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This Week



By Arthur Brisbane
**ACCURSED DISTRIBUTION
SAMUEL RUBEL—HE SAVED.
THEY PRAYED, IT RAINED.
WE EAT TOO MUCH**

It costs more to carry a sack of potatoes from the train to a store in New York City than it does to ship the sack 1100 miles by railroad.

The farmer raises the calf, weans it, feeds it, feeds and milks the grown cow, and gets for the milk a quarter of the money paid by the person that drinks the milk.

You can bring freight across the Atlantic or Pacific Ocean for less than it costs to take it across the North River in New York City.

The curse of business is the high cost of distribution. Production we understand, in distribution we are as backward as Fiji Islanders.

Samuel Rubel came from Russia a few years ago. He hadn't a dollar but he did have a distinct idea that a dollar was worth having; also he realized that the only way to have many dollars is to save the first few. A little while ago he was peddling coal for a living—today he is head of his own \$50,000,000 ice and coal concern.

Young gentlemen, it pays to save even a LITTLE.

The prices of automobile tires gave gone up from 10 to 12 per cent in London. They are going up here. If you need tires, go and buy them. They will be much dearer before they are cheaper.

The United States government investigates what happened to wheat when the price suddenly dropped from \$2 to \$1.40, making millions in profits for "shorts." They are gentlemen that never dug in the ground ran a harvester or tractor, but that know enough to rig the market.

The Government may investigate but it won't do much to protect the farmers from cut throat manipulation until it imitates the French Government.

That nation passed a law to punish with imprisonment with hard labor for life certain kinds of grain gambling.

Last week, led by the Rotary Club the business men of Denver, standing in silence for two minutes prayed for rain, and the next night in almost every part of the state, rain fell in torrents, and the weather bureau announces more.

Nothing could be more edifying, but farmers in Colorado are puzzled. They cannot understand why Providence should answer the prayers of business men that only deal in crops after ignoring the prayers and heavy losses of the farmers that raise the crops. However the ways of Providence are beyond human understanding, and farmers ought to know it.

It is possible to be a criminal and not be a complete fool. Harry Valks of Pittsburgh, makes and sells bootleg whiskey. He tells the judge "It is all right to sell, but to drink myself; nothing doing; only fools drink now; wise on."

Business on a big scale is growing in big things and little things. One chain of grocery stores does a business of more than \$352,000,000 a year.

One five and ten cent store chain a little while ago announced as its ambition a business of \$60,000,000 a year. It does now more than \$250,000,000 a year.

In retail business there is unlimited prosperity for the man that understands the meaning and use of the three magic words—"ORGANIZE, DEPUTIZE, SUPERVISE."

Professor Max Rubner of Berlin says Americans eat more on the average—3,308 calories daily—than any other nation. England comes next with 2,997 calories.

It is certain that this country eats too much and wastes about half as

NORTH CAROLINA FARM CO-OPS MAKE BIG STRIDES

Fully 71 per cent of the farmers in North Carolina do business thru cooperative marketing organizations, according to the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural foundation which reports more than 1800 per cent gain in membership of farmers' business organizations in the state since 1915.

Ten years ago the membership of the 74 farmers' cooperative organizations then in existence in the state was 10,000. Today, the Foundation states, the figure has jumped to approximately 192,000, while the number of organizations has dropped to 53.

Fruit and vegetable cooperatives head the list of farmers' cooperative efforts in the state with 12 distinct organizations, according to the foundation. In addition there are many miscellaneous groups embracing activities in cotton, forage crops and other lines.

Two thirds of the farmers' organizations in the state are incorporated, but only about one-half report paying stock dividends, the Foundation finds. Seventy one per cent of the organizations admit members only who are members-producers.

Cooperatives have become an important factor in American agriculture, according to the foundation. Two and one half million farmers out of 6,500,000 in the United States now do annual business in excess of \$500,000,000. This is an increase of nearly 200 per cent in the number of organizations since 1915 and an increase in membership in the same period of nearly 300 per cent.

IN MEMORIAM

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord for beneforth, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

True indeed is the above text when applied to the life and death of our beloved sister Mrs. G. P. Hagaman.

We loved her, and her memory will linger with us for years to come while her faithfulness in every walk of life will inspire us to nobler and higher things. Neither forbidding weather conditions nor the many and exacting duties of the housewife could combine to keep her from the services of her church when it was at all possible for her to be there. We commend her loyalty, spirituality, and faithfulness in the hope that they may be to us an incentive that we may give more of our time and strength to the Lord's service.

She knew her fellow sisters, one by one, and cherished an ever increasing interest in all that concerned them. She magnified what she could find of good in other people while she set at naught her own service and sacrifices. She never sought public place, and cared nothing even for the distinctions and honors which her sisterhood had to give her, except as they offered opportunity for wider service to her Master, yet her solid worth and her splendid characteristics were duly and gratefully recognized by her fellow sisters. This is indicated by the fact that for years she held office in the Missionary Society, first as president, then as secretary, as personal service chairman and as circle leader—the latter office she held until last September when she was chosen as Superintendent of all Woman's Work in the Three Forks Association.

In Mrs. Hagaman's home going we the Women of the Baptist Missionary Society are indeed bereft, yet we realize that our Lord makes no mistakes and we bow in humble submission to His will.

We tender our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family, assuring them that we are partakers with them in their sorrow, and praying that the Great Comforter may cheer them, and give them the peace that passeth understanding.

MRS. I. G. GREER
MRS. LEN COOK
MRS. J. M. MORETZ, Com.

much as it eats. Half we eat keeps us alive. One quarter keeps the doctors alive, and one quarter supports the undertakers and cemetery owners. Eat half, leave the table for ten minutes, and once digestion has started, you will know you have eaten enough.

An Explanation

Often apologies "make bad matters worse" but nevertheless we feel impelled to say something of our concern over the kind of newspaper we are giving you this week. Besides being in a very abbreviated form, and for that reason crowded with advertising, local features are perhaps fewer. All this was occasioned by an unprecedented run of commercial printing, which has been coming regularly, and in an ever-increasing volume. We are glad to be thus reassured of the fact that when printing is sought Rivers is the first thought. Without a sufficient force, the Democrat is the best we could do this week. We ask your forbearance.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

A fourteen year old son of Mr. Cyrus Howell of Todd, who was operated on for appendicitis at the Watauga Hospital a week ago, has been extremely low, but is now some better and hopes of his recovery are being entertained.

A very large crowd is attending District Conference at the Methodist Church, but all the ministers and delegates are comfortably housed. Dinner was served in the basement of the church yesterday and will be again today.

Mrs. Henry J. Hardin is in Charlotte with her two children, Martha and Joseph, who underwent operations Monday morning; Martha whose tonsils were removed, and Joseph, for defective hearing. At last reports both were improving nicely.

Mrs. Joseph Warden of Charlotte is a visitor at the home of her sister Mrs. J. S. Stanbury in Boone, for a few days. Aside from being with loved ones and friends, the lady is enjoying attending the District Conference now in session at the Methodist church.

Mrs. A. V. Bennett who spent the winter and early spring with her daughter, Mrs. Rowland in Alexandria, Va., is at the home of another daughter Mrs. J. L. Winkler of Boone, for the summer. The many friends of the splendid lady are delighted to see her back after her seeming long absence.

The board of county commissioners will be in session next Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bynum Hodges of Bluefield, W. Va., are visitors for a few days at the home of Mr. Hodges' father Dr. J. M. Hodges of Boone. Mr. Hodges has been ever since he went to West Virginia, four years ago, in the U. S. Mail Service—for a long while as rural carrier, but for the past year he has been enjoying a lucrative position in the city post office.

Mr. J. P. Williams of Hiddenite, father of Mrs. J. Frank Moore, of Boone, whose serious illness we noted last week, died last Friday and interment was made Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Moore returned Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Bob Ragan of Golden City, Mo., who has been in Watauga for several months, received a telegram last week-end announcing the death of his mother-in-law, which made it imperative for him to return to his Missouri home. He left on Monday morning. Mr. Ragan came here for the benefit of his health, and thinks he may come back to the county of his nativity later on.

Sheriff Griever and Attorney Gray son of Mountain City, Tenn., were in town Monday. They brought the good news that work on the link of road between Trade and Mountain City would begin in the very near future. Boost her boys, for a good Tennesseean is to give the editor of this rag a perfect "John B." if work begins this summer!

The members of the Worth White Club will be entertained by their husbands Friday evening at 8 o'clock at a five course banquet at the Daniel Boone Hotel. A short spicy program will be carried out, and W. H. Gragg will be the toast master for the evening.

Mr. J. D. Council and daughter Miss Mary, spent the week end in Lenoir, returning home Sunday.

During our absence Sunday, Col. Wade H. Harris, distinguished editor of the Charlotte Observer, was a caller at our home, and we regret very much that we failed to see him. He is now taking a short rest at his Blowing Rock home.

The Spainhour-Sydnor Dry Goods Co., of North Wilkesboro will open an exclusive Ladies' store in Boone early in June, but have not yet announced the exact date. See ad in this issue.

Mr. A. G. Miller of Deep Gap, is having two big sales at one time—one of Dry Goods, or General Merchandise, the other an auction sale of furniture. An ad in this issue.

HONORED CITIZEN CELEBRATES 99th BIRTHDAY

On Monday at the home of his daughter Mrs. J. S. Stanbury, in Boone, a sumptuous dinner was spread in honor of the 99th birthday of James H. Taylor, Esq., that was partaken of and enjoyed by five of the children and a number of grandchildren and some invited guests.

The children present were Rev. Seymour Taylor, Presiding Elder of the North Wilkesboro District, Mr. Dolphus Taylor of Harley, Wilkes County; Messrs Bob and Lee Taylor both of Watauga, and Mrs. Joe Warden of Charlotte. Attorney Hainp Taylor, who for many years has resided in the west, was the only son absent.

Mr. Taylor is the second oldest man in Watauga. Mr. A. P. Wilson having celebrated his 100th birthday last month, but despite his great age he is still able to attend church when weather conditions will permit, and his mind seems perfectly clear. His interest in public affairs has never abated. He has been a great reader and is still a veritable store house of information. His long life is all worthy of emulation, and we all hope for the splendid character long years of happiness.

One of the last talks we had with him he said: "I realize that I must soon pass on, but I do not dread the change in the least. I am satisfied as to that, but this is a mighty nice world to live in, and I want to stay here just as long as my master wants me to." He is a most wonderful man in every respect, and his equal would be hard to find.

HAPPENINGS FROM THE VALLE CRUCIS SECTION

The Woman's Missionary Society met with Mrs. J. M. Shull Saturday May 23. Much work was accomplished and many topics discussed. Refreshments were served and all seemed to enjoy the evening.

The Valle Crucis Co., has improved the appearance of their place of business by putting on a metal roof and repainting, also the Methodist church is being repainted. Mr. D. F. Mast has recovered his house with a metal roof, and also repainted.

Philip Mast and James Taylor went to Cleveland two weeks ago, and Thomas Taylor started yesterday for the same place. They are seeking jobs or experiences, perhaps both.

R. M. McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Mast, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Spainhour went to Morganton last week to attend the picnic.

Mr. Wilson Lowrance has been right sick for the past week but is improving now.

Corn hoeing has begun and a bad stand is reported.

Hensel Bros. are busy logging and sawing a big yard of lumber on Mr. T. C. Baird's place for Mr. Scott of Jefferson. They take it from the stump and deliver the lumber at the Railroad.

In the distance wedding bells are ringing.

WARD BUYS AYRSHIRE BULL

Probably there has never been a more important addition to the dairy interests of Watauga County than the importation to this county last week of the famous "Pennyhurst Arab" a mature Ayrshire bull purchased from the DeFuy estate at Easton, Maryland, by F. C. Ward to be used as a senior sire at his Boone Trail Dairy Farm.

This animal is half brother of the herd sire "Man o' War" owned by the Pennyhurst Farms Narberth Pa. and is at the head of probably the best herd of Ayrshires in America.

Pennyhurst Arabs grand dam gave in one year 1680 pounds of butter and his sire, Kates Majesty, has over forty daughters in the A. R. O. class.

Due to the many natural conditions preferable to the Ayrshires, as found in Watauga county, such as the high and rugged topography of the land, that closely resembles parts of Scotland, which is the natural home of the Ayrshire breed, it is believed that they are peculiarly adapted to the farms of Watauga county and Mr. Ward is to be congratulated on starting the Ayrshire breed in this county with the great bull he has recently purchased.

F. R. FARNHAM,
Dairy Specialist.

STEELE SLIGHTLY DISCOUNTS DAMAGE DONE BY FREEZE

The frost which occurred on the night following the 25th which at first looked to be a calamity to the Watauga potato growers, but on closer examination the damage does not appear to be as great as was first feared. All the fields examined by the writer do not appear to be damaged to a very considerable extent. The outside leaves were killed and where the vines were of some height a few inches of the vine has been killed, but the lower part of the vine and some of the inside leaves and buds along the main stem seem to be in good condition. It is by belief that those that will put out promptly and within a few weeks will be in good leaf again.

Certainly where a liberal quantity of fertilizer was used they will put out faster and make many more potatoes than has been experienced in former years when very little or no fertilizer was used.

I would recommend to those who have nitrate of soda on hand that they apply this to their potatoes at the rate of about 100 pounds per acre, scattering it along the top of the ridge at or as near the plant as possible, so as not to come in direct contact with the plants. This will stimulate the potatoes and help them to grow new leaves in the shortest possible time. The loss to the potato crop is largely a matter of leaves so the quicker we can grow these back the better will be the outcome.

It was at first estimated that the loss to the potato crop of the County would probably reach 30 per cent, however it is my opinion now that the loss will be between 15 per cent and 20 per cent.

Many farmers have expressed their intention of plowing up and planting again. I certainly would not recommend that, but if they wish to plant additional acreage we do know that potatoes planted in June last year made a good crop. A few bushels of good seed can still be had in the county. The Association still has a few bags.

JOHN B. STEELE,
Co. Agent.

METHODIST NOTES

The first day of the District Conference for the North Wilkesboro district has passed, and an estimate of two hundred and fifty or seventy five people ate dinner in the basement of the church. This attendance is one of the largest in the history of the district. Rev. Seymour Taylor is presiding. Bishop Denny failed to reach here.

We feel that this meeting will be a great inspiration to the church. Good reports and speeches have been the outstanding features so far.

187 attended Sunday School last Sunday. The thermometer was down some but here is hoping she rises again both literally and in the way of church attendance.

Sunday is the Fifth Sunday, therefore we shall be thinking of the orphans at the Children's Home at Winston, and then too this day will be the last of the Home Coming Sunday Schools. The summer School will be on soon. Let's make Sunday count big. Enthusiasm should run high now to properly welcome the coming students.

Sunday School at 9:45. Sunday; Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Epworth League 7:15 p. m. Wednesday prayer service and choir practice 8 p. m. A welcome to all.

STATE NORMAL SUMMER TERM BEGINS NEXT WEEK

The first six weeks of the Appalachian State Normal Summer School will open next Tuesday and we learn that reservations have been made for every available room in the entire dormitory system. The town however has always helped handle the overflow, and is planning to do so this time. Reservations have been made at the school for 700 or more, a very large per cent of which are ladies.

"FASHION SHOP" NAME CHOSEN FOR NEW STORE

In answer to the advertisement last week by Qualls & Dixon, offering a prize of \$10 for the best name submitted for their new ladies' store, practically all of the ladies in town proposed to "name the child" and it was indeed hard to decide who the winner should be. At last "The Fashion Shop" was the name selected, which was proposed by three different ladies, Mrs. Virginia Brooks, Miss Hazel McGuire, and Mrs. David Greene.

The ten dollars was divided equally among the three.

ATTENTION LEGION MEMBERS

There will be a call meeting of the Watauga Post of the American Legion Tuesday night June 2. This meeting will be held in the Peoples Bank. All members are urgently requested to be present as there are several matters of importance to be discussed.

S. F. HORTON, Comander