graining, and Decorating

See **KNAPP, The Painter**
Boone, N. C. Telephone **Geo. Hays'**

A Good Opportunity

For reliable men who have suitable locations in this county to sell merchandise. No capital required. For more information write to Box 275 Boone, N. C.

WANTED—A GIRL TO TAKE care of two children and do general housework at once. Clyde Clavin, Blowing Rock, N. C. 5-15-24

WANTED—STOCK TO PASTURE THREE HUNDRED ACRES OF FINE GRASS. PRICE REASONABLE. SEE

BLAINE COFFEY SHULLS MILLS, N. C.

WANTED—PUPIL NURSES for the Training School. Apply to Superintendent Long's Sanatorium, Statesville, N. C. 5-15-24

W. A. WATSON
Life, Accident and Health Insurance. Insurance that insures and Policies that protect
Yuma, N. C.
Easy Payment Plan—One fourth cash down, balance by good note.
2-14-24tf

C. C. Hacker, M. D.
(Offices over Post Office.)
Elizabethton, Tennessee.
Practice limited to diseases of Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat
Diseases of these organs treated by the latest approved methods. Errors of refraction scientifically corrected. Tonsils and adenoids removed only when necessary.
2-16mp

Office Phone 665 Residence 261
Sugar When You Want It
R. E. JOHNSON
P. O. Box 252 Gastonia, N. C.

\$500,000.00
EDNA MILLS
7 Per Cent. Cumulative Preferred Stock
Dividends Payable Quarterly

The Edna Mills are controlled by the same interests that control the Henrietta Mills. It is one of the most successful textile mills in North Carolina. We recommend this stock as a safe conservative investment. Additional information on request.
Price \$100.00 and Dividend
Bond Department AMERICAN TRUST COMPANY
CHARLOTTE, N. C.
FRANK B. GREEN, Manager.
12-20-24