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ASK ENGLAND

GOOD PAY, GOOD WORKERS

STOP, LOOK, LISTEN

140 DEATHS, \$18,200 PROFITS

Congress is puzzled by surplus farm products production. Some reckless bolsheviks, or at least socialists suggest that the Government might interest itself in helping farmers market their surplus abroad.

Charles Williams, who ought to know something about conservatism, says: "No; that problem should be left to farmers without government help." A two-month old baby might be left to put on his own little under-shirt "without mommers' help." The farmers would be as well able to deal with foreign governments under our Constitution, or with foreign problems, as a baby would be to deal with its own nourishment or clothing.

To learn how farmers can be helped and surplus products sold at a profit, they might find out what the British do with their surplus rubber products. There is a rubber farm surplus. And you notice that they manage to sell it to the United States at about a dollar a pound, when it could be sold profitably at thirty cents per pound. A government that wants to do a thing can do it.

The railroad trainmen hundreds of thousands of faithful workers, ask for better pay and ought to get it.

Railroads, protected by government, enjoy prosperity. Steadily increasing they should provide prosperity with the men that do the work through the nights of cold and rain, when those that collect lividends are asleep.

All Americans, especially business men and money makers, should demand that good workmen get their fair share of National prosperity.

The rich man can get only his share of what the average man has to spend.

Government figures show that from 1920 to 1924, "automobiles killed 60,876 men, women and children."

And in 1924 the "death roll" numbered 15,528.

Calculated to give the false and damaging impression that the automobile in itself is a dangerous and a deadly demon, these figures are NOT true to fact.

Of the sixty odd thousand killed in five years some were the victims of stupid, reckless or drunken drivers, some of incompetents.

The greater number killed were victims of their own carelessness, commonly described as "jay walking."

When a man on the railroad track is killed nobody blames the locomotive or suggests suppressing railroads. The sign reads, "Stop, look, listen," and "Keep off the tracks."

The Colorado River, put to work and used will add hundreds of millions yearly to the wealth of the United States.

It will supply several western states with more than a million horsepower and irrigation sufficient to provide food for tens of millions of human beings.

The real wealth and future happiness of this country will gain from this single project of science and constructive statesmanship more benefit than it would from finding gold mines unlimited.

John Hulbert killed 140 human beings, his total profit on the killings being \$18,200. His line is not that of the ordinary holdup man for he is Sing Sing's public executioner, and each time he straps a man into the chair the State pays \$130. It seems easy, \$130 for work that lasts half an hour. But killing causes strain on the nerves so Mr. Hulbert retires. Some one else can have the \$130 job.

Parent-Teachers Association Meeting

The Parent Teachers Association had a very successful meeting on last Friday afternoon. The speakers were Prof. I. G. Greer and Revs. Woosley and Huggins. This is a very live organization and should have the encouragement of the citizenship of Boone.

THE WORLD COURT WHAT IT IS

Establishment of "a permanent court of international justice" was proposed under article 14 of the covenant of the League of Nations.

The league called together in 1920 a commission of jurists, who drew up plans for the court. Elihu Root was a member.

These plans embodied in the "court protocol" have been accepted by 48 nations. They provide for a court of 11 judges and four deputies, chosen by the league. The court can pass on such international disputes as may be presented, but its opinions are binding only when the nations involved consent.

The first panel of judges was elected in 1921 and soon after the court began to function at Geneva. It has handed down a number of decisions. One of the judges is John Bassett Moore, an American.

Conditional ratification of the protocol of the court by the Senate was proposed by President Harding on February 27, 1923. He recommended reservations saying the United States accepted no "legal relation" to the league, would expect a voice in the election of judges and must give its consent before the protocol could be amended. These stipulations and several others are contained in the ratification resolution adopted early on last Wednesday night.

President Harding's proposal was promptly pocketed by the senate foreign relations committee, where a majority made up of the opponents of the League of Nations said it meant entering the league by the back door.

After Harding's death, President Coolidge repeatedly urged ratification, and his recommendation was supported by petitions from many sources. Churches and other organizations conducted a nation wide campaign for ratification. Others, including many enemies of the league, urged rejection.

In May 1924 the foreign relations committee voted down a ratification resolution by Senator Swanson, democrat, Virginia, embodying the Harding reservations, and approved instead a proposal by Senator Pepper, republican, Pennsylvania, to organize a new court under American auspices. But this proposal got no further.

The pressure for action continued and at the instance of the democratic leader, Senator Robinson, the senate agreed last spring to take up the court in December, with the Swanson resolution as the basis of discussion.

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VALLE CRUCIS NEWS

Mr. W. W. Mast and his brother T. L. Mast of Brushy Fork have gone on a trip of combined business and pleasure to St. Louis, Mo. During Mr. Mast's absence H. A. Greer is assisting in the store and we are glad to hear his hearty laugh again.

Sunday night song service at the Valle Crucis school has been temporarily discontinued on account of a few cases of measles in the school.

Miss Graves is improving after an attack of grippe.

T. D. Hefner has returned from Ithaca, N. Y. where he has been taking a course in ice cream making at Cornell University.

Mrs. C. D. Dyer has been ill with pleurisy, but is getting better.

Walter and Paul Hartley returned from Florida last week.

Mrs. Clarence Ellis spent Tuesday night with her sister-in-law Mrs. W. W. Mast. She is on her way to Cove Creek, where she will spend the remainder of the winter.

Mr. W. H. Mast, who has been in poor health for some time past is still confined to the house. We hope she will see use out again.

While we rejoice in the improvement on the highway which advances as fast as the weather permits, there are many regrets that the straightening of the curve at the Beech Hollow necessitated the destruction of the fine old beech tree there which had its roots deep in many affectionate memories and bore in its bark the initials of many boys of this generation and the last.

Mr. Alfred Yates died Tuesday and is to be buried at Matney.

Robert Tester is very ill with pneumonia.

CHAMBER COMMERCE HAS GOOD MEETING

A very enthusiastic meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held on Monday night at the Critcher Hotel. President Watt H. Gragg presided, and made short speeches at intervals. Russell Hodges, the Secretary, was present to take notes after the speakers and to record the business transactions. District Attorney F. A. Liney was present and reported as the chairman of a committee appointed at a meeting last Friday night the 'copy' that should go into the Charlotte Observer's forthcoming Florida edition of rather the edition exploiting western North Carolina in Florida.

Preachers Speak
The pastors of the various churches had been asked to lead the discussion at this meeting and accordingly three of them were present with ringing messages to the Chamber, each speech being well received. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gragg and Rev. R. N. Baldwin led the audience in prayer.

Purposes of the Chamber
The first speech was made by Rev. R. N. Baldwin, pastor of the Advent Christian church. His subject was "The Purpose of the Chamber of Commerce."

He said in part as follows:
"No concern can possibly achieve success without a definite clear-cut purpose. Purpose is the influence that motivates the actions of men and combinations of men. Every sane and progressive movement must have a purpose."

"As I understand it, the purpose of the Chamber of Commerce is to do all that can be done to make this town a better place than it now is for both ourselves and children to live. To do this there are a number of things to be done, and that must be done if we achieve the success for which we hope."

"We need better railroad facilities. The Chamber of Commerce should strive to get them. We also need better roads to connect all the different neighborhoods of the county. We need paved streets in Boone to get both the inhabitants and those who visit us out of the mud."

"We need more good people to come to Boone to live and we need more factories and business enterprises to support them. We need some medium to help the business people to make such business ventures as will prove beneficial to the citizens individually and to the town as a whole."

"We need somebody to represent the town of Boone in inviting and welcoming distinguished visitors to come to our town. Other towns do this and find it profitable."

"Men, women, children, are all social beings and need wholesome entertainment. The Chamber of Commerce should plan and promote frequent programs for the social uplift of the people of the town."

"We will be called upon from time to time to aid sufferers from great disasters; we should be both able and willing to meet such calls when they come. There is something for the Chamber of Commerce to do."

"We need some central body that can touch, correlate and coordinate all the forces of uplift and righteousness to be found in the town of Boone. In this connection it is well to name the schools, Parent-Teachers Association and all the churches in town."

The Need of Advertising
"We need to advertise Boone in all the ways possible, because advertising pays big dividends to all judicious advertisers. The Watauga Democrat is a worthy medium through which Boone has already received great advertising. It deserves and needs the cooperation and encouragement of the Chamber of Commerce."

"We need to promote the health of the community by seeking and disseminating information concerning the cause and treatment of disease."

"All these subdivisions might be put together into one slogan that would express the purpose of the Chamber of Commerce. That slogan would be, 'Build a Bigger, Better Brighter Boone.'"

How to Boost the Chamber of Commerce
Rev. F. M. Huggins, pastor of the Baptist Church, spoke on the subject "How to Boost the Chamber of Commerce." He said:

"I have been listening to Brother Baldwin's speech on 'How to Become Boone Builders.' I feel that we can never become Boone builders until we first become Boone Boosters."

"If we ever build a church or a Sunday School or a school of any kind we must first boost and boost and boost."

"And if we ever build a Chamber of Commerce we must boost the Chamber of Commerce until it becomes able to do all it needs to do. We are often prone to be too conservative about most things. We need

WILL OPEN NEW FURNITURE STORE

Messrs. C. M. Critcher, S. C. Eggers and P. H. Hodges have returned from a trip to the Southern Furniture Exposition at High Point, N. C., where it is understood they purchased a large amount of first class furniture. A new store will be opened under the name of High Land Furniture Company, and will occupy the Critcher & Hamby Building on Depot Street for the present.

Mr. Critcher states that the new stock was bought direct from the manufacturers with a view to being able to quote low prices on all their furniture. It is planned to open about March 1st.

A detailed announcement will appear in this paper at a later date.

MISS CELESTE HENKEL ON NORMAL SCHOOL BOARD

Raleigh, Jan. 23 — Miss Celeste Henkle of Statesville, was today appointed by Governor McLean as a member of the board of trustees of the Appalachian State Normal school at Boone to succeed G. Vance Henkel, deceased.

to throw away some of our conservatism and get out and boost the Chamber of Commerce.

"I have not forgotten that I am supposed to tell you 'How to Boost' more than 'Why to Boost' but I think if we should know the reason why we should boost we will easily be far better boosters than we would be if we didn't know why."

"One good way to boost the Chamber of Commerce is to boost it—not knock it, or just suffice it to exist; but really and truly, emphatically and wholeheartedly boost it."

"It doesn't cost us anything to boost and it benefits all alike at the same time. To boost we should tell folks about the Chamber of Commerce. We can tell folks who now belong and that they are needed and wanted to join their neighbors who are joined together to build a better place for them and their children to have a home."

"We can strive to attend every meeting of the Chamber. We are members. It is our work. We are responsible for what is done or left undone."

"We can keep our dues paid up. I am not in favor of the dues being very high but I will keep mine paid as long as I am a member."

"We should be at the meeting on time, and we should start the meeting on time and close the meeting on time. This will help the Chamber to have a better attendance, and a better attendance means success."

"We all must throw down our hammers and get a horn. We have but few knockers at the present time, and must have fewer in the days to come. We are to become Boone Builders, therefore we must become Boone Boosters."

Relation to the Town
Rev. M. B. Woosley, pastor of the Methodist Church spoke on the subject, "The Relation of the Chamber of Commerce to the Town." He said:

"There is no interest in the town either high or low, either secular or religious, either financial or intellectual that is not definitely and emphatically interested in the success of the Chamber of Commerce. It represents every man's store and should be helped and encouraged by every merchant and by every purchaser of goods."

"It represents every business interest in town and should therefore be financed by every person who has any money to invest."

"It represents everybody's school and should be encouraged by every teacher and school child."

"It represents every church in the town and should be boosted by every preacher and believer in religion."

"It stands upon a niche of power and responsibility higher and nobler than any lodge, yet it is the speaking voice of reform of every one of them, therefore it should be regarded the friend of all of them."

"It is the collective voice of the teacher, preacher and reformer. It is the hand of the lifter and benefactor. It is the lever that is to lift Boone out of the mud and the fulcrum that is to place her into the limelight of glory and prosperity."

"In the days that are to come, it can be well said that there is no business interest in Boone, from either the standpoint of the lender or borrower; no educational interest, from the viewpoint of either teacher or pupil; no religious interest from the viewpoint of preacher or the one who fills the pew, and no fraternal order that will not gladly say, 'three cheers for the Chamber of Commerce.'"

COVE CREEK H. S. AND COMMUNITY

The play "Out of Court," given by the junior class on Saturday night was a decided success. The proceeds amounted to \$61.39 which will be used on the piano.

On Thursday afternoon the eighth grade from Cove Creek defeated the eighth grade of Boone at basketball with a score, 31-24. Just before this game the seventh grade of Boone administered a 25-6 defeat to the same grade of the Cove Creek school. The games were played in Boone.

Miss Ruth Benfield was a weekend visitor of Miss Virginia Bingham. Misses Hattie and Edna Bingham have taken positions in ——— Ky.

and Knoxville, Tenn., respectively. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Cove Creek Cheese Factory was held at the school building on Saturday afternoon. The meeting was well attended and the regular routine of business was carried out. Messrs. F. R. Farnham, H. L. Wilson and W. R. Sander, were visitors and made talks on the different phases of the dairy industry. A full account of the meeting will appear in this paper.

Miss Ethel Wilson, who has had a position in the Fashion Shop at Boone for the past several weeks it at home for a while.

Mr. Sam Atkins who has recently purchased the W. J. Mast farm at Willowdale, has moved into his new home. Glad to welcome good citizens into our community.

BLOWING ROCK NEWS

Mrs. E. G. Underdown and little daughter Catherine, left a few days ago for Wilson, N. C. where they will spend about two weeks visiting relatives.

Mrs. H. C. Hayes, who has been seriously ill for several weeks is now improving rapidly and with the splendid attention of Dr. Anders of Boone is expected to be able to be out again soon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Panella have returned home after having spent a few days in Statesville.

Mrs. Dorothy Hayes and Mary Holshouser motored to Lenoir Tuesday where they spent several hours shopping.

Mr. Cliff Tuttle of Hickory was a visitor in town this week.

Messrs. George Robbins and Spencer Greene who are working at Pinehurst spent a few days here this week.

Mrs. W. P. Pendley came home last week after spending about four weeks visiting her daughter Mrs. H. S. Deal who lives near North Wilkesboro.

Mr. Donald Boyden of Knoxville, Tenn., owner of the Blowing Rock Hotel, was a business visitor here last week.

Mr. J. A. Panella has rented the building on the corner of Main and Critcher Street, adjoining the Carolina Store where he will put up a first class plumbing store. Thomas Coffey, Jr. will also sell radios there.

Mr. Charles Profit left Saturday for Raleigh where he expects to go into real estate business with his brother, Mrs. Profit who is a teacher in the graded school will remain here at the Watauga Inn until the close of school after which time she will join her husband at Raleigh where they will make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Profit moved here about three years ago and have made many good friends who will regret to see them leave.

Mrs. T. H. Coffey left Monday for Charlotte where she will spend a month at the Selwyn Hotel.

Mr. Gwyn Harper of Hickory was in town Wednesday.

On account of the illness of Mr. J. Lee Hayes, work on the Matthews House has been discontinued for a while. Mr. Hayes has the contract for building a two thousand dollar home for Mr. Matthews of Miami, Fla. This building is located on the Ahe road, which section like all the property in and around Blowing Rock is rapidly building up and greatly in demand.

Mr. Ransom Killian of Lincolnton was in town last Sunday.

The Katty Klub met last Friday evening with Miss Lillian Johnson at her home here. After the business meeting was held, during which the minutes for the preceding meeting was read and other business of the club transacted, a short while was spent in sewing. Piano solos were rendered by Misses Helen Coffey and Lillian Johnson, also several selections were played on the Victrola after which the hostess invited the guests into the dining room where delightful refreshments, consisting of Pineapple-mousse, cake, cocoa, with whipped cream and cake were served.

A most enjoyable evening was spent and the guests departed, and will meet next Friday evening with Miss Annie Lee Crisp.

THE NEWS OF THE NORMAL SCHOOL

The Appalachian State Normal is not only trying to give its students the very best mental development and highest training for their service in life, but is looking toward and working to some higher ideals. President Dougherty in faculty meeting last week laid before the teachers the following as one ideal to be attained:

"While we cannot complain much I feel that there should be eliminated from every conversation all swearing, black-guarding and gossiping for every one on this campus, whether among the teachers, students or workers."

"The most cultured and refined language with nearest diction should be attained, and the highest respect for all people cultivated. Those who come among us will imbibe these ideals, carry them back to the public schools and the state will be the better."

"If these ideals cannot be reached just now they certainly are not too high to be worked towards."

The President thus implies that all are expected to cultivate a high moral tone and due respect in all relations with each other. It is well to consider these higher ideals that are being urged upon all in any way connected with the Normal, and it is furthermore pleasing to note that these ideals are attained by many and are being approached by others.

As President Dougherty says, "they are certainly not too high to be worked towards."

When these shall be attained in the truest sense it will be worth while to note the influence that such ideals will exert upon those with whom they come in contact in every region to which they may go.

The students of the Normal and the High School Department have been entertained and pleased in a number of ways during the past week. First all were pleased to have Rev. M. B. Woosley, pastor of the Boone Methodist church conduct the chapel service, and were also pleased at being entertained by a male quartet consisting of Messrs. Wright Royal, Laxton and Ramsey. Also several basketball games were played by the High School Department and the Demonstration School, then on Saturday night the normal team played Washington College, Tennessee team with a score of 25 to 21 in favor of the Normal team.

The Normal is sending out for the information of those who may be interested a circular letter containing information in regard to Certification, among other things the following extract from the minutes of the joint meeting of the state Department of Education with the college representatives at Raleigh December 19, 1925.

"Question—Shall we require credit for a years work to raise a certificate and class?"

Answer. Voted that this requirement be effective for those teachers who begin to raise their certificates in the summer school of 1927. Teachers who have any credit towards a higher certificate at that time will be allowed to complete the raise under the four school summer plan."

This will doubtless be news of a good deal of interest to many teachers in various parts of the State.

J. M. DOWNUM.

WOODROW WILSON MEMORIAL

Those who wish to contribute to the Woodrow Wilson Memorial will have the chance to do so during February, especially from the 14th of February to the 28th. You may send in your offering at any time between this and the 28th, at which time the offerings will be sent to Staunton, Va. to be used as a memorial fund in arranging the old home as a National shrine, with other work on the nearby College.

Contributions may be sent either to the Chairman of the Executive Committee of your section or direct to Mr. G. P. Bagaman, Treasurer, at Boone, N. C.

This offering will give each of us an opportunity to honor one of the great men of our nation.

J. M. DOWNUM, Chairman.

RADIO PROGRAM

On Saturday night February 6, beginning about 8:30 Miss Evangeline Donohue, a student of violin at Marion Junior College, Maion, Va., will broadcast from station WDBJ (Roanoke, Va.) She will be accompanied by Miss Elouise Kerriek, head of the violin department at Marion Junior College.

Miss Donohue possesses talent of the first order and has developed remarkable proficiency under the instruction of Miss Kerriek. A great treat is in store for those who tune in for this program.