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TIME, SPACE, DIZZINESS
GARTER BOUQUETS
NO TYPICAL BOY
POOR OLD WOMAN

The scientists that heard from the learned Chicago astronomer Moulton about the earth's probable age, one million billion years, practically all of it still ahead of us, heard also about the size of our corner of space our "galaxy" in which the sun is as a grain of sand.

It is shaped like a watch, its dimensions are thirty thousand light years through from front to back, two hundred million light years thru the wide way, across the face of the watch. To get the distance across our galaxy multiply the number of seconds in two hundred thousand years by one hundred and eighty six thousand miles, which will give you something over a quintillion of miles, written with one, followed by eight teen zeros, according to rapid, probably inaccurate figuring on the edge of a newspaper.

Let your little boy do the sum.

But remember there are in that galaxy of ours about one billion suns, many of them a million times as big as our own sun, which is a million times as big as our own earth.

And the billion suns move about like bees in a swarm. If two of them come too close together the planets of both suns are instantly wiped out of existence. That happens only once in a million billion years, on the average, but it might happen any day, therefore it is well to be always prepared with a clean slate.

The "garter-bouquet" of real flowers is announced in Philadelphia, forget-me-nots, presumably worn just below the knee. Women spent centuries hiding their legs even with the dresses sweeping microbes from the ground.

Now they exhaust ingenuity calling attention to their legs. Pink stockings, strange garters, slippers that look like a set of gold pony harness no stockings, sometimes, high tide skirts.

It is puzzling, but you may be sure that back of it all usefulness and wisdom are at work. Man's dull dress evolution is about over. Woman's is only starting.

Wise officials of Silesia order cats as well as dogs muzzled. A good idea but it isn't enough. Cats and dogs should be shaved, as well as muzzled, to make them safe for children that play with them. If a mother, allowing her child to play with a cat had microscopic eyes, and could see the disease germs that thrive in the cat's fur, she would shave that cat and wash it with a weak solution of carbolic acid.

Philadelphia's Wistar Institute, a part of the University of Pennsylvania, specializes in breeding white rats, cousins of the gray rats, not ordinary sewer rats that carry the plague.

Therats live and breed in a special rat establishment costing \$60,000, and are shipped to scientific bodies all over the world, including Japan, that scientists may work on "standardized rats" and compare results satisfactorily.

The rats live, die and submit to disease infection, knowing as little as human beings know about the why or wherefore. Little do they know that their tissues, structure, growth and digestive processes happen to resemble those of men, and that they breed, live, die, only to save a higher race from death. Even so, they know as much as we do about primal causes and final purposes.

Why are we breeding and dying?

A poor old woman, aged seventy-one, is found dead in a wretched tenement, no furniture, a few dry crusts and six thousand dollars in three banks. Unjustly this old lady is called "Miser." Interest on six thou

WOODROW WILSON BIRTH PLACE MEMORIAL

The following are the chairmen of the Executive Committees for their respective sections of Watauga county and will select their own committees:

Mrs. T. H. Coffey, Blowing Rock; Mrs. W. W. Mast, Valle Crucis; Mr. W. F. Sherwood, Sherwood; Mr. W. S. Farthing, Sweetwater; Mr. B. T. Taylor, Stony Fork and Mr. Harrison Baker, Sands.

These will be informed in due time when the donations are to be received. In the mean time they will have selected their committees to take up the canvass. I am sending them some literature and shall send some more later. Mr. G. P. Hagaman, Boone is Treasurer.

With best wishes I am ready to help you in any way I can.

J. M. DOWNUM,
County Chairman.

BOONE BAPTIST CHURCH

We would be glad to have you at Sunday School and preaching services Sunday. The time is 10 and 11 a. m. also 7 p. m.

Subject Sunday morning, "Lot's Choice."

Sunday evening "Soul Prosperity" B. Y. P. Us meet at 6 p. m. Prayer meeting and choir practice Wednesday 7 p. m.

A special collection was taken last Sunday to help pay off the debt on our Foreign Mission Board. The collection amounted to \$53 which taken with what the W. M. S. gave amounted to \$82.00. It is our aim to make it \$100. If those who were not at church Sunday will hand their offering to the church treasurer A. Y. Howell, it will help. Any Baptist ought to make some contribution however small. It will count and help our Baptist Foreign Mission Work.

Foreign Mission Debt

To the pastors and churches of the Three Forks Association, greetings. The Baptist state convention set the 2nd and 3rd Sundays in this month for North Carolina Baptists to do their part in raising the debt on our Foreign Mission Board. The other states put it on the last of December. The reports coming are gratifying. Many churches and individuals are making a sacrifice. One pastor of a small church challenged others with a gift of \$1000. Churches, B. Y. P. Us, Sunday School classes and W. M. Societies are responding in a fine spirit. One little working girl gave \$20. Will the churches of the Three Forks Association have a part in this sacrificial service? Will the pastors challenge the churches to do their duty? Let the pastors give and call on the members to give. Everyone can do something. It is not too late to take the collection. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

F. M. HUGGINS.

Old Bill is so absentminded that he tried to light the fire with asparagus and cook the kindling.

The doctor advised him to take a complete rest, so he's running for congress.

Sand dollars would give her less than eighty cents a day. You can't LIVE on that, although you can keep going if you rummage in garbage cans and pick up fruit dropped by peddlers as Mrs. Deutscher did.

Our standard of living has changed. About 100 years ago one workman in the United States could earn \$1 a day all the year around.

Celestino Fabietti, marriage clerk in Rome for twenty three years says marriage is an art. To know a man well watch him closely when he pronounces the fatal "Yes." Men are more afraid of marriage than women, says Fabietti, and a child might know that.

Schopenhauer calls marriage a female conspiracy to make every man support one woman all her life. That, says he, is why women are mercilessly cruel to other women that do not insist on marriage.

The fact is that marriage is a training school for men; women are the professors, and progress is slow. But since this world is to last as Professor Moulton of Chicago University says, 1,000,000,000,000,000 years more, there will be plenty of time to train husbands.

MRS. YATES INTERRED TUESDAY OTHER NEWS FROM LENIOR

Special to the Democrat.

The burial of Mrs. Clad Yates, who died in Rochester, Minn., several days ago, was held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at Jefferson, her old home. The funeral services were conducted here in the First Baptist church Monday morning at 10 o'clock and were conducted by Dr. W. C. Tyree, her pastor. Numerous beautiful floral tributes bear testimony to the high esteem in which she was held. The pall bearers were Messrs N. H. Gwyn, Jenc Pearson, Emory McCall, Otis Hedrick, F. N. Blackwell and H. E. Merritt. Members of the Effrd force took charge of the flowers.

Mrs. Yates, before her marriage in 1921, was Miss Roxie Vannoy. She was born and raised in Ashe county and immediately after her marriage came to Lenoir to live. During her stay here she made scores of friends. She was up until about December in the employ of Elrid's Department Store. Some time in November or December she was taken to a Statesville hospital for an examination and treatment, and spent several weeks there before going to Rochester. When Dr. Long found how serious her case was he advised her to go to the Mayo Brothers, and her husband took her immediately. Two operations were performed, but she was unable to recover. It is said her case was the third of the kind on record. After her death her father reached Rochester and returned with the body which reached Morganton Sunday evening. A large concourse of friends from the Baptist church, Effrd's store and the Merritt Motor Company met the party at Morganton and accompanied the bereaved people here. Just before the second operation was performed Mrs. Yates wrote a letter to Dr. W. C. Tyree, stating that she was putting her trust in the Lord. This letter was read at the funeral and brought tears to the eyes of all present. Mrs. Yates was only 23 years old. She is survived by her husband, father four sisters and two brothers, all of whom attended the funeral services and burial. Messrs R. D. McCulley, N. H. Gwyn and Gene Pearson attended the burial in Ashe county.

The heavy snow fall of the 7th and 8th has not yet all disappeared, not even after the heavy rains of Sunday night when the creeks overflowed their banks.

A large number of our people are attending the furniture exhibition at High Point this week. Among the number are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Craig. Mr. Craig goes in the interest of the Hibrated Furniture Corporation. Mrs. Craig will visit friends in Winston-Salem before returning home.

Last Sunday January 16, was another epoch making day in the history of the First Baptist Church, when the yearly subscription was taken and \$19,000.00 was pledged to the new church building to be paid this year. Our treasurer stated that we had paid \$80,000.00 in the past 2 years and that \$69,000 remains to be paid. When all members have been interviewed the amount likely will run to \$25,000.00.

Mr. T. H. Broyhill in his usual generous spirit raised his annual pledge \$1,000.00, making a total pledge for this year of \$12,000.00. He also announced that he was carrying a \$12,500.00 life insurance policy made payable to the trustees of the church. We doubt if Mr. Broyhill's noble generosity can be equalled in any church.

He also announced that without unforeseen misfortune that we would be able to seat our auditorium and move in during 1926.

We have been worshipping in the Sunday School auditorium since March.

SCHOOL TEACHERS AFTER ALL ARE MATRIMONIALY INCLINED

It used to be thought that a woman who chose the profession of teaching was headed straight to old maidhood but the past school year has shown this to be absolutely untrue. Nine of our teachers have married since the present term opened: Margaret Beach Susie Hagaman, Velma Hodges, Ethel Hatley, Nell Brown, Jennie Ward, Allie Rowe Blanche Henson and one lone man—John Perry. A veritable matrimonial bureau for women—not so flattering for the men.

SMITH HAGAMAN,
Co. Supt.

MISS RUTH RANKIN A WONDERFUL MUSICIAN

Underneath a handsome picture of Miss Ruth Rankin, of Boone, the Charlotte Observer of last Sunday, carried this paragraph, which will be read with interest by the friends of the gifted young lady and her parents:

"Miss Ruth Rankin, only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Rankin of Boone Miss Rankin graduated from Winthrop College in June 1925, entered the piano contest conducted by the Federation of Music Clubs of the United States of America and won first place in the South Carolina state contest held in Columbia. She also won first place in the contest of the South Atlantic district, including N. Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, which entitled her to play in the national contest held in Portland Oregon, where she won a second trial. Later, by competitive examination in New York City she won a thousand dollar scholarship in the Juilliard Musical Foundation, and is now in New York City studying under Madam Samaroff."

DESIRE TO OWN AUTO ADDS TO THE WEALTH OF NATION

Now that the trend of automobile absorption is so obviously contrary to the statistical hounds who have been contending the saturation point has been reached for the motor car have taken a backward seat, and there is every indication that automobile production and sales this year will exceed all previous years.

Our best little economists have established saturation points for the motor car more than once. Indeed every once in a while they burst into a song of sorrow. In every instance however the point set has been reached and passed and the industry is still growing by leaps and proverbial bounds.

The statisticians lose sight of the underlying cause of increased use of the motor car, which is its constantly increasing contribution to economic and social welfare. The same rule applies to the telephone, to the radio, to the talking machine and in fact to every civilizing influence that has been brought into use as a result of science and invention. The motor car is no longer regarded as a luxury. It is just a part of normal existence. The high, the low, the rich and the poor use the motor car. Individual transportation is a recognized part of American life.

Naturally this demand for the motor car, which never existed in the case of the horse, has had an important bearing on finance, which has had to adjust itself to meet the requirements of the times. The fact that the prospective motor owner has not the money to buy a car outright is no longer a block to his purchase. His confidence in the future, based on either experience or observation is that the motor car will pay for itself while it is being used, or at least that the expenditure spread over a long period of time is a fixed charge of living that is altogether worth while.

Particularly is this so in the country. The city man is rapidly reaching the point where he finds disadvantage in car ownership. The congestion is such that he cannot park and certainly the traffic rules are such as to preclude the possibility of riding with pleasure. Garage rents are enormous and other expenses are correspondingly high. None of these conditions apply to the country. There are the open spaces, good roads, no garage rent and a full and free opportunity to get all there is out of a car whether for business purposes or for pleasure. Already more than fifty per cent of all the automobiles manufactured in the United States are sold in towns up to five thousand population, and to the farmers and the demand is increasing steadily.

BOOSTERETTES

An optimist is a fellow that turns a cloud wrong way out.

The same fellow who says he will lie for his country, complains if he has to use a little time and elbow grease for his community.

You can't have your cake and eat it, and you can't have your town and cheat it.

The chances are the same fellow who is accused of "trying to run things in this town" is kicking himself for giving so much time to his community to the detriment of his personal affairs.—Leaksville News.

NEWS FROM THE STATE NORMAL SCHOOL

The people of the Methodist church and the community deeply sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Woosley in the death of Mrs. Woosley's father, Mr. Warlick of Granite Falls. Mr. Warlick was one of the committee appointed by the western North Carolina Conference to administer the funds that the conference contributed to the building of the Methodist Church, and was deeply interested in the work of the church here and elsewhere. Boone extends sympathy to his widow and other loved ones who are so sorely bereaved.

The Normal is indeed glad to learn of the recovery of Ex-Lieutenant Governor Newland of Lenoir from his recent severe illness. Mr. Newland underwent a rather serious operation at Dr. Long's Hospital in Statesville and remained in the hospital for a number of months. President Dougherty visited Mr. Newland in Statesville and also in Lenoir the past week. And it is a real pleasure to the normal and his many friends to know that he has almost regained his former strength and taken up his work in the practice of law, and will come to Boone to attend court as usual at the next term here. Mr. Newland has been an available member of the board of trustees of the Normal for a number of years and is deeply interested in its work. Mr. Long says that Mr. Newland's condition would indicate that he is good for 80 years. His many friends here congratulate him.

A basket ball game at the Normal on Saturday night between the team here and the American Legion team from North Wilkesboro, which is considered one of the finest games played here, cleanest and played in the finest spirit.

The score stood 35 to 25 in favor of the Normal team.

J. M. DOWNUM.

SCIENCE STUDENTS ORGANIZE

The science students of the Appalachian State Normal School under the inspiration and guidance of Miss Ledbetter, the science teacher, met Dec. 9, 1925, and organized a science club. On Monday afternoon January 18, the club met and rendered their first program. The enrollment was perfect, every eligible student being present.

For devotional which was conducted by Mr. Dewey Mast, H. Tim, 2:15. "Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." was used.

The president of the club, Mr. Levi Teague gave an interesting address.

MATTIE TAYLOR, Editor.

THE LIVINGSTON CLUB

Miss Louise Hodges graciously entertained the Livingston Club at its regular monthly meeting Monday afternoon. The hostess welcomed her guests in the manner which assured the pleasant afternoon to follow. The program was good and the girls showed decided interest in their first meeting of the New Year. They expressed themselves as being eager to make this the best year yet, and one new member was welcomed.

The social hour afforded peculiar enjoyment, during which Miss Hodges assisted by Mrs. Latham and her bright little son James, served delicious refreshments which was followed by a water heaped high with fine malaga grapes.

Mrs. Latham, Miss Watkins and Miss Hazel Cook were guests for the afternoon.

The girls reluctantly left the music and the easy companionship of the evening and went home at a rather late hour, each deciding the afternoon well spent and enjoyable.

"COMRADES" SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ENTERTAINED

The Comrades Class of the Methodist church was delightfully entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. South Thursday evening Jan. 14. Officers for the year were elected as follows: Mrs. J. R. Steele, President; Mr. H. Grady Farthing, Vice President; Mr. A. E. South, Sec. Treasurer.

Plans were discussed for completing the room in the dome of the church for a class room. Everyone entered heartily into the games and contests of the social hour. Marshmallow, chocolate and cake were served as refreshments.

DR. R. Z. LINNEY DIES AT CHARLOTTE HOME

Dr. Ronulus Z. Linney, prominent physician of Charlotte, and brother of District Attorney F. A. Linney of Boone, died at his home at 1:30 yesterday morning. Today's Charlotte Observer carries the following account of his death and sketch of his career:

Dr. R. Z. Linney, prominent physician of Charlotte, died suddenly at his home about 1:10 o'clock Wednesday morning, 12 Central Avenue.

Apoplexy is assigned as the cause of the death. Dr. Linney was a very stout man and about 50 years old. His wife, who sleeps in an adjoining room, heard a slight peculiar noise and went to see what was the trouble, to find him in the throes of death. She summoned help from the neighborhood but her husband had expired before medical attention could be given him.

In addition to his widow, who was formerly Miss Dorcas Stephenson of Taylorsville, Dr. Linney is survived by an only son and child Zack Linney a senior student in medicine at the University of North Carolina; one brother District Attorney Frank Linney of Boone; and three sisters; Mrs. W. D. Deal of Taylorsville, Mrs. J. C. Dorsett, postmistress at Spencer; and Miss Blanche Linney a trained nurse at Taylorsville; The twin of Mrs. Deal, Mrs. J. W. Hendren, died a few years ago in Iredeil County.

Dr. Linney was born and reared at Taylorsville, the son of the late R. Z. Linney, for many years considered one of the best criminal lawyers of western North Carolina and for two or three terms a member of Congress. He was for a time secretary to his father while the latter was in Congress.

Dr. Linney had been living in Charlotte for about 10 years, moving here from Alvan, Oklahoma, where he practiced medicine for several years. He was a specialist in genito urinary and rectal diseases and was held in high regard not only by his associates but by the public as well. Dr. Linney took a leading part in the professional, civic and social life of Charlotte, being a member of the Mecklenburg medical society, the Kiwanis club, the Goodfellows club, the Myers Park country club and the Hawthorne Lane Methodist Church.

The education of Dr. Linney was obtained first at Trinity college and later at Jefferson Medical college at Philadelphia. For a short time he practiced general medicine at Taylorsville and then went to Oklahoma where he had financial interests at the time of his death.

THE NEWS OF BLOWING ROCK

Mrs. W. P. Pendley is spending a few days with her daughter Mrs. H. E. Deal, who lives near North Wilkesboro.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cooper and little daughter of Pasadena, Cal. are visiting Mrs. Cooper's parents Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Critcher of this place. We are glad to learn that they are considering making their home here.

Mr. N. C. Greene returned home a few days ago after a months visit with relatives in Springfield Missouri and Arkansas. He says business is fine out there and that everything looks very prosperous.

Miss Jennie Coffey of Boone has been spending a few days here with relatives at the Watauga Inn.

Mr. Ransom Kilian of Lincolnton spent last week end here.

Ex-Sheriff Deaton of Statesville was a business visitor here Tuesday.

Mr. Carl Bolick left a few days ago for Idaho after spending several weeks here with home folks. Mr. Bolick had been in the west for about eight years and we hope he wont wait so long this time before he makes us another visit.

Mrs. H. P. Holshouser was hostess to the Katty Klub last Friday evening at her home here. Miss Mary Holshouser, vice president, took in charge the business part of the meeting. New officers were elected for the next three months, Miss Lillian Johnson, president; Mrs. Geo. Crisp vice president and Miss Helen Coffey secretary and treasurer.

Mrs. H. J. Cooper was welcomed as a new member of the club.

A most delightful evening was spent in conversation and sewing, after which the hostess served delicious refreshments. The club adjourned to meet next Friday evening with Mrs. Stewart Cannon.