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This Week



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OKECHOBEE AND CATFISH WHERE CONNERS GETS RICH FALSE ECONOMY LUCKY JAPANESE BABY.

OKECHOBEE CITY is the newest Florida City. Two years ago men were there catching a few catfish. Now it is a boom town, thanks to S. Davies Warfield, president of the Seaboard Air Line, who ran his new straight-as-an-arrow railroad across Florida to Palm Beach with a station at this point.

Now Lake Okeechobee yields one million dollars worth of catfish a year, most of it is shipped to Kansas City and St. Louis where catfish are appreciated as they should be. Tourists came honking by the thousands and W. J. Connors who owns the Buffalo Courier and most of the land around here, is getting richer than ever.

You will be interested in this latest boom land even out of season. Also in the poor young Seminole Indian wife buried beside the railroad track and in O. P. Lamerson the ferryman leaving Florida with his two sons for Columbia, South America, because land here is too dear.

When you come to Florida take the Seaboard Air Line, save time and see the western part of Florida as well as the north and south and the east coast. Travel over the high back-bone of the peninsula which travelers usually miss, with its wonderful lake region. Also you save many miles by the air line and help to justify the optimistic courage of Mr. Warfield, who has rendered the greatest possible service to this state.

Merchants and others complain that Mr. Coolidge's preaching and practicing of economy have hurt business. They say "if President Coolidge says he is having his straw hat of 1922 pressed once more, instead of buying a new one, nobody else will buy a new one."

Everybody knows that prosperity for all classes depends on circulation of money. If nature decided to save up water and kept it all in the ocean instead of scattering it around in rain, crops wouldn't be good. Money spent as the business is what rain is to crops.

One angry merchant suggests "To set an example in economy the best plan is not to have an old straw hat reblocked and advertise that. It would be better to lay up the Mayflower, the expensive pleasure boat, such as neither Washington nor Lincoln ever had, and save coal enough to buy 100,000 new straw hats."

President Coolidge does not recommend foolish economy, but wise economy. As for the Mayflower, the country is rich enough to let the President enjoy the fresh air and is glad to give him whatever he can wisely use.

As regards spending, the wise plan is to buy what he needs when he needs it, remembering that a good appearance is a good investment, and that there is nothing more costly than FALSE ECONOMY.

Japan's Prince Regent, Hiro Hito, tells the empire that his wife expects an heir. The Princess cancels all engagements. She will devote her time, before and after, to that new little "son—or daughter—of Heaven," and will think herself well rewarded for all her care when the baby smiles at her. No one will persuade her that "in justice to your own health, and looks, my dear, you must not THINK of nursing the baby." And she won't be smoking cigarettes in bed three days after it's born.

In Japan if you raise your hand to a little child, frowning and threatening, the child will laugh, knowing that you pretend. No one there ever strikes a child. That's one reason why the Japanese fight so well, when they

Texas City Host to "Thin Grey Lines"

4,000 Confederate Veterans Assemble at Dallas—Fair Grounds Given Over as Camp Site.

Dallas, Texas May 19.—Youthful Dallas tonight lay captive at the feet of silver-haired age as the columns of Confederate veterans moved in on the city for their thirty-fifth annual reunion, opening formally tomorrow morning.

The committee in charge of entertainments estimated that more than 4,000 veterans had arrived. No attempt was made to count the thousands of Sons and Daughters of veterans.

The organization devised to care for the old veterans was put to such a severe test that George Waverly Biggs, vice chairman of the reunion committee in large advertisements in Dallas newspapers, appealed to the people of the city to throw open their homes to all veterans who had not been cared for by previous arrangements.

About 160 car loads of the men in gray were brought in by the railroads today. About 3,000 veterans are encamped at state fair park, where 3500 sat down to dinner this noon. The camp is a city in itself.

Besides its row of cots, its long dining tables, its immense kitchens it has completely equipped hospitals with many doctors and nurses on duty every hour of the day and night. In the center of the park is a great reception tent and here the heart of the confederacy poured out its invincible spirit in tales of the might have been. Two old time fiddlers sawed away on "Billy in the Low Ground," "Arkansas Traveler" and "Turkey in the Straw," while many of the old men limbered up for a jig.

A number of erstwhile negro slaves were in the crowd. William Slaughter of Culpepper, Va. a negro minister, preached an intermittent sermon to a group of white soldiers, some of whom he had served in the war.

In the midst of the fun a message was received from the Texas divisions Grand Army of the Republic, which also is holding its grand reunion here today. The message expressed felicitations over the passing of war time hatred and sent greetings from the boys in blue to the former foe in gray.

A number of the veterans were overcome by heat or other indisposition in the midst of the excitement of the first day, but they were quickly revived by the doctors and nurses, and no serious cases were reported.

THE FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

The members of the Friday Afternoon Club were the guests on last Friday of Mrs. J. D. Rankin.

A delightful social hour preceded the program. With the subject "John Charles McNeill as an Interpreter of Negro Character" Dr. Rankin gave a most instructive talk followed by humorous readings in dialect bringing out negro characteristics as follows: love of dress, religious inclinations, aversions to work, etc. The selections were Nigger Demus, Buffers, The August Meeting, Ligion, and Holding off the Calf.

Mrs. M. B. Woosley in her usual interesting style rendered a piano solo from Chaminade.

After the program a delectable two course luncheon was served.

Special guests for the afternoon were Mrs. Dean Bingham and Mrs. Kent.

The next meeting of the club will be held with Miss Annie Stanbury.

HIS HOUR

"I'm boss in my home—
"Yes?"
"—when my wife and both children are away."

do fight. The Japanese spirit is not broken in childhood.

The President hopes and is determined to cut \$300,000,000 more off the nation's tax bill. That comforts the "better element." At present, our very best element feels toward the tax gatherer as the faithful dominick hen feels toward the farmer, gathering her eggs as fast as she lays them, and giving her a door-knob when she wants to set.

EDUCATIONAL MOTION PICTURE

County Agent Gives Series of Motion Pictures Covering the Entire County.

Beginning on Monday June 1 we will have a series of motion picture meetings covering most of the county. The following pictures will be shown: Selecting a Laying Hen (Poultry), Layers and Liars (poultry), A Year With the Flock (sheep), Up to the Hylalte (scenic). As the names suggest these pictures will deal with every day problems of the poultry and sheep raisers. This is the time of year to cull your flock of hens and pick out the profitable ones. These pictures will aid you in doing that.

The picture showing the care of sheep all the year should be of value to people interested in sheep.

The meetings will be held at the following places and on the following dates:

Monday 1st	Elk
Tuesday 2nd	Aho
Wednesday 3d	Rambou
Thursday 4th	Cove Creek
Friday 5th	Stony Fork
Monday 8th	Rocky Point
Tuesday 9th	Rutherford
Wednesday 10th	Middle Fork
Thursday 11th	Todd
Friday 12th	Sutherland
Monday 15th	Fugman
Tuesday 16th	Chestnut Grove
Wednesday 17th	Whiting
Thursday 18th	Poplar Grove
Friday 19th	River View
Monday 22nd	Silverstone
Tuesday 23rd	Boone
Wednesday 24th	Meat Camp
Thursday 25th	Upper Bvr. Dam
Friday 26th	Timber Ridge
Monday 29th	Windy Gap
Tuesday 30th	Harkett

July
Wednesday 1st Foscoe
Thursday 2nd Sandy Flats
Friday 3rd Brushy Fork
Many communities are having wonderful results with their poultry because of the good treatment they are giving them. Some farmers are giving their sheep the proper attention and are therefore finding them profitable. It is hoped that everyone interested in the subjects named above who believe they have not reached perfection in dealing with these subjects will come out to these meetings. We do hope however that those who are not interested will not come because the houses are usually crowded and their room will be needed for someone else.

The pictures will be free, the only charge being that everyone attending is expected to do what he can to make the meeting pleasant and successful.

JOHN B. STEELE,
County Agent.

Methodist Notes

According to the best information secured by the writer 494 people attended Sunday School in Boone last Sunday. The Baptists lead with 218 present, the Methodists came next with 195, the Adventists had 45 and the Lutherans 36. The writer does not know the highest per cent attendance but he imagines this honor goes to either the Adventists or the Lutherans. Anyhow we all rejoice over our attendance last Sunday and say we stand in the average with other towns this size, but what preacher, what teacher or Sunday School leader is satisfied with the average? Let's move up a notch Sunday.

There are enough Sunday Schools in Boone for all of every age, whether the exact denomination is here or not. Attend the church school of your choice. Be on time.

The right for a church to exist is basic upon the service the organization gives the community in which it lives. Service is the big theme after all. If the churches don't suit you who is to blame? Distant Criticism will not change matters. If you don't attend because there are hypocrites in the church, why don't you quit business, why remain in the world with them? One finds hypocrites in business, many of them in the world. After all this world of life and action is just what we have made it. The church is just what you are helping it to be.

The North Wilkesboro District conference convenes next week. We are looking for seventy five or one hundred delegates from Avery, Ashe, Wilkes and Watauga counties. The Presiding Elder will preside in case Bishop Denny does not come. The

Opening of Daniel Boone Crowned With Success

New Tourist Hotel Scene of Much Merriment as Crowds Gather for Opening Banquet.

All roads led to Boone last Saturday it seemed, when the throngs began to gather at the Daniel Boone Hotel for the formal opening, banquet, ball, et cetera. From the various sections of this state, and from other states they came, to take part in the christening of the magnificent new tourist hotel.

Guests registered from Lenoir, Statesville, Morganton, North Wilkesboro, High Point, Elkin, Gaston, in, Charlotte and Asheville, Winston Salem, Greensboro, Durham, and other places in the state and from Tennessee, South Carolina, Alabama and Virginia and New York.

Perhaps four hundred people were there as against about 150 or 200 expected by the management. A program had been prepared, consisting of two or three very brief speeches, but because of the overplus of guests the evening's entertainment could not be carried out exactly in accordance with the plans.

The banquet did credit to the management in every respect, and the service was excellent. Dancing was in order from the beginning of the function, and the many couples "tipped the light fantastic" until the midnight hour.

Although the manager Mr. Sharp does not expect such liberal patronage until the tourist season really opens, guests are arriving daily and the outlook, he says, is wonderful.

PROHIBITION OFFICER KILLS SECOND MAN IN MONTH

Lenoir, May 18.—J. Reesys Pearson federal prohibition agent, killed Fred Mooney, 19 year old youth, who interfered late last night when Pearson had his brother under arrest. According to the officer Mooney had drawn his pistol and had ordered him to release his brother. Sunday afternoon Pearson had searched the Mooney home and found evidences of whiskey there. Last night he visited the home again and waited nearby until a darkey came up. Robert Mooney came out with a fruit jar and the officer rushed up, seized the jar, and placed Mooney under arrest. He then started with his prisoner up the road to the automobile which had been parked about half a mile from the house. En route they met Fred Mooney, who threw a flash light on the officer. Officer Pearson asked the man to give his name, but the only answer he received was a demand that he turn his brother loose. When this demand was made the officer says that the unknown brought his hand from behind him and drew a pistol on him. At the same time he cursed and demanded again that his brother be turned loose. Mr. Pearson fired at this time, the bullet taking effect just under the right arm. Mr. Pearson then brought his prisoner into town where he was lodged in jail and secured Chief of Police Walsh and Officer Thompson and returned to the scene of the shooting. They found Fred Mooney dead with a pistol and pair of knucks on him. Officer Pearson was placed under arrest and held in custody until today when bond was allowed in the sum of \$5,000.

This is the second man to be killed by Officer Pearson within the past month. About three weeks ago while making arrest near Danville, Va., he shot and killed a man by the name of Jesse Martin.

SMART SAM SAYS

"If all the second hand automobiles advertised for sale in the U. S. were placed end to end they would make rattles enough to supply the baby crop the next million years."

entire community is invited to attend the conference. The first session will be Tuesday night at which time Rev. A. L. Lucas of Sparta will preach. The Conference session begins Wednesday at 9 a. m. and continues thru Thursday. Dinner each day will be served at the church. You can find the names of your delegates Sunday morning.

Sunday School at 9:15 Sunday.
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.

Epworth League 7 p. m.
Wednesday prayer service and choir practice 7:45 p. m.

SAYS DANIEL BOONE WILL BE CHARLOTTE FOLKS' OBJECTIVE THIS SUMMER

Charlotte Observer.

Saturday night is to be a large occasion in the thriving mountain town of Boone, for the new hotel at that place, appropriately called the Daniel Boone, is to have formal opening. It is an elegant hotel, necessarily of modern appointments, and its opening puts Boone in the class of resort towns. The Daniel Boone Hotel is the enterprise of the Coyle-Pogue interests, and it starts out under the management of Nathar Sharp. Boone capital financed the enterprise and this fact attests the measure of development attained by that enterprising little city in the mountains of Watauga. It was perhaps less than a dozen years ago that Boone was typical of the old fashioned mountain towns, with wagon road for street and fragmentary dirt and plank sidewalks. The good roads penetrated the town six years ago, and it has been transformed in that short length of time into one of the trimmest and neatest of towns in the State with paved streets, and concrete walks, a fine bank building, excellent stores, a classy tourist hotel and one of the finest educational plants owned by the State.

For five years Boone has been cut off from Charlotte by the small-like construction of a nine mile highway, but the supposition is that the highway is opened by this time, and this summer the objective point for Charlotte people in that part of the mountains will be the new hotel at Boone.

COLLIE DOG CATCHES MOONSHINER IN RECENT RAID

Yesterday morning at about nine o'clock Sheriff L. M. Farthing and Deputy Sheriff Lee Gross swooped down upon a whiskey plant in the Beech mountain section not far from the Tennessee line. Upon their approach two men came out of the shack and made a break, going in opposite directions. Each officer followed his man. Mr. Gross had with him a large dog (not a blood hound) that joined in the chase and brought to bay one Lee Presnell in less than 300 yards of the still, and held him until the officer arrived, and placed him under arrest. The sheriff's man "outwinded him" and made his escape. The still is of copper, 150 gallons capacity, and is now at the county jail. 600 gallons of beer was destroyed. Presnell gave \$800 bond for his appearance at the fall term of Watauga Superior Court.

NELSON-FINLEY

The following invitation received by the editor of the Democrat will be of interest locally:

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brown Finley invite you to be present at "The Oaks" North Wilkesboro, North Carolina on Monday evening June the first at eight o'clock to witness the marriage of their daughter Ellen Lenoir to Mr. Lewis Mann Nelson.

MISS HAZEL CARRIGER BRIDE OF DALLAS COTTRELL

Married at the home of the bride's parents in Hampton, Tenn. last Sunday, Mr. Dallas Cottrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Cottrell of Boone, to Miss Hazel Carriger. They came to Boone in the afternoon and will make their home here. The groom is one of our prominent young men, being associated with the Taylor Motor Co. here. His bride was for quite a while bookkeeper for the Watauga Furniture & Lumber Co., and made many friends here. The Democrat in behalf of their friends extends congratulations and best wishes.

CYNIC WANTS TO KNOW

Dibble: "I see some college professor has perfected a machine that will register the heat of a maiden's blush."

Dibble: "That'll do to tell—but where in this day and age will they find any blushes to try it on."

\$60,000.00 Prison Will Be Erected

Board of County Commissioners Sell Bonds to New York firm Three Story Building.

The Board of County Commissioners in call session last Monday sold to McNairy & Company of New York \$60,000 in Watauga county bonds to be used in the construction of a new jail. They are 5 per cent 20 year bonds and \$3,000 annually is to be paid until the bonds are retired. The premium is \$385.00. The plans for the new structure have not yet been worked out, but it will be three stories high, and located at the rear of the court house. The lower story will be for living quarters and the others for cells, which will be arranged to keep the men as well as the sexes in separate compartments. From the second story will be a gangway leading to the court room through which the prisoners will pass from the corridor.

This seems another considerable outlay for the county, but the commissioners are acting under orders of the court. The present jail property, which is valuable, will be sold as a whole, not even the building is to be torn down. But after inspection it is decided that if any of the cells can be utilized in the new building they will be put in, otherwise they will be scrapped.

Our jail has long been a disgrace to the county and the people at large should be glad that it is to be opened up and that it is to be replaced with a new and modern one.

EX-SHERIFF MOODY MAKES A VOLUNTARY ASSIGNMENT

Last week Ex-Sheriff W. P. Moody (and Watauga has no better citizen) made a voluntary assignment of all his holdings—farm lands, buildings, etc. for the benefit of his creditors. Mr. Moody is getting well "up in years" but regardless of the fact he did not even claim the homestead exemption, behind which so many have taken shelter, saying that he had rather go out in the world penniless and homeless than to be the cause of one of his creditors losing a dollar. We are not informed as to the amount of his liabilities or the sum total of his assets, but he thinks perhaps he may have quite a sum after everything is paid.

The same old story—securities, that have wrecked so many good men, have been largely responsible for his trouble, and he was a rather heavy loser in some mail contracts. The family has moved back to the farm for the present, and Mr. Moody is off to Ohio, where he has a chance for some lucrative employment. Mr. Moody is one of the most popular of all Wataugans, and his many friends wish him abundant success.

WORTH WHILE CLUB

Mesdames W. H. Gragg and A. Y. Howell entertained in a most delightful manner the Worth While Club on May 15. The reception and living rooms were thrown quite and were beautifully decorated. Delicious fruit punch was served the guests upon their arrival. When the guests had all arrived a short time was given for the discussion of business. The meeting was then in charge of the hostesses. These ladies had many surprises in store for the members. The entire afternoon was given to amusement. Among the fun-provoking stunts were two contests—a match box and cracker contest. Mrs. Carl Winkler and Mrs. W. C. Greer each won a beautiful prize. For two hours we could do nothing but laugh and wonder what we would be called upon to do next. When merriment was at its highest, it was announced that we were wanted in the dining room.

Beautiful hand painted place cards directed each guest to her seat of honor. Delicious strawberries, whipped cream and angel food cake were served.

Each guest was presented a dainty little spring hat, which when opened was found to be filled with delicious nuts.

The time had arived for the guests to leave but all did so very reluctantly.

Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Clay, and Mrs. Ernest Moore were invited guests.

The next meeting of the club will be with Mrs. J. B. Cannon with Mrs. J. S. Winkler as associate hostess.