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Today and Tomorrow

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Detectives

The greatest detective system in the world is the famous Scotland Yard, which is the crime-hunting section of the British Government. And the best detectives of Scotland Yard, its high officials say, were born and reared on the farm.

There are several reasons why the farm boys make good detectives, after proper training. Robust health and physical vigor count heavily. Farm boys grow up with the habit of observing little things, and most criminals are caught because of little clues which they did not notice. The habit of patient, hard work, without expectation of instant results, is ingrained in the boy on the farm. Catching crooks is mostly a job of patient, hard work.

Most of all, farm boys grow up with respect for law and hatred of crime, where the city boy, observing petty infractions of the laws all about him, tends to become tolerant of crime and criminals.

Cats

Cats on the Isle of Man are famous because they have no tails. Somebody imported long-tailed cats and the tailless breed is disappearing. Manxmen have begun a campaign to revive the old Manx strain by selective breeding. Every farmer knows how this is done.

Eugenists say the same process of breeding up to higher standards should be applied to the human race. Slave owners used to do that. But even if free men consented to external control of their matings, who would set the standards to be bred to? The authorities in charge would quarrel over that. Each group would insist that its own standards were best.

Nature is gradually mixing the human race. A million years from now, perhaps sooner, as international barriers break down more rapidly, all mankind will be as homogeneous as the Chinese are today. Then it will be time to consider breeding up to standards upon which all can agree.

Robots

"Robot" is the name coined by a Bohemian playwright for a mechanical man who could do everything but think. Engineers and others now use the term for automatic devices which relieve the operator from the necessity of thinking. Inventive science has found ways to build the engineer's brains into the machine. The latest Robot is the gyroplane, full brother of "Metal Mike."

"Metal Mike" is the gyroscopic steering device used on every big ship, more accurate than any human helmsman. Elmer Sperry, its inventor, has built his brains into a similar device for airplanes, which relieves the pilot of all strain except in taking off and landing.

Before long starting and landing will also be under automatic control and flying will be safer than motoring is today.

New York

Without New York City where would the farmer sell his products? New York consumes one-fifth of all the fresh fruits and vegetables that are shipped in the United States, according to the Federal Bureau of Railroad Economics. Every State except the Dakotas, Kansas, Nebraska and Wyoming ships green stuff to feed the metropolis. Some folk believe that the inhabitants of New York are a species apart, concerned only with mysterious financial operations on the Stock Exchange. As a matter of fact they are mostly from the farms and small towns and they still have to eat. The more they are concentrated in the city, the greater their dependence upon the farmer.

It is foolish to imagine that New York is not vitally concerned with every measure looking toward the improvement of agricultural conditions.

Automobiles

An English maker of "baby" cars, with a six-foot-three-inch wheelbase, is starting a factory to make them in America. American roads are now good enough to permit little cars like that to go almost anywhere except across the continent. There are still no through routes from the Atlantic to the Pacific which had not long stretches of dirt, almost impassable in bad weather. If these "baby" cars prove popular, American makers will imitate and improve on them. That is automobile history.

Automobiles were invented in Europe. Gasoline cars were in use there years before any were made in America. Europe had good roads to begin with; roads built to haul cannon over. But European people have had to spend so much for cannon that they still have no money with which to buy motor cars, by comparison with America.

Cheap cars gave this country good roads. Perhaps the new "baby" cars will compel us to make all our roads perfect.

AMERICAN LEGION

Mr. Spencer Miller, Commander of Watauga Post American Legion announces a meeting of the organization for Friday night December 6, at the Legion rooms in the Central Tire Company's building. All members are urgently requested to be present.

Blowing Rock Parent-Teachers Give Program

The Blowing Rock Parent-Teacher Association gave an excellent program in the school auditorium last Wednesday night, November 15, to a large number of the patrons and friends of the school.

After "America" was sung by the audience, Principal F. C. Nye led in prayer. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Howard Holshouser, the president. The subject for the evening was "School Attendance." Mrs. Addie Sale discussed the statistics in the United States showing the percentage of attendance. Mr. Grady Tester showed some leading reasons for non-attendance, out of date material used as subject matter, the effort to teach too many things, and lack of making the subject matter interesting on the part of the teachers. Mr. George Sudderth discussed some remedies for keeping the attendance, by stressing the necessity for making the school interesting and going out and keeping in touch with the parents and making a desperate effort to keep the children in school.

After the program, refreshments were served in the library by lady members of the organization. The association will hold its regular meetings on Tuesday night after the second Sunday in each month.

Thanks are especially due to Mrs. Grady Tester and her fourth grade children for their excellent rendition of a number of scenes of "Mother Goose Rhymes" before the regular program was taken up.

The first grade, directed by Mrs. Sale, had charge of the exercise in the auditorium Friday morning. The exercises were greatly enjoyed by the school and visitors.

The Sidney Lanier Literary Society rendered a one-act play Friday afternoon which was greatly enjoyed by the high school. The high school is divided into two sections, the Edgar Allan Poe and the Sidney Lanier literary societies. They alternate on the programs each week. Last week the Poes held a mock trial in which Sam Doolittle was tried for stealing a cow from the pasture of Mr. Jeff Brown.

The second and third grades will give a Thanksgiving program on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, under the direction of Mrs. Gene Story.

The fifth, sixth and seventh grades under the direction of Misses Floy Cannon and Hattie Greer, held their regular literary society meeting on Friday afternoon and had a fine program.

J. D. LOUIZEAUX IN CIVITAN TALK

Local Organization Honored by Luncheon Address by New Jerseyan, Gives Side Lights on Recent Wall Street Upheaval.

Local Civitan members and visitors, numbering more than thirty, were present at the weekly luncheon of the organization held at the Daniel Boone Hotel Thursday noon, at which time Mr. J. D. Louizeaux, prominent business chieftain of Plainfield, N. J., spoke entertainingly and constructively to the assemblage.

Mr. Louizeaux in former years was interested in the lumber business in Watauga County and since that time has made annual visits to Boone, and no trip to this section is considered by his friends to have been completed unless the well-loved gentleman is permitted to make one of his charming talks to the citizenry. This time Civitan was the fortunate group.

The remarks of Mr. Louizeaux included a brief summary of the causes and effects of the recent ups and downs on Wall Street. He reminded his hearers that not all investments made on the Street are bad, illegitimate or speculative, but that many stocks are good investments and those who buy help operate the railroads and manufacturing industries of the Nation. The remainder of his address was devoted to a discussion of citizenship, and while referring in a serious vein to the conditions existing throughout the country, he centered his remarks about the responsibilities resting upon the citizens of Boone and Watauga County, discussed local problems and offered timely suggestions. Mr. Louizeaux's address was enthusiastically received.

Boone High School Loses Game to Wilkesboro Hi

Wilkesboro High School football team won from Boone High School in the Wilkes capital on Friday afternoon by a score of 13 to 0. The game was played on a wet and muddy field and neither team was able to display its best work. Snow fell during the greater part of the game.

Early in the second quarter, Wilkesboro, by a fake play, put the ball across for the first touchdown and gained an extra point because of a Boone player being off-side. From then until the final quarter neither team made any appreciable gains and only once was the ball within scoring distance and that when Wilkesboro carried the pigskin to the Boone 10-yard line. They were held for downs and Boone kicked out of danger.

Late in the last quarter, Wilkesboro, on a series of end runs and line plunges, carried the ball from their opponents' 30-yard line across for their second touchdown. Try for extra point failed.

Mountaineers Win Last Football Game of Year

Scrappy Captain!



Captain "Red" O'Hare, whose spectacular kicking was a high spot in last Saturday's game with Boiling Springs. O'Hare is a first-year man at the Appalachian State College. He is a native of Syracuse, N. Y., and is a most brilliant grid-iron general.

Caldwell Man Tells of Livestock Successes

Mr. Bynum Dobbin of Ledgerwood, was in town Friday and while making a business call with the Democrat told of a herd of 90 two-year-old steers, which had been practically all bought and grazed in Watauga county and which were placed on the market at a lump price of \$10,000. The average price received was \$110 per head or \$40 more than cost. 64 of the steers were owned by Mr. Dobbin and father while the remainder were the property of the Patterson School.

Mr. Dobbin is one of the foremost livestock enthusiasts of this region and is owner of a large boundary of grazing in the western part of the county. He tells of having recently added to his holdings by the purchase of the fine farm, known as the Arthur Cowles place, in the Happy Valley and expects to engage in farming to an even greater extent. He now has six purebred Hereford and Short Horn bulls, in the purchase of which he thinks Watauga farmers will likely be interested.

Mr. Dobbin says he keeps a flock of 100 sheep, and is able to realize a profit therefrom of \$1000 per year.

Mr. Dobbin says that Almond B. Chapman & Sons of Rockwood, Mich. who began the raising of sheep on a share basis in this county last year will have a large flock on the Finley Bald, which was leased for the purpose, but that he assisted them in disposing of their cattle.

Grand Masonic Lecturer is With the Local Lodges

Mr. W. B. Edwards, Grand Lecturer of the Masonic Lodge of North Carolina is giving daily lectures at Snow Lodge, Sugar Grove, all this week, in the evenings. Many Boone Masons are visiting with the sister lodge, and next week, when Mr. Edwards comes to Boone, it is hoped that representative groups from all the neighboring lodges will visit here. The lectures in Boone will be heard at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and 7 in the evenings throughout next week.

By growing turkeys on land where poultry had not been confined, Mrs. E. E. McRae, of Anson County, made a success of the venture this season.

Mountaineers Put Over Winning Touchdown in Last Two Minutes of Play on Field Covered With Snow and Slush.

On a snow-covered field, Appalachian State Teachers College defeated Boiling Springs College by a margin of one touchdown, 6 to 0. The Mountaineers outplayed their rivals throughout the whole game, but Boiling Springs put up a scrappy resistance, holding whenever their goal line was in danger.

In the first period the Mountaineers carried the ball to the twelve-yard line, but the big red team braced and held for downs and kicked out of danger. The second period was about even, but featured with a kicking duel between Captain O'Hare and Eanes, with a margin in favor of the Mountaineers. Play in the third period was mostly in mid-field, neither team being able to make headway toward the goal.

In the fourth period Harris returned a punt for fifteen yards, placing the ball in mid-field. A pass, O'Hare to Walker, resulted in a thirty-yard gain. Harris made eight yards off tackle and Hinson three through the line. Waters carried the ball to the twelve-yard line and Hinson made it first down on the eight-yard line.

Boiling Springs braced, but a pass, O'Hare to Walker, was completed for a touchdown. Try for extra point failed.

Robinson, Cole and Cheatty played a fine defensive game for Boiling Springs. For the Mountaineers, the work of Fulkerson, Canipe, Pyatte and MacDonald in the line was of high order, while the brunt of the offensive work behind the line was carried by Harris, Hinson and Waters. O'Hare did some fine kicking, averaging about forty yards. Only one first down was registered by Boiling Springs.

The line-up:

Appalachia	Position	B. Springs
Pyatte	R. E.	Kelly
Canipe	R. T.	Coble
Dabbs	R. G.	Moore
Fulkerson	C.	Robinson
MacDonald	L. G.	Vaughn
Goins, J.	L. T.	Caldwell
Walker	L. E.	Cecil
O'Hare	O. B.	Cheatty
Harris	L. H.	Stroud
Williams	R. H.	Boney
Hinson, C.	F. B.	Eanes

Score by periods:

Appalachian State	0 0 0 6-6
Boiling Springs	0 0 0 0-0

Scoring touchdowns, Walker, point after touchdown, pass failed. Substitutions: A. S. T. C. - Waters for Williams; Williams for Waters; Boiling Springs - Jones for Moore; Langston for Boney; Moore for Jones.

Referee, Siler (University of Tennessee); umpire, Haslow (University of Tennessee); and linesman, Simmons (Tennessee State).

"Broadway Babies" on Local Theatre Program

Next Monday and Tuesday the bill at the Pastime Theatre will be headlined with "Broadway Babies" a snappy talking, singing and dancing story of the Great White Way, which stars the popular Alice White. The story follows the experiences of three young dancing girls from the boarding house to the theatre, the night clubs and finally into a gang war. The plot is replete with laughter and pathos.

"On With the Show" a 100 per cent natural color picture of back-stage life closes a three day run this evening and the production has been enthusiastically acclaimed by the throngs who have attended.

"The Way of Life"

"What strange power has Bruce Barton?" That question is asked, sooner or later by everyone who falls under the spell of his wonderful inspirational writings.

More than fifteen million people read his writings every week. Beginning November 28th, we are going to give our own readers this marvelous opportunity to read the work of the man who is not only one of the two or three highest-paid writers in America but almost a prophet in the quality of his articles.

Bruce Barton is gifted in making his readers feel themselves his personal friends. He never "preaches." He never tries to be inspiring. Yet his is a pen of irresistible power and eloquence. Whatever he touches gleams with interest. Little everyday happenings of life, familiar to us all, he makes fascinating with the rich stores of an

ecdoté and philosophy he draws upon in illustrating them.

He was born a poor country boy, the son of a country parson.

Yet now, in his early forties, he stands in the front rank among America's business leaders as well as being one of the greatest writers.

Bruce Barton is perhaps best known for his books on Christ and religion. He felt that people were not getting enough out of religion. Contrary to the advice of friends, he determined to write a book on the Saviour. When "The Man Nobody Knows" appeared, it immediately leaped into the ranks of the best sellers and stayed there. So did his next

two books on religion. Bruce Barton's weekly article will appear in this paper, beginning next week, under the title "The Way of Life." Look for it, and read it.

Thanksgiving Turkeys are Gifts to Employees

Mr. J. D. Louizeaux, financier, philanthropist and whole-souled Christian gentleman of Plainfield, N. J. visited last week at the home of his good friend, Mr. W. H. Gragg and while here, as has been his custom for many years, he shipped turkeys in sufficient quantity to grace the table of every man or woman in his employ on Thanksgiving day. 253 of these turkeys, purchased for Mr. Louizeaux by J. D. Horton of Vilas, were shipped the last of the week to Plainfield where they were expected to arrive on Monday night. Tuesday morning they were to have been distributed carefully among the employees, the size of the turkey presented varying according to the size of the family to partake. A single person, living at a boarding house receives a turkey just the same and all workers have as good a dinner on Thanksgiving as may be procured. Mr. Louizeaux paid about \$1100 for the drove of turkeys, plus freight and took great delight in contemplating the pleasure which would result from the offering.

On his return Mr. Louizeaux was accompanied by Miss Pearl Gragg, who will make her home with the family, and act as companion to the wife of the esteemed gentleman.

"Farmer Bob" Again to Run for Representative

Robert L. Doughton, "Farmer Bob," who has represented the Eighth North Carolina district in Congress for many years, expects to be a candidate again next year, and does not expect opposition within the party, he intimated while on a visit in Raleigh recently to his brother, Rufus A. Doughton, chairman of the State Highway Commission.

Congressman Doughton has been trying for several years to retire from public life and devote his time to his extensive farming interests in Alleghany County, and is inclined to feel that way about it this time. He has been urged, however, to become a candidate to succeed himself, on the ground that there would be trouble if he should retire. He had his district in good shape until last fall, when his majority was cut considerably.

Because of this situation, he feels that it might look like quitting if he should retire at the end of this term. He hopes to get the district back in good shape next time, then, if he still wants to retire at the end of that term, he could do so without criticism from any source. -Ashe County Journal.

CONTRACT LET FOR HUGE BRIDGE ON 60

Giant Steel and Concrete Structure to Be Built Near Wilkes-Watauga Line. One of Largest in This Highway District.

Contract has been awarded to E. A. Woods and Company, of Andrews, for the construction of a highway bridge to be located on Highway 60, between North Wilkesboro and Deep Gap, near the Wilkes-Watauga county line, which will cost approximately \$50,000, says a recent dispatch to the Winston-Salem Journal. It will be the longest and most elaborate bridge in the Seventh Highway District.

The bridge will be of steel and concrete construction, 290 feet long, and will bridge one of the deepest gorges in that rugged mountain section, and will also shorten the distance between North Wilkesboro and Boone by about six miles. It will be on the new portion of Highway 60 that leaves the old route near Millers Creek and runs almost on a straight line to Deep Gap.

The work of construction will begin immediately and 110 days will be required to complete it. The span will be twenty feet in width except at the ends, which will flare out to make both entrances 27 feet wide. The plans were drawn by the engineering department of the State Highway Department at Raleigh. There will be 173,000 pounds of steel in the structure.

The bridge will be 165 feet high in the center, the deepest part of the gorge, and there will be a big center arch of 150 feet in length, from pier to pier, and in this center section will be 19 arch piers. On each side of the center arch will be four spans, two of them being 30 feet wide and two will be wide enough to provide walkways for pedestrians and there will be a hand-rail on each side. The flares at each end will also be protected with heavy fencing for some distance.

PARENT-TEACHERS SPONSOR ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

A "Kitchen Orchestra," sponsored and produced by the Boone Parent-Teacher Association, will give an entertainment program in the auditorium of the Demonstration School on Monday, December 27 o'clock p. m. "Popular, experienced and energetic artists" will perform and a most enjoyable evening is guaranteed all those who attend. An admission charge of 35 cents for adults and 15 cents for children will be made. Proceeds from the sale of tickets will be used for the school.

Mr. J. Frank Robbins, of the Wildwood Nurseries, returned home last Friday from a business trip of more than three weeks in New York City and other Eastern points.

GILGERT BOOSTED FOR CONGRESS

Local Educator Mentioned in State Paper as Likely Republican Candidate for Representative in Eighth District. Has Strong Following.

Professor I. G. Greer, of Boone, recently mentioned in The Greensboro News as a likely Republican candidate for Congress in the Eighth District, is being enthusiastically boosted by G. O. P. leaders throughout this section.

Professor Greer, who holds the chair of Citizenship in the Appalachian State Teachers College here, is well known throughout the state for his lectures on questions pertaining to citizenship, and his research work in Southern Appalachian folklore. He led the Republican State ticket last election in his campaign for Superintendent of Public Instruction, and is considered a very staunch party man.

When interviewed by a representative of The Democrat concerning the likelihood of his entering the Congressional race, the Boone educator stated that he had no political aspirations, was contented with his work as an instructor, and that honors paid him by his party in the past had been unasked for. However, Professor Greer did not say that he would decline the nomination, should he be the choice of the convention.

It is believed by admirers of Professor Greer in Watauga County that he would make a formidable foe for the Democratic incumbent, "Farmer Bob" Doughton, who has signified his intentions of running for re-election in 1930. The Eighth District for many years was considered a safe Democratic bet, and majorities ran high, but last fall Congressman Doughton was returned to office by a plurality of only 1,215. Hence, local political observers are of the opinion that Greer, who is a brilliant speaker, a forceful campaigner, and a man of unimpeachable personal integrity, could make further majority cuts and stand a better chance of election than any Republican in the district.

It has been rumored around Boone since last convention time that Professor Greer could have had the nomination at that time for the asking, but emphatically declined to enter the convention as a candidate. Whether or not his name will appear on the State political horizon in 1930 remains a matter of conjecture.

Boone Churches Will Observe Thanksgiving

Appropriate Thanksgiving services will be held at the Boone Methodist Church Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. While no definite program has been announced, it is understood that Dr. Chambliss will deliver a message relative to the season, and that special music, readings and talks will make up a service of great interest.

In the evening at 7 o'clock, a Thanksgiving service will be held at the Boone Baptist Church, Rev. P. A. Hix, pastor. A most inspiring program has been worked out, which follows:

1. Hymn, "Praise Him."
 2. Hymn, "Count Your Many Blessings."
 3. Scripture reading and prayer.
 4. Special music by the choir, "My Father Watches Over Me."
 5. Talks - (a) "The Spirit of the Pilgrims," V. C. Howell; (b) "The Blessings That Have Come to America in 1929," Smith Hugaman; (c) "How We Can Reciprocate God for His Blessings," J. A. Williams; (d) Special music by the choir, "Give of Your Best to the Master"; (e) "The Needs of Our Baptist Orphanage," I. G. Greer; (f) "My Experience as a Member of the Orphanage Family," Ruth Mull.
 6. Offering for orphans.
 7. Doxology.
 8. Benediction.
- The public is cordially invited to attend both exercises.

Wilson Investigates Case in Ashe County

T. A. Wilson, member of the North Carolina Industrial Commission, accompanied by Edward M. McEachern, court reporter, was in Boone Wednesday afternoon en route to Asheville from Jefferson, where he conducted an inquiry into the case of Estate of Lloyd Parsons vs. Ashe and Watauga Counties.

Parsons fell from the roof of the Elkland Consolidated School building in September, sustaining injuries which resulted in his death. Watauga County had insurance in force to care for its part of the liability, while Ashe County had none. Argument has arisen relative to Ashe County's responsibility in the matter, and as yet no definite settlement of the nearly \$2,000 claim has been made.

Messrs. Wilson and McEachern will return to Boone on December 5, when a case relative to workmen's compensation will be heard.

STATE COLLEGE STUDENTS ORGANIZE WILKES CLUB

Wilkes County students in the Appalachian State Teachers College here have formed a club known as the Wilkes County Club. The organization now has a membership of twenty-three.

Officers of the club are as follows: President, Jay Hartley, Wilkesboro; vice-president, Lucile Miller, Wilkesboro; secretary, Ruth Nichols, Cricket.