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## This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

### WHAT IS INTERESTING? COOLIDGE COMMON SENSE THE "NO-MAN" HUSBAND JOHN D'S GRANDSON

Judge Gary says times are all right business is good and there is no reason why it shouldn't remain good. The recent slump followed too much speculating after the election.

High finance, and middle class finance, ridiculously and unnecessarily frightened by La Follette's candidacy went on a streak gambling debauch when the danger was over. The slump is the headache following the debauch.

Great is the power of science which has found a way to prevent death by gas asphyxiation. Oil of red peppers is mixed with the gas in minute in-expensive quantities. While the gas burns you don't notice it. But if the gas is turned on unlighted, or there is a leak, the pepper oil, mixing in with the air, causes violent sneezing forcing you to rush from the house for relief. Simple and sure.

Old-time metal alloys that will forever resist corrosion hope to produce "an automobile that will never wear out." Today's automobiles answer the description pretty well if you keep them oiled and give them decent care.

Professor Bonnevie, of Oslo University says a man need not be as wise after all, in order to know his own father.

Paternity can be proved, the professor says, by the resemblance of a child's fingerprints to those of his father.

Professor Bonnevie, who is a lady can instantly identify the father of any young baby by the fingerprints.

President Coolidge talked good common sense on "giving preference to home industry and American workmen. Newspapers say he defied such preference, but there is no need for defense.

The duty of a nation, its government and its chief executives is to work for that nation, and for the working people that have created it.

The British are not bashful about giving the preference to British workers. In every advertisement you read "British made" or "British Built." Too many Americans brag about the fact that what they offer is "imported from England" as though there were nothing fit to use or produce in this country. If you MAKE your money in America SPEND it in America.

Miss Nora Bayes' experience commands respectful attention. Returning with her fifth husband she says she is on her first real honeymoon, because this husband is a "NO-MAN."

The experienced lady divides husbands into the weak "YES-MAN" and the powerful manly "NO-MAN." The "no-man" as you guess, harks back to the cave and knows how to say "No." A woman likes to be bossed, says Miss Bayes, and soon gets tied of a "YES-MAN."

An interesting definition of husbands but there is such a thing as saying "NO" too often. Who knows but that No. 6 may be another YES-MAN?

Fowler McCormick, grandson of John D. Rockefeller, and heir to a great Harvester Trust fortune, is working as a day laborer in a harvester plant sorting out heavy metal castings.

"There's a hero for you" says the public opinion.

Men succeed and rule other men by the use of the mental MAIN-SPRING. The three greatest rulers of men in history are Alexander, Caesar and Napoleon. None of them started as a simple soldier in the ranks. Alexander at thirty was ruler of the world.

### PROMINENT WATAUGA CITIZEN DIES SATURDAY

After an illness of only six days Mr. William H. Hardin of Route 1, died at his home of pneumonia on Saturday at 10:30 p. m. He had been afflicted with rheumatism and for some time had suffered a great deal but continued to work on his beautiful farm, one of the best in the county. On Monday he went on business to a neighbor's and was taken ill away from home. He was brought back and pneumonia soon set in, which despite the best medical aid procurable continued to grow worse until the end came.

Mr. Hardin was a member of one of our most prominent and best known families and possibly no one had more real friends. He was born 73 years ago just east of Boone and his entire life has been spent in Watauga, and she can boast of no more worthy son or upright citizen. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hardin long since deceased, and leaves a wife, formerly Miss Sarah Winkler, two sons Messrs Oscar and Henry, merchants in Boone; three brothers, Messrs J. F. and H. J. Hardin and James Hardin of Washington College, Tenn. and one sister Mrs. Wm. Spainhour of Cleveland, Tenn.

Mr. Hardin was a consistent member of Howard's Creek Baptist church and lived fully up to his Christian profession. The funeral was conducted from the Methodist church, however by the pastor, Rev. M. B. Womble, who paid high tribute to the life and character of deceased. Interment was made in the town cemetery in the presence of a large concourse of friends and relatives from different parts of the county. Truly another good man has passed to his reward.

### CHEVROLET MAKES GREAT PRODUCTION RECORD IN APRIL

Detroit, Mich., April 18. — The Chevrolet Motor Company is producing this month an April record of 52,299 motor cars and trucks of over 2,000 for each working day.

This monthly schedule, planned also for May and June, has been exceeded only twice in the company's history.

At the present rate Chevrolet will produce its "two-millionth" car early this fall. It will be the first three-speed gear shift type of car to reach that total.

Of the cars being made this month 43,556 are destined for domestic sale and 8,743 are to be exported and 3,590 are to be built in the Chevrolet plant in Canada.

Accelerated by the demand for the improved new series with refinements previously obtainable only in cars of much higher price, the Chevrolet production is mounted rapidly since the first of January.

The capacity program requires approximately 17,545 workers at the twelve Chevrolet factory and assembly plants throughout the country.

The popularity of the new Chevrolet models has developed a unique situation in which sales and production figures are practically identical. Unfilled orders on hand indicate that production for the next three months even at the high pace set, will be absorbed at once.

### MOUNTAIN POTATOES PLEASE GEORGIA GROWERS

During the month of February the Mountain Seed Potato Growers' Association shipped a carload of potatoes to a group of farmers. A few days ago the county agent received a letter, one paragraph of which read as follows: "This car of potatoes was the nicest which we have ever seen and this has been the expression of each man of the 200 who bought the potatoes."

The County Agent states that there has been nothing but favorable comment from any to whom the potatoes have been shipped this year. This speaks well for the future of the business.

Caesar started in Roman politics, became a soldier, went to Gaul and grew powerful enough to frighten the Senate, and he ruled the world, including Rome.

Napoleon went to a military academy, studied and read books, used his brain, and HE ruled the world.

To have a son worth while, give him the best chance you can. First good health, then education, then a good start.

### WILKES MAN GETS 40 YEAR SENTENCE

Paul M. Crouch Convicted of Communism by Court Martial in Honolulu—Was Organizing to Overthrow the Government.

(Wilkes Journal.)

Paul M. Crouch, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Crouch, of Hayes, this county, who was sentenced to prison by court martial for alleged communist activities in the army in Honolulu for a period of 40 years, is considered an unusual personage by those who knew him here. He is said by those who are intimately acquainted with him to possess a peculiar intellect, and that he is an odd nature. He is about 21 years of age.

Young Crouch was born near Moravian Falls, six miles southeast of this city. A few years following his birth his parents moved to Delaware. Here Paul attended school, but with the exception of a year or two of training in high school, his education has been limited to home training. He has read much and whatever communist ideas he has gathered have been acquired by reading books on this subject. He has a wonderful mentality, it is learned, and is capable of discussing almost any subject, local, national or international.

After spending a few years in Delaware young Crouch's father purchased a farm in Florida, and they removed to that state. Not satisfied in the extreme south, they came back to their native state and county and settled near Rays postoffice, where today the aged parents reside in a little humble cottage in the foothills of the Blue Ridge mountains of north western North Carolina.

While in this state young Crouch became interested in the newspaper business. For several months he worked in a country newspaper office. Later he did some newspaper work in Statesville on the Sentinel. His duties were of a reparatory nature, and he contributed to some extent to the editorial columns of the Statesville paper. He was seen here on several occasions while doing newspaper work, having come back to Wilkes to visit his aged parents. He seemed to be a home loving boy, fond of his aged father and mother, and the last boy in the world to try to overthrow his own government.

While working in a local newspaper office it is learned that he quite frequently talked of communism. He was greatly interested in the affairs of Russia, especially that country's late form of government. He always seemed to be more interested in far-away matters than those nearer home. International questions would attract so much of his time and attention that often he would become quite carried away with them and lose a portion of his right-thinking and common sense. While some of his discussions were along Communist lines his attitude was not taken seriously. Often his peculiar ideas were discouraged by those with him and many times his close friends pleaded with him to put aside his peculiar views. He is considered a poor, innocent mountain boy, who has let his peculiar ideas get him into trouble.

While at his mountain home young Crouch was greatly interested in "Esperanto," an international language. He can speak, English, Spanish, French, German and knows something of Russian. Since he has been stationed at Honolulu friends have received letters in which he stated that he and other young men were making efforts to publish a magazine or paper in Honolulu in the interest of the international language.

Several years ago the North Carolina youth made an attempt to join the army in this state, but later decided not to enlist, as he considered his constitution not strong enough for army life. He is a frail youth, around six feet in height. Those who are keeping up with his activities state that he enlisted in some non-combatant section of the army.

While he is a young man who talks intelligently, one cannot help but see that he has an odd way of expressing himself, and that his ideas and views might be at times considered not only peculiar and odd, but possibly cranky. Young Crouch has the fighting spirit of the "Old North State" and the blood of the Anglo-Saxons who inhabit this section of the country. He is known to be a boy of good character and to have religious inclinations. It is difficult for his home-

### NOMINEES NAMED FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTION

A large crowd was present at the town mass meeting or convention on Tuesday night, the best of feeling prevailed throughout the meeting and the following gentlemen were nominated, and of course will be elected on May 5th.

For Mayor: D. Jones Cottrell.  
For Aldermen: Dr. J. M. Hodges, A. Y. Howell and L. L. Bizham.

They are all fine business men and well qualified to fill the positions to which they will be elected. The town is to be congratulated upon its selection of these splendid citizens to preside over her destinies for the next two years.

### ROYAL ARCH MASONS ENTERTAIN LADIES O. E. S.

One of the most enjoyable fetes of the season was the entertainment given the ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star by the Royal Arch Masons in the hall Monday night. A little program had been arranged for the occasion (all fun of course) consisting of songs, debate, etc. and it was carried out to perfection. Several of the young ladies were given an opportunity to delve into some of the mysteries of the order—in fact they were escorted to the east and given full control of the chapter, but alas ere they could even learn the use of the common gavel, pandemonium broke loose among the brethren and the lady's inability to govern was manifest. Then as if quickened by a flash of electricity (?) they descended from the historic seat without much knowledge of the workings of the mystic order. The ladies as well as the men seemed to enjoy it to the fullest, ice cream in five painted stars, and cake were served after the program was rendered.

### S. C. EGGERS' BUSINESS CHANGES HANDS TODAY

The feed and grain business owned by S. C. Eggers and Company has been sold to Mr. E. M. Preamell of Beech Creek and the business goes into the hands of the purchaser today. From the start the business has been a paying one, and today it is considered one of the best in the town. Recently Messrs Eggers and South bought the interest of Charles Younce in the store and they were the sole owners. Mr. Eggers says he has no idea of leaving Boone, but has not yet decided just what he will do.

### OPENING OF DANIEL BOONE HOTEL MAY BE DEFERRED

It now appears that the opening of the Daniel Boone Hotel will have to be deferred for a few days as it seems a physical impossibility to get it ready for occupancy May 1. Every effort possible is being put forth, but the time is just a bit too short. The building is complete, the plumbing is almost done, and the grounds are now being put in shape. Painters are doing some touching up, the windows are being cleaned and many other activities are going on about the buildings. Quantities of furnishings are now on the railroad siding and will be put in just as soon as the building is ready. We are not authorized to say as much, but just now it seems that the formal opening will not take place until May 8.

### MEAT CAMP ITEMS

We are glad to say that the sick of the community in general are all right much improved.

Quite a number of the folks from here attended the funeral of Mrs. Hagaman in Boone Sunday evening.

Mr. Clyde Winebarger drove up from Lenoir Sunday and spent the night with his parents making his return on Monday.

Dr. Jeffcoat and family were visitors at the regular evening service at Mt. Zion church Sunday.

On last Saturday the 18th, the children of Mrs. W. F. Lookbill set her a nice dinner at her home, it being her fifty-first birthday.

Mrs. Jacob Winebarger and children spent Friday night with her sister Mrs. H. H. Proffit of Boone R. F. D.

Mr. Dayton Wilson of the Ford Motor Co., was in town Saturday.

Mrs. John Beach visited relatives on the Rich Mountain last week end. folk to realize that he has such a long sentence hanging over him.

### THE PASSING OF A GOOD WOMAN

Truly in the midst of life we are in death, the dispositions of divine wisdom are always right, notwithstanding our limited vision cannot see them; our imperfect knowledge cannot understand them; our poor philosophy cannot explain them.

On Saturday morning of the 18th of April just as the birds began to sing in the first rays of the morning light of our most beautiful spring day, the soul of Margaret Hagaman wife of George P. Hagaman passed to the great silent beyond.

She had been seriously sick of the dreaded pneumonia following flu for some days. The town had waited with bated breath and bowed heads, hoping and praying that it might not be the last call.

When the news spread through the town that the end had come strong men stood on the streets and wept like children. I have never before witnessed such universal sorrow on the passing of any one, but the reason is clear—she had found her way into the heart and life of almost every man, woman and child in Boone and even far out into the remotest sections of the county.

I have always considered it one of my greatest fortunes to have known her intimately from her childhood and to have had the inspiration of her beautiful life.

About thirty years ago, when a girl of about twelve years of age, she, in company with a girl friend of hers, spent a night in our home. In the late hours of the night, about one o'clock, we were awakened by the opening of the door of the room where they were sleeping. She entered our room, her face aglow with a heavenly light, like that I have always imagined, played on the face of Stephen the first martyr as he stood before Sathedrin. She declared that she was experiencing an indescribable glory in God's saving power and grace. She was happy almost beyond her control. Even her physical being, as she expressed it, felt as if it were new. I have never before or since witnessed such a revelation of glory in a human soul.

I have watched that wonderful life from that day to the day of her death and here is where I must so miserably fail in attempting to speak of it. She immediately began to make her life felt all about her. She sought out those who needed help, the poor, the neglected, the children of the community whose opportunities were not equal to the best. To those she held out her hand with that smile that she carried away. Hundreds of young men and women, scattered far and wide are today remembering the time the many times, when she brought new hope and courage into their lives.

Her life was an attempted snow of the good, but in the humble quiet spirit she scattered deeds of love and kindness everywhere.

Notwithstanding her domestic duties and cares she always found abundant time to devote to the public good. She interested herself in every movement for the betterment of her town and county. She had but one rule of life and this she applied to the solution of every problem—"Is it right?"

After thirty years of deliberation I, without hesitancy say that she has lived the most devoted, consecrated, beautiful Christian life that I have ever seen. A book, a large book would be necessary to contain the many, many noble Christian acts of her life her faithfulness to the church and every good for which it stands.

It was the passion of her life to help young men and women to a higher life and as the days go by we shall see unfolding in the lives of the young all about us the marvelous fruitage of the seed sowing of this godly woman.

Our hearts are sad. We shall miss her; keenly do we feel our great loss—only ours.

SMITH HAGAMAN.

### CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT

Arendson Griffith of Asheville will preach in St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Beaver Creek, Ashe county on Sunday May 3, at 11 o'clock.

Misses Adeline Howell and Evangeline Pennell of Crickett and Prof. O. F. Barnhardt of Concord were Saturday guests of Prof. and Mrs. J. A. Williams. The young people spent the afternoon at Blowing Rock.

### COVE CREEK H. S. COMMENCEMENT

Hon. W. B. Austin Will speak at Closing of County High School.— Reverend A. C. Sherwood Will Deliver Sermon.

The annual commencement of the Cove Creek High School will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday April 24, 25 and 26th. On Friday night the children of the grades will give a program consisting of drills operettas and songs. The seventh grade will also present a play "Dot, the Miner's Daughter."

Saturday morning at 10 o'clock the senior class will render the class exercises followed by the annual address to the graduating class by Hon. W. B. Austin of Jefferson, N. C. Mr. Austin will be remembered as a student of the Appalachian Training School in the class of 1913, since that time he has graduated at the University of North Carolina and is now a prominent lawyer of Jefferson.

Saturday evening at 8:00 o'clock the senior class will present a play, "The Dust of the Earth." The admission for the play will be 25 cents adults and 10 cents children.

Finally on Sunday morning at 10:30 there will be a joint Sunday School of the three nearest Sunday Schools of the community with Mr. J. E. Horton as Superintendent. Immediately after the Sunday School exercises, Rev. A. C. Sherwood of Erwin, Tennessee will preach the annual sermon.

The principal, Mr. S. F. Horton, extends a cordial invitation to the friends of the school to come out to the exercises and join with us in making those closing days both pleasant and profitable.

### WHITING LUMBER COMPANY IS AGAIN IN OPERATION

The Whiting Lumber Company has again started on business on a big scale. Mr. Whiting has reorganized the company and will finish cutting the timber of the defunct Cherokee Company, both in the neighborhood of the big mill and on the Rich Mountain tracts. The log road leading to the mountain timber has been thoroughly repaired, and the logging train will be running over it again in the very near future. The starting of the train will give employment to a large number of men, and will as a result, put in circulation quite a volume of money.

### WORTH WHILE CLUB

Friday afternoon April 17, quite a number of the ladies of the Worth While Club met at the home of Mrs. Walter Johnson for a special prayer service for one of the most highly esteemed members Mrs. G. P. Hagaman. Practically all of the afternoon was given for this service. Many prayers were offered for her recovery and many words of praise spoken in her behalf.

Previous to the plan for this special service Mrs. Johnson had asked the privilege of entertaining the club at the regular meeting and had prepared a very appetizing plate lunch for the guests.

Mrs. Robert Castle expressed a desire to entertain the club at the next regular meeting May 1.

### ROUTE 2

Misses Blanche and sister Lois Miller spent Saturday night with Miss Leila Davis.

Rev. Williams of Todd filled his regular appointment at Hopewell on Sunday.

Miss Bina Stinson of Boone spent the week end with home folks.

Miss Laura Proffit and sister Lunda spent Sunday with Miss Ida Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. George Adams of Boone spent Saturday night with home folks on Riddle Fork.

Mr. John Ragan spent the week end at home.

Mr. Clifford Norris from Sorry to say that Mrs. L. F. Ragan is very ill at this writing.

Mr. Ronda Davis of Boone spent Saturday night with his parents. On Monday evening there was an egg hunt at the Lutheran church.

Misses Fay Gross, Virginia South and Ralph Mast were the recipients of the cash prizes offered by Mayor Hahn for the largest pile of trash gathered together during the clean-up campaign last week.