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## This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

### EATING HARD COAL HEAVIEST BABY LAMB POODLES—2 and 4 LEGS BURBANK AN INFIDEL?

Failure of another effort to end the coal strike brings coal so much nearer to control by the government. Coal under ground is owned by individuals only through public consent. Everything that represents absolute public necessity (air, water, coal and railroads) must naturally be subject to public control.

Mine owners are said by union leaders to be forcing a practical lockout. The unions brought trouble on themselves in the beginning by defiant refusal of arbitration.

Unions and owners are working here as they have done in England toward government control of mines. It will come in England before long. It will come here eventually. The people will not forever consent to shiver while capital and labor fight about the terms on which the people may have heat.

The heaviest new boro lamb on record arrives on the farm of Robert Magee in Michigan, weighing fourteen pounds.

The new born cub of a 500 pound bear weighs only a few ounces, and the mother is usually sound asleep in her den. Winter when her baby is born.

Why should nature inflict on delicate human mothers babies weighing twelve pounds and more? An Italian doctor believes that the right diet for the mother would make the new baby much lighter and stronger and childbirth much easier.

The fattest heaviest baby is not necessarily the best.

Profits on the Pennsylvania railroad for one year reach a "peak" for all time, more than \$100,000,000.

This and increasing railroad profits everywhere, should gain a friendly hearing and better pay for railroad workers. To raise the pay of millions of men would cost hundreds of millions a year. But that is the scale we are now geared up to, nationally and the hundreds of millions would be poured back into general prosperity, the railroads getting their share.

Husbands are gradually losing their ancient rights. The marriage service no longer makes women promise to obey. English law no longer permits a man to beat his wife "with a stick no bigger around than his thumb." A Russian husband no longer beats his wife on their marriage day to prove that he is boss. And now a wife gets her divorce with cash alimony simply because the husband during the past eight years, has had a way of calling her in the morning by throwing cold water on her as she lay in bed at 6. An occasional, not frequent beating, added to the effect of the cold water.

An expert says poodles and other lap dogs go mad oftener than dogs that take more exercise. Another expert, friendly to poodles, says that isn't so. One thing is certain, HUMAN poodles, petted and pampered by inherited money, go mad or lose their balance much more quickly than those that work for a living. See the divorce and "high class" crime news in your daily newspapers.

Luther Burbank in a San Francisco pulpit gives more information concerning his views on a Supreme Being. He says he is an infidel, but believes in God. Of course he doesn't know that he is an infidel, and he can't tell whether he believes in God or not. "Belief" is a word commonly used to describe a mental habit.

As to the existence of a Supreme Being, the belief of individuals, from Thales to Mahatma Gandhi, is about as important as the belief of so many hoptoads speculating on the nature, power and purposes of a passing airplane. We don't even know positively that we exist, and haven't the vaguest idea how or WHY we exist. Our abstract speculations are foolish, but we can't help trying.

## 25,000 FREE OF INCOME TAX IN NORTH CAROLINA

Raleigh, Feb. 15.—The increased exemptions under the new federal tax bill will relieve 25,000 people in the state of North Carolina from the payment of income tax this year. Internal Revenue Collector Grissom estimated today in announcing that 50,000 individual tax returns are being mailed out with notice of the \$500 increase in the exemption, for single persons and \$1,000 for heads of families.

Although the income tax-paying period began January 1, the department held up the individual tax blank awaiting definite information as to the extent of the increased exemption allowed by the new tax bill, and the new tax rate. A friendly letter which Mr. Grissom is enclosing with each tax blank calls attention to the fact that the exemption for a single person is now \$1,500, whereas last year it was only \$1,000, and for married persons \$3,500, whereas it was \$2,500.

Of the 50,000 individuals, whose income is less than \$5,000 the year, half of them fell within the classification set up by the increased exemption, Mr. Grissom estimated. In other words, 25,000 the last year, with the \$1,000 exemption for single persons and the \$2,500 exemption for heads of families who had to pay a tax will pay none under the greater exemptions. All who paid a tax last year will get a blank this year however. Many people, Mr. Grissom said like to file their returns whether they pay a tax or not so that their names may be on the records. The time for filing returns expires March 15.

Mr. Grissom's letter to the tax payer, which besides announcing the greater exemption, expresses appreciation for the co-operation given the department in the past, reads as follows:

"This office takes pleasure in sending you individual income tax return blank, form 1040-A, to be made by those with net income of not more than \$5,000. We beg not only your prompt but immediate attention.

"We also wish to call to your attention the larger personal exemption and the reduced rate of tax. On line 13, the personal exemption will be \$1,500 for a single person, (formerly only \$1,000), and \$3,500 for a married person, (formerly only 2,500); on line 14, balance taxable at 2 per cent, should be reduced to read 1-1/2 per cent; on line 15, total income tax (2 per cent of item 14), should be reduced to read (1-1/2 per cent of item 14). All other instructions printed on enclosed form 1040-A must be observed.

"We wish to take occasion to thank all tax payers personally for their courteous cooperation which this office has always received at their hand.

"This friendly aid has enabled the district of North Carolina to reduce the cost of collections more than one half and has made this the most economical of any district in the United States.

"This is the North Carolina spirit and our success is due to you, and those like you, and for this prompt aid we return our grateful thanks, with assurance of our desire to serve you.

"Respectfully,  
"GILLIAM GRISSOM,  
U. S. Collector."

## THE HILLS I LOVE

By Adda C. Hall

Oh why do they fill me with longing  
Those beauteous mountains o mine  
With their sun-kissed hills,  
And their rippling rills;  
And glorious beauty divine

I love them, love them, love them;  
And always my memory will fly  
To the summits grand,  
Of that wondrous land,  
That beautiful "Land of the Sky."

To me they forever are calling—  
Calling by night and by day,  
In dreams I climb  
Their summits sublime;  
Those loved mountains far away.

Kingsport, Tennessee,  
February 10, '26.

## DEEP GAP BREEZES

Little Muriel Mozelle, ten months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Hampton, died with bronchial pneumonia here last Friday. The body was laid to rest in the nearby cemetery on Saturday. We sympathize with the fond parents in their bereavement.

Mr. Alfred Watson has been very much indisposed with cold and other ills for about a week. He seems to improve very slowly.

Mrs. Amelia Luther has been a very sick lady for some time. She has been bed fast most of the time, but at this writing she is able to sit up at spells for a short time.

The writing school wrote up by Mr. Z. T. Watson who was the successful teacher of the fine art at Deep Gap sure did give us all a lift. Thank you Mr. Watson for all the good things you said about us. But I have a little incident to mention here that I failed to get a "coop" on. It is about a little money that strayed off to the writing school. The writer had known about Mary's little Lamb that followed her to school in the New England States, but it has recently been unearthed that a pig one day ate Mr. Z. T. Watson's dinner. Mr. Watson, "Pigs is Pigs" so why worry? You got a good dinner anyway if the pig did get yours.

Mrs. M. A. Watson has a very sick child here with pneumonia. We hope little Alfred Jr. will soon be well.

Little Will, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wellborn who has been indisposed with pneumonia is almost well again.

Mr. F. L. Wilcox has moved into his new home here.

Mr. Ralph Green of Boone Route 2 has come back to Deep Gap to stay a while longer with his kinfolk here. He was called to his home recently, but he says they are all better with their colds up there now.

Mr. J. E. Luther, our postmaster at Deep Gap has been indisposed for over a week. He seems to stay about the same, and does not improve.

Married recently Miss Bertha Yates to Mr. Rufus Call who resides at late in some far western state. This wedding came as a surprise to friends. Congratulations to the happy couple.

We have no other items at this time. It seems that most of our people have colds and pneumonia. Perhaps the March winds will dry things up and it may be that then the health of the citizens will improve.

## METHODIST NOTES

A Sunday School conference for western North Carolina will be held in Charlotte the 1st to the 3rd of March, and at this gathering of Sunday school leaders outstanding workers in the field of education will speak. Dr. E. D. Soper of Duke University will be one of the speakers. Each charge of the western North Carolina Conference may send three delegates. Arrangements will be made for this number, however each charge may send as many as it will provide for over and above the allotted three. Here is hoping Boone will have a full delegation.

One of the most interesting meetings of the Chamber of Commerce took place Monday night at the Cracher Hotel. Reports of the meetings are given on the pages of the Democrat, but the writer would say that those who missed the last meeting missed one of the best ever conducted in Boone.

Sunday School attendance was regular last Sunday with 214 present. With spring just ahead of us we might move up the average for the winter months. The average attendance last church year, which ended in October was 231. Let's make it better this year.

Preaching Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and Sunday evening at 7:30. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Epworth League 6:30. Wednesday prayer service and choir practice 7:30 p. m.

A real estate agent has had great luck making people sell by telling them a family of saxophone players has bought next door.

A garage man says automobilists should be careful who they run over. Some people carry glass flasks which often cut tires.

Wife:—"Why are you taking the three umbrellas?"

Professor:—"I'll forget one in the restaurant, one I'll leave on the train and the other I'll use if it rains."

## BOONE

(By E. Roscoe Hall)

A grand old town is the town of Boone

With its mountains steep and grand  
And here a welcome waits for you  
To see this wondrous land.

Here is a wonderful paradise  
With a wealth of trees and flowers  
No place beneath the sky excels  
Its pleasant summer hours.

The princess pine and the tamarack  
In wildest profusion grow  
And nature sings its eloquence  
Where rippling brooklets flow.

We offer to you the gayest fish  
The mountain trout and the bass;  
A place to rest when you get tired  
On soft and velvet grass.

If you are the kind that gets inspired  
This town is the place for you;  
For nature grasps you by the hand  
And shows you what is true.

No poets pen nor an artist's brush  
Can portray the sunset skies  
Reflected in the dancing streams  
You dream of paradise.

No matter what the temperature  
May say at summer noon;  
The gentle breeze will cool you off  
When in the town of Boone.

## COVE CREEK ITEMS

The first year home economics class served two delightful luncheons on February 9th and 10th. Those present were members of the local committee and teachers. Members of the class acted as host and hostesses for the meals. The menu consisted of roast beef, Irish potato puff, candied sweet potatoes, beet and cucumber pickles, hot rolls and butter, brown bread sandwiches, pineapple Bavarian cream and cake.

Rev. Uriah Earthing was a visitor at chapel one day last week.

The tenth grade basketball teams, both boys and girls, lost to the 10th grade of Boone on Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Margaret Davis who was operated on recently for appendicitis at the hospital in Boone is again in school.

Mr. Charles Bincham of Lincoln town was a visitor here last week.

## EXTRA HALF INCH OF WILL ADD \$3,750,000

An extra half inch of milk in every cow's pail at each milking would add \$3,750,000 to the profits of the North Carolina dairymen during the next twelve months, according to the Larrowe Institute of Animal Economics. Better feeding and care of the animals is urged by the Institute as the means of bringing this additional sum of money into this state this year and every year.

"The average cow in this state gives around three inches of milk at a milking," states the Institute. "At the prevailing market price of milk the extra half inch in the pail would mean about fifteen extra dollars in the pocket of her owner. On the basis of over 250,000 cows of milking age on North Carolina farms, this should mean \$3,750,000 that may be available to dairymen and to the farm family."

As an instance of what better care and feeding will do for a dairy herd the Institute cites the cow testing association records of fifteen cows on the valley farm of Smith and Preston at Conotton, O. Ten dollars a day above their board is what this group paid the owners each day for a year for the privilege of remaining on the farm, or at the rate of \$279.84 per cow per year. The herd rate from 2338 pounds to 3739 pounds per cow of a prepared balanced ration and produced 1447 cans of milk of a total value of \$5,528.39. This was \$3,941.71 above the feed cost.

An outstanding example of what good feed and treatment will do for a cow is Sabina, one of the herd. In one year's time she produced 11,599.9 pounds of milk containing 702.1 pounds of butter. The total value of her production was \$509.04, or \$426.87 over the costs of her feed during the twelve months.

The police of a city were told a burglar was in a theatre. They rushed to the place and guarded all the entrances, yet he eluded them. One arm of the law said he must have escaped by way of one of the exits.

## DANIEL BOONE HOTEL UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Messrs. L. B. Vaughn and H. E. Vass, of Winston-Salem, who have taken over from the Coyle-Pogus Interest, the lease on the Daniel Boone Hotel, gave to the directors a luncheon at that hostelry yesterday. Mr. Vass is a business man of Winston and will be here at intervals, while his partner, Mr. Vaughn, a man who has catered to the palates of the people for many years, will be in charge. He is here to stay and the Hotel is now open to the public. Owing to seeming negligence on the part of the former manager there have been a number of minor damages to the handsome building, but all these will be remedied just as soon as work men can get on the job.

The gentlemen are highly pleased with the property and think its success is already assured. They say they propose to conduct strictly a first class hotel, and guarantee the best of food and as good service to every way as can be found in any of our famed mountain hotels. They have employed an experienced chef, who will be here in a few days.

The people of the town are highly pleased with the new management.

## ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

A crew of workmen are putting on the roof of the church this week. Owing to the severe weather here since the first of November, work on the church has been suspended. The prospects now are favorable to have the building ready for occupancy by May 1.

Sunday's services were interesting and well attended. The pastor's previous announcement that he would consider the desires of the audience relative to sermon subjects in the future, has caused a bit of interest both in the town and outside of Boone.

One woman asked the pastor last Sunday to preach a series of sermons on the Book of Revelation. Another woman wants a series of sermons on the Seven Seals, and several men have asked for a series of sermons on the Twentieth chapter of Revelation.

All these requests show that folks are interested in the Bible and especially in the Book of Revelation. Just as soon as the pastor gets thru the Book of Acts he will make out a series of sermons for the morning services and another series for the evening services and have both series advertised. He will discuss any subject that he is requested to preach upon provided the person who makes the request will promise to hear what he will say.

At the morning service his subject will be "Paul Preaches in Athens." At the evening service he will preach on "Paul Preaches in Corinth." The story material for both these sermons is found in the 17th chapter of Acts.

## BOONE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10 a. m.  
Worship 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.  
B. Y. P. U. 6 p. m.  
Prayer meeting and choir practice Wednesday 7 p. m.

The adult mens class challenged the adult womens class for the last week attendance during the next three months. Go to it! Let every member bestir himself to bring every man and woman out for these classes.

Professor Smith Hagaman is the teacher of the mens class and D. J. Cottrell the teacher of the womens class.

Pastor preaches at Cove Creek on Saturday 2:30 p. m. and Sunday at 3 p. m.

## EARTH'S CRUST GROWING HOTTER, SAYS SCIENTIST

London.—The earth's crust is gradually growing hotter and in some 30 or 50 million years it will liquefy completely. This statement was made by the Royal Astronomical Society here by Professor John Joly, professor of geology and mineralogy at the University of Dublin.

Professor Joly, author of several publications concerning the birth of the world and numerous other scientific essays, said the lower layer, or substratum of the earth's crust upon which the continents and the floors of the ocean rest, is continuously becoming hotter from the heat of the interior and will gradually change their formations in many millions of years, and that when the process is completed the continents will "crack" and will sink until about nine tenths of their present area is submerged beneath molten lava.

The substratum, Professor Joly added, will then cool gradually and the continents rise up. This cycle of events has already repeated itself many times in the past, he averred, and will do so many times in the future.

## NEWS ITEMS FROM THE STATE NORMAL SCHOOL

The winter term at the Normal closes on Feb. 13 and the spring term begins on the 16th. It looks now as though the enrollment will be considerably increased at the opening of this last term for the year, as quite a number have sent in their applications, also a large number of applications have already been sent reserving rooms in the dormitories for the Summer School.

The editors would sometimes impress the fact that that it is the unusual that is news, and that being true, then even the weather in this section has been giving some news for the past two days, for the unusual has certainly been occurring in weather changes. It has been snowing for much of the time, and for as usual, beginning and continuing for some time, but the clouds have been rising in the west dark and threatening similar to the summer storms. But instead of thunder, lightning, and rain it has been snow and wind coming in frequent showers or flurries, often lasting for only a few minutes, the sky becoming almost entirely clear between these clouds, then again comes another flurry of the same nature. In one of these showers or flurries the snow came so thick and fast that one could see only for a short distance and in a very few minutes completely covered the ground, and these flurries occurred often at intervals of only a few minutes. All these spasmodic storms ended up with a severe wind and a snowstorm lasting about 12 hours. At this hour the sky is clearing, though no one is certain what the next hour may bring.

## FIELD OF DIAMONDS IS FOUND IN MISSISSIPPI

OSKYA, Miss., Feb. 14.—"Howdy millionaire," Pike county farmers said as they slapped one another on the back today, although refusing to get excited over the reported discovery of diamonds on their farms by L. W. Deland, geologist of Chicago. All day automobiles paraded into the town from neighboring parts of Mississippi and Louisiana, bringing hundreds of visitors to see the "find" which the McComb Daily Enterprise declares will make Henry Ford's millions look like chicken feed.

Deland said today drilling operations will begin within the next ten days. A two inch core will be drilled to test the formation. A statement covering the entire matter will be given out at the Jackson early in the week, Deland added.

Dr. Deland, who has leased more than 2,700 acres of land, declared that all indications point to a general diamond field. It is supposed to run from the Louisiana line in a northern direction for a distance of about 11 miles in Pike county. The discovery was made known Friday and practically the entire city was a bee hive Friday night.

Although crowds taking advantage of Sunday, milled about the streets today, no property is changing hands and everyone seems to be "sitting tight." Doubting Thomases are still in the majority and even the most enthused retain their usual cautiousness.

The announcement of Dr. E. N. Lowe, state geologist that he inspected the geological formation of the Pike county lands several years ago after a reported find, and found a number of beautiful but worthless crystals, seems to have cooled the ardor of a large per centage of the populace. Dr. Deland declares that the stones found several days ago are tested as blue diamonds and have been sent to Chicago for a final test.

"It must be religion," was the cryptic remark of one Pike county farmer when informed that something "more precious than silver and gold" had been found near the city.

The leases obtained by geologists specify that operations are to begin within 15 days. Residents of the community eagerly await events.

## WANTS TO KNOW

This is the story of the old darkey who was out fishing on de Mississippi when he caught an immense cat fish which pulled him overboard.

Coming up spluttering and spitting mud he yells, "what ah wants to find out is dis: is I fishing or is dis here catfish niggerin'?"

"Are your eggs fresh?"  
"Yes Mam, these eggs shouldnt be sold till tomorrow."