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FIRST AT STONE MOUNTAIN AS AT BETHEL

The following from the News and Observer regarding the Confederate Memorial coins is timely, some of which are now being distributed by the Watauga County Bank.

It was heartening and cheering to every Southerner to hear the story by Gutzon Borglum to the North Carolina General Assembly about the interest shown by such men as President Harding, President Coolidge, Senator Snodgrass, Senator Lodge and other eminent Republicans in reference to the memorial coin soon to be offered. It was proof of two things: First, that the name of Lee is so revered as to bring tributes from men of ability from all parts of the country, and second that these eminent Republicans of the north could not be influenced by any belated feeling of sectionalism.

It is an epoch-making event that the Federal government has minted coins honoring the heroes of the Confederate states of America. It is almost as significant as the result of the partition of the War of the Roses. It foreshadows the day when American history will honor all brave Americans of the sixties without reference to whether they fought in the Federal or the Confederate armies. That day is materially hastened by the order of the government to mint the coin for the beautiful design by Gutzon Borglum.

The whole South deeply regretted the serious differences between Mr. Randolph and Mr. Borglum over the Stone Mountain Memorial. Each had his partisans. This paper regretted the friction and the consequent result. It is believed a way should have been found by which to enable Mr. Borglum to complete his masterly conception to which he had given so much time and so much heart interest.

But—men and brethren—the controversy should not be permitted to stand in the way of the immediate carrying out of the policy adopted with reference to the memorial coin. The bankers over the South, with a spirit beyond all praise, have undertaken to carry out the plan. Committees have been named. The coin is ready for distribution. The opportunity for every person in America to possess one of the coins bearing the image of Lee and Jackson is at hand.

This is not primarily a Southern movement. Men and women in all sections of the country are interested and will participate, but the Southern people have a peculiar interest in the men whose deeds are commemorated and in the completion of the monumental memorial. It, therefore, behooves the people of the South to take the lead in the matter. The day will come when those fifty-cent Lee and Jackson coins will be preserved and handed down from generation to generation as something rare and beautiful.

The number is limited and no more will be minted. The coin minted in commemoration of the World's Fair at Chicago is now so highly prized that the holders will not part with them at any reasonable price. These memorials of Lee and Jackson will have even a greater sentimental interest to all Southerners and in a quarter of a century all will be so highly prized that none will be in circulation.

People of other sections will purchase these coins and pay one dollar and more for the fifty cent coin. Men and women of the south will do likewise and will also do more. They feel a peculiar obligation and responsibility for the success of the undertaking. It is the first time such recognition has been given by the government to the leaders of the south in the sixties. If the south should fail to purchase the coin, and the enterprise should lag for any reason, it would be misunderstood all over the country. Therefore, every Southerner should be proud of the privilege of insuring the success of the proper distribution of the coin.

As far as North Carolina is concerned, though many, perhaps most of its people were partisans of Gutzon Borglum and regret the turn affairs took, it should do what it has always done—be first in the support of the distribution of these Stone

MOTOR OUTINGS FEATURE THE FOURTH LOCALLY

The Fourth passed off most quietly in Boone. All the business houses, or practically all, were closed for the day, and many of the inhabitants were out for pleasure. Quite a crowd went to Grandfather Mountain, Co. Supt. Smith Hagaman and two of the boys, Mr. E. G. Farthing and family and Rev. Roy Dotson and family comprising the party. The day was really "Glorious" and enjoyed to the fullest by those who were fortunate enough to be present.

Through the courtesy of our friend and townman Mr. W. H. Gragg, the senior editor was given a long-to-be-remembered outing. The parties invited by him to make the trip to Linville Falls, in Burke county, were Dr. Mc. G. Anders, J. A. Sproule, A. E. South and R. C. Rivers, with our host at the wheel. The start was made well up in the morning but there was still an abundance of time for the round trip before night, as there wasn't a foot of bad road between Boone and our objective fifty miles away.

From boy hood we have seen and visited Grandfather Mountain, but the scenery from its rugged sides was never more gorgeous, more entrancing than on that splendid day. Many stops were made at vantage points and snap shots taken. So far as we have seen, the state has not yet made a more splendid road for the sight-seer and mountain tourist than the beautiful road that winds its serpentine course from Blowing Rock, around the Grandfather Mountain to Linville, one of the noted resorts of western Carolina. At some points on this wonderful road an altitude of more than 5,000 feet is attained, but so skillful is the engineering that one is hardly conscious of the fact that he is even on an incline.

Passing Linville we continued our journey via Pineola, Seginaw, and on to Altamont, where dinner was had for the party at a wayside inn, owned and operated by a Mr. Welch. Several tourists from down state were judges at this hostelry. After the much enjoyed dinner we departed on our last lap of road through one of the most fertile parts of Avery county, where the crops are fine and the country prosperous. On we went until we came to a point on the Morganton road where a sign announced Linville Falls, and in the center of a road leading thereto was another bearing this inscription: "Cars Stop Here." We stopped all right and down the rugged road we went, on foot for one and a half miles. In the distance we could hear the roar of the Linville River as it plunged over the rugged precipice. The nearer the falls the rougher the road until, for this scribe, it became almost dangerous. However the Falls were reached and to see the great river plunging from the rock one hundred feet above into a basin below, that seems to have been fashioned by the Almighty's hand for that particular purpose, is beyond description. It is richly worth a week's travel to see, and if you have not been there, go at the first opportunity.

Then the rugged ascent to our car and we were on the road again, returning by Newland, Cranberry, Banner Elk and Valle Crucis, arriving some time before dark. To the gentleman who made this most enjoyable trip possible, the Democrat, in behalf of all who accompanied him, extends deep appreciation and many thanks for the courtesy.

NOTICE Bids were received and opened Monday July 6, 1925 on the lot and property in Boone, North Carolina, the highest bid being \$1,800. However we have a verbal offer of \$5,000.

We are holding the matter open until July 20th for better bids. We believe the property is worth more than five thousand dollars. If you want the property please let us have your bids.

S. C. EGGERS, Chairman.

MOSQUITOES

An application at night tends to keep the pests away. Vicks is fine also for reducing the inflammation caused by all bites and stings of all insects.



Mountain coins as it was first at Bethel. More soldiers served in the Confederacy from North Carolina than there were voters in the state in 1860. That record and the courage they displayed caused Lee to say: "God bless North Carolinians."

Let the state mobilize to carry the Stone Mountain memorial campaign over the top. It is an appeal that should be answered with enthusiasm.

VALLE CRUCIS ITEMS

An important event looked forward to in Valle Crucis is the laying of the cornerstone of the new Episcopal Church, which will take place on next Sunday July 12 at eleven o'clock. Bishop Horner of Western North Carolina, Bishop Chesire of North Carolina and Bishop Finlay of Upper South Carolina will all be present, with a number of other clergy and the two former will make addresses. The new churches is being built on highway 49 near the school buildings.

Mrs. W. B. Baird's family gave her a surprise birthday dinner on last Sunday to celebrate her 77 years.

Mrs. J. C. Brown spent the fourth in Johnson City.

Mrs. Charles Von Canon of Banner Elk and Mr. and Mrs. Guignard Maxey of Johnson City, spent some

The BULL'S EYE

Editor and General Manager WILL ROGERS



The Hero of the War

Ever since the War was over Nations have been arguing over "Who won it." And if the discussion is not stopped we may have to have another War just to decide who won the last one. If we ever do go into another War, have it understood there is to be a Referee, and at the finish he is to announce "Who Won and how much." In the last War we paid Transportation both ways and rental on the grounds, and now all England and France say is, "We didn't get there soon enough." Germany don't seem to ever have uttered any complaint on the lateness of our arrival, so that just shows you, you can't please everybody, even for Humanity's sake. I must bring the word "Bull" Durham in this even if I have to drag it in by the horns. It just struck me, and after careful examination of complaints and statistics, I find that "Bull" Durham was the only thing connected with America during the War that France and England haven't been able to criticise. It must be good.

Will Rogers

P.S. There is going to be another piece in this paper soon. Look for it.

SIXTY-FIVE YEARS AGO!

In 1860 a blend of tobacco was born—"Bull" Durham. On quality alone it has won recognition wherever tobacco is known. It still offers the public this—more flavor, more enjoyment and a lot more money left at the end of a week's smoking.

TWO BAGS for 15 cents 100 cigarettes for 5 cents



"BULL" DURHAM Guaranteed by The American Tobacco Co. INCORPORATED 111 Fifth Avenue, New York City

time with friends in the valley Sunday evening.

Mrs. Snodgrass's friends were glad to welcome her, with her son and nephew won her return to the Valley after an absence of six years.

Mrs. Finley Mast has as usual a good many summer visitors with her and other homes are fast filling.

The Summer School for Religious Education is in session at the Valle Crucis School for Girls and is well attended. One of the most helpful among several valuable courses is Bishop Finlay's series of lectures on the Life of Christ.

All of the vesting sessions, beginning at 7:45, are open without charge to all those interested.

PREACHING AT DEEP GAP

Reverend F. C. Watts will hold a preaching service at the Deep Gap Sunday at 3:30.

This Week



By Arthur Brisbane COOLIDGE ON THE RADIO. THE FARMER'S SHARE. THE 24-OUNCE DRESS. OLD SWIMMING HOLES.

The Agricultural Department shows that in 1924 the farmers averaged a profit of 21 cents a bushel on wheat and 28 cents a bushel on corn. Many lost money on every bushel, others made more than the average.

Farmers that raised potatoes on the average actually lost money, and would have been better off if they hadn't planted a potato.

A good wheat speculator, knowing that the prosperous class wanted La Follette badly beaten, and was sure to put up the price of wheat, could easily buy a million bushels of wheat early in the campaign, and sell it at a profit of one million dollars.

It was a lucky farmer that could raise five thousand bushels of wheat and sell it at a profit of one thousand dollars.

No man can guess what power to speak well over the radio may mean in years to come.

The other night bridge parties laid down their cards, women on floors stopped the late cleaning up of dishes, their husbands came in from evening chores, tens of millions listened to the President's clear, incisive matter of fact voice, discussing in plain fashion the importance of national economics and laying down, to the satisfaction of every hearer, the simple truth that the people's money belongs to the PEOPLE.

It was an innovation when Woodrow Wilson, so perfectly dressed, drove to the Capitol and talked direct to Senators, Representatives, the Supreme Court and others.

"Wonderful audience," the world said. But why are Americans en-

WORTH THE PRICE

22 acres land, including 5 acres creek bottom: 75,000 feet timber, a quantity of tan bark Creek through it, on graded road. \$75 per acre.

120 acres best grass land, lays well, western part of county. \$20.00 per acre.

15 acres, facing Boone Trail, western part of town \$150 per acre.

5 acres. Good five room home—with running spring water, fine garden and orchard; Close in, overlooking Boone. A good little farm or would sell in lots for nice profit. Price only \$3750.00 on terms.

280 acres of good land for fruit and general farming, located in the edge of Wilkes on foothills of Blue Ridge, small cottage, good orchard, good road, timber, and worth double the price asked. Yours for \$9 per acre, less for all cash.

A nice 6 room house, fruit, garden, timber on graded road about two miles from Boone, and the 44 acres with all improvements will only cost you \$4400.00 with easy terms.

Boone is going to be the metropolis of Northwestern North Carolina—and a good investment is worth a life time of labor. Think it over.

H. W. HORTON Boone, N. C.

compared to the vast multitude that heard President Coolidge talk direct to the people of the United States.

Proof that the complete costume of a modern woman, including dress, stockings, shoes and underwear, may weigh as little as 24 ounces causes the virtuous to grieve. But, even as woman in her changing moods cuts off her dress at top and bottom, there may be comfort. The low-necked dress is partially justified by this fact, to which your doctor will testify: Cancer attacks women more often than men, and cancer of the breast, dreadfully frequent in civilized countries, is quite unknown among female savages that wear no clothing above the waist. Sunshine seems to keep cancer away.

Amundsen is back from "almost to the Pole," and if he lives and can raise the money he will start again. His ambition is to be the only man that ever stood "on both tops of the earth."

In English coal mines, mechanical cutters and carriers of coal are driving out men by the thousands.

"The truth shall set you free," says the Bible. Science IS the truth, and you realize what science has done to set humans free when you look at the pictures of women that used to work in English coal mines, crawling on their hands and knees through the narrow passages, an iron chain around their necks, passing under their bodies and fastened to a small coal car.

Turn from that picture of a woman pulling coal on her hands and knees to a modern mechanical coal carrier, moved by electricity.

Patriotic citizens of Indiana contribute \$12,500 to preserve James Whitcomb Riley's "Old Swimsnole Hole." That's worth while, sentiment is beautiful.

The government ought to spend a few thousand times \$12,500 to fill up a lot of mosquitoes' old swimming holes, swamps and other breeding places of malaria.

Some of the money that President Coolidge and Secretary Mellon are going to save might well be spent wiping out disease, deserts and swamps on Uncle Sam's great farm.

American officers that went to England to play polo against the British officers beat the British, and the polo military title stays in the United States. That is good. But why are Americans en-

Poem by Uncle John

We used to wear knee-breeches in the buidid' spring of youth—when a feller's legs was worthy and digestion told the truth. — When the stone-bruise was a fashion, and the drowsy bumb'ole-bee nursed the soul-bevourin' passion to defend his liberty. — Yes, we used to wear knee-breeches in the economic day, when a keeful mother figured that the long ones didn't pay. — And she'd sock abbreviations on her young an' hopeful son, — till the candleage amounted to about the same as none!

Today—we wear knee-breeches, though we're slightly overgrown; it takes about a forty-eight to span our torrid zone— A loose, colonial pucker grip; extra fitted sock — with extra fitted sock to store our corns an' bunions in. The gentler sex applauds us when we sweat the tiny sphere, but—beyond the pale of kin-folks—they can hardly be sincere!



Judge's Josh

DELLA SMART IS A CLEVER WOMAN. SHE MADE DOC BROWN TREAT HER BOY FREE AFTER HE HAD EXPOSED THE WHOLE SCHOOL TO WHOOPING COUGH!



Attention Mr. Farmer. If you plan to buy a mower or rake this season see us before you buy. We can save you money on either, quality considered. We can supply you with Wagons, Binder Twine. Disc Harrows, Grain Cradles, Scythes, Snaths, Forks, etc. We also have a small number of bee hives yet on hand. Yours to serve, Farmers Hardware & Supply Co.