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## Today and Tomorrow

By FRANK P. STOCKBRIDGE

### Speed

Reports from England are that Flight Leader A. H. Orlebar, who flew 368 miles an hour for the Schneider Cup, has achieved a speed of 500 miles an hour in a private trial. At that rate a man could start westward around the world in the latitude of London and never get out from under the sun.

All human progress has arisen from the effort to expand time and compress space. Think that over. With flight at 500 miles an hour possible, space will mean nothing, time everything.

Many who read this will live to see airplanes running regularly on some such time-schedule.

### Time

"Time is money," said Poor Richard. Few understand just what that means.

The new lacquer process of painting motor cars takes one day in the paint shop instead of a month. Paint shop floor-space is saved. Money tied up in undelivered cars is released thirty days earlier, and capital is turned over faster; result, cheaper cars.

A young railway clerk asked a Cleveland bank to let him prove he could save them \$25,000 a year by routing their mail exchange with other banks. The first year the savings amounted to nearly \$100,000, interest on uncollected items in transit.

Railroads run fast freight trains today on passenger schedules. Merchants can get goods in a week that used to take a month in transit. They do not have to carry such large stocks, hence have less capital tied up, lower interest charges and can sell cheaper.

Every invention which moves men or merchandise faster cuts down the cost of living in this complex machine age.

### Teachers

Public education will never be as good as it ought to be so long as most school teachers never get outside of their home countries, says Edward A. Filene, Boston merchant and philanthropist. Teachers cannot present a true view of the world to their pupils unless they know something about the world out of their own experience.

This is true for others besides teachers. The only really educated persons are those who have seen other countries besides their own. It is getting easier and easier to do that. A trip to Europe with a week in London and another week in Paris can be had for \$250 from New York. Mr. Filene is working on a plan to reduce this to \$150 for teachers and the next step, he thinks, will be to have such trips made compulsory for every teacher above the primary grades.

### Wheat

The most important news that has come out of Russia is the reported discovery by Russian botanists of a new hybrid grain, a cross between wheat and rye. It is said to combine the food qualities of wheat with the cold resistance of rye and to yield three times as many bushels to the acre as ordinary wheat.

Not all the news that comes out of Russia can be credited, and this may be exaggerated. It must be remembered, however, that Russia gave the world new grains before the war. Durum wheat originated in that country as well as other valuable varieties.

If this latest report is true, this discovery may have revolutionary consequences for the whole world.

### Color

Men's clothes are becoming more colorful. Blue, green and red shoes are the latest. Why not? In a world of color why should man's apparel strike the only somber note? Our ancestors dressed as raily as their purses permitted. When George Washington went courting in a red coat, to wear plain clothes meant that the wearer was a Quaker or else too poor to buy gay garments.

Anyone who doubts that men like to wear bright colors need only visit a fashionable country club. Women subdue their color schemes for sport, men get more gorgeous.

With everything else becoming more colorful, men's wear will follow, in time.

### Mountains

Motorists driving from Harrisburg (spelled without a final "h") to Pittsburgh (with the final "h") are interested in the signboards on the peaks of the Alleghany Mountains (spelled with an "a" after the "h") as they cross into the valley of the Allegheny River (spelled with an "e" instead of an "a").

Differences of spelling aside, the sign tells the height above sea-level of each high spot on the road. That is something we all like to know. It is surprising that the idea of marking the high places has not spread farther.

Eight pure-bred Guernsey bulls were sold recently in Cumberland County for an average price of \$81 each.

## MRS. W. P. PENDLEY SUCCUMBS SUNDAY

Tribute is Paid to Memory of Widely Known Blowing Rock Lady, Who Died Suddenly Sunday Morning. Funeral Services Tuesday.

SIXTY-eight years ago, in beautiful Globe Valley, Caldwell County, there was born to Mr. and Mrs. Luther Moore a daughter, little Miss Louellen. The child grew, passed from infancy to childhood; from childhood to young womanhood, all the while developing into one of the strongest Christian characters known in this part of Northwest North Carolina. In her early childhood she dedicated her life, her efforts, her whole physical being to the services of her God and humanity. In after years she was married to Mr. Patterson Pendley, of the same neighborhood, and the twin long fought the battles of life together. But, this past summer, "Daddy Pat" was called up higher.

Last Sunday morning, just after 8 o'clock, the office phone rang to announce the death of Mrs. Pendley, which had occurred in the night while loved ones were at rest all about her, not knowing that the spirit of the "queen of the household" had been wafted away on angel wings to the Celestial City. The news, as it spread, cast a gloom over the entire town. Oh, how sweet for a character like this, after a long life of usefulness, conscious of duty well done, to awaken, spiritually, in the Land of Eternal Rest!

The funeral services were conducted at the home at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning by her pastor, the Rev. P. A. Hix, assisted by Rev. F. M. Huggins, a former pastor of Blowing Rock Baptist Church, after which the long procession of heart-broken loved ones and friends from far and near wended its way to the burying ground near Coffey's Gap, where the remains were interred in a bank of flowers, which spoke in undisputable language of the esteem in which she was held by the donors, and others who assembled to pay their last respects to one who was truly a lover of humanity.

Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Pendley moved to Linville City, during its early developments, and opened a hotel, where they remained for several years, doing a good business. Thirty years or more ago, they moved to Blowing Rock where they went into the hotel business on a larger scale. Mr. T. H. Coffey married the eldest daughter, Miss Annie, and through the years the Watauga Inn justly won for itself the name of the most charming hostelry in that wonderful resort section, under the management of Mr. Coffey and Mrs. Pendley. Three years ago in October the old Watauga Inn burned, but the demand was so great for them to reopen that the new Watauga Inn was soon doing business in the Boogher building, where Mrs. Pendley died Sunday morning.

When the most lowly or the most prosperous within her radius (which was a wide one) were in trouble, it was this messenger of love, hospitality, and good cheer, with open purse, if necessary, who could always be seen as a ministering angel, helping the poor, or speaking a word of cheer to those who were in trouble. Her church and Sunday School were her earthly ideals, as this story will prove. Mrs. Pendley was always thrifty, and out of her abundant funds she was always building, as the story goes, a sum to be used when she became unable to longer earn. This sum had grown to \$15,000, which was highly prized by her. A few years ago the need of a new Baptist Church became imperative for Blowing Rock, and it was decided to make the effort. As was expected, Mrs. Pendley took the lead in collections, much being given by summer tourists. The work progressed, to the delight of all, until the dark day came when the funds were exhausted. Then it was that this good woman, this lover of her church and its membership, being willing to risk all to the dear ones at home and her God when old age and weakness came, dropped the whole sum into the church treasury and the beautiful building now stands largely as a monument to her untiring energy and willingness to sacrifice all for its completion. We are caused to wonder if, in the still morning hours of last Sunday, while she was in the presence of the God whom she had served, He did not say to her, "You shall have no more troubles or sorrows, old age shall not weaken you, you have done your part; you have won your crown—come up and claim it."

Mrs. Pendley was the mother of three children, Mrs. T. H. Coffey and Mrs. Herman Deal. The only son, Marshall Pendley, died in the State of Washington several years ago. Two grandchildren also survive, Mr. Thomas Coffey Jr. and Miss Ellen Coffey, the former a member of the Board of Education and the latter assistant cashier of the Bank of Blowing Rock.

THE LONA COOK FUND	
Previously reported	\$169.87
Miss Effie Winebarger	1.00
Mrs. N. C. Watson	1.00
Dr. J. D. Rankin	1.00
Mrs. G. T. Eggers	1.50
J. T. C. Wright	1.00
J. N. Norton	1.00
Miss Ledbetter	1.50
A. J. Grene	1.00
Mr. Antonakos	1.00
Miss Jennie Todd	1.00
Total	\$180.87

## Local Merchants Prepare For Big Holiday Business

### American Legion Holds An Important Meeting

By H. G. FARTHING (Publicity Officer)

Watauga Post 130, American Legion, met in regular session on Friday night, December 6. The meeting was called to order by Commander Spencer Miller. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Adjutant L. D. Woodard.

A large number of the ex-service men were there and it was a very interesting and instructive meeting. During the business session the official staff was completed and an organization set to work that bids fair to be one of the best that the Legion has ever had.

Lloyd Isaacs was reappointed as service officer. He will gladly help heal the sick and lead the blind. Call on him, Buddy; he is your friend and will aid you in adjusting your compensation.

Charles L. Stevenson was elected post historian. His job is to write a history of the post. He wants you, if you are an ex-service man, to let him know your dog tag or serial number, when you entered the service, what sort of action you had during the war; were you in the mess kit skirmish of Camp Jackson for slum-gut and coffee, or were you in the Argonne strike for liberty and peace of all civilization? And what day and from what camp were you discharged? No matter where you were or what you were doing, just so you were in uniform you helped to win the war and you should have your name in this history. Your children will be proud of your name. Send in the dope, boys.

There were numerous other things of interest discussed, such as a brass band for the post; a monument for those gone before; and other things of which you will hear when the details are completed. Come out to these meetings, boys; you will enjoy them. The next one will be held Friday, January 3, 1930.

### Watauga Teachers Are Above Average in State

Raleigh, Dec. 11.—Since 1922-23 the average training of the teachers of Watauga County has greatly increased, it is learned from the State Department of Public Instruction, which has just completed a study of the scholastic preparation of white teachers in all the counties and 34 of the largest cities of the State.

In 1922-23 the index of training of the white teachers in the school system was 3.99, whereas the past year, 1928-29, the index of the teachers employed was 5.12. In other words, better prepared teachers are now employed than were six years ago.

The average training of all rural white teachers of the State is now 2.19 college years, and of city teachers 3.44 years in college. Thus, it is noted that the training of teachers in the Watauga system is above the State average of all rural teachers.

### COMPENSATION ACT CASE UP IN ASHE COUNTY

The first case coming up in Ashe County under the new workmen's compensation law which was passed by the last General Assembly, was heard in Jefferson by Commissioner T. A. Wilson, of the North Carolina Industrial Commission, Thursday, December 9, according to a dispatch from the Ashe County capital to the Winston-Salem Journal.

The estate of Lloyd Parsons, who was killed while working on a school building at Todd several weeks ago, is seeking to secure compensation under the new law. The school building at Todd is operated jointly by Ashe and Watauga counties and the two counties are defendants in the suits.

At the hearing, the plaintiff, represented by Attorney W. R. Baugess, claimed that the late Lloyd Parsons was employed by the school committee at Todd and therefore is entitled to the full \$6,000 allowed under the law. Mr. Parsons died in a Lenoir hospital the day following the accident.

Watauga County was represented at the hearing by the attorney for the insurance company with which the county is insured, Judge T. C. Bowie represented Ashe, that county by its failure to take action having elected to become self-insurer.

It is expected that a decision will be rendered shortly.

### \$12,000 Paid Out as Result of Execution

On Monday Sheriff L. M. Farthing paid out in cool cash the sum of \$12,000 as a result of the execution sale of the H. W. Horton Building to Mr. A. W. Hodgson of Meat Camp on the first Monday. The greater part of the money went to laborers and to firms in this section who furnished materials for the building, and who had never been paid due to the fact that the original owner of the building had failed to get sufficient loans to carry the project through.

### COOPERATION OF BUSINESS MEN HELPS THE DEMOCRAT

The publishers of the Democrat wish to thank the business men of the city for their unusually fine cooperation in furnishing early copy for their advertisements appearing in this issue. Practically all the Christmas ads were placed in type the latter part of last week and the overworked force was thus able to give a more complete service.

The Democrat would insist that those having advertisements for the next issue, let us have copy and instructions this week, as the limited force cannot possibly take care of the excess business if a greater part of the work is held for the "last minute."

Those who have special publicity incidental to Christmas are reminded that the next issue of the Democrat is the last one before the 25th.

### Basketball Season Opens At State Normal College

Thirty-five men reported for the initial basketball practice Monday at State Teachers College, under the direction of Coach Johnston, in preparation for the heavy schedule undertaken by the Mountaineers. The workout was confined to fundamentals of handling the ball, passing and shooting drills. The correct methods of each fundamental was gone over in detail, followed by the proper execution. All the men out showed some aptitude for the drills.

An outline of the offensive system was detailed before the practice, after which an intensive floor drill was run through by the various candidates. The men were divided into squads of five according to their positions so that greater range and study of their abilities could be judged and also to get a line on their general co-ordination.

Coach Johnston intimated that a large equal would be kept on hand during the entire season with the idea of developing material for future teams and also to stimulate interest in the game. "Basketball is a come-all proposition and the game cannot be learned in a day or a year; experience is a big asset, and experience cannot be gained unless the men are out getting practice and game drills. What seems like poor material for a year or two will develop surprisingly with the proper amount of drill and practice.

The Mountaineers will face one of the hardest schedules in the history of the school, in that nearly all the members of the "Little Six" are to be faced on a home and home basis, besides some of the best of the smaller colleges from Virginia and Tennessee. The schedule is not completed as yet, but about twenty or twenty-two games will be on the card. A few practice games will be played before the holidays, but the college season will not open until the Christmas vacation is over.

A number of letter men have reported for the practice and around this nucleus the team will be built.

Among the letter men reporting are K. Hinson, Canipe, Fulkerson, C. Hinson, Williams, Waters, and Fortner. Four of the men mentioned were regulars last year, namely Hinson, Fulkerson, Canipe and C. Hinson.

A likely looking number of freshmen are also out and show promise of developing into variety material. The following men have been showing up well in the daily drills conducted in the college gym every afternoon: Ross, Waters, Livingston, Fortner, Hinson, Canipe, K. Hinson, Fulkerson, Williams, Dabbs, McKinney, O'Hare, Vance, Pyatte, C. Waters.

### SUPT. ALLEN TALKS ON SAFETY OF SCHOOL CHILDREN IN STATE

"The safety of our school children should be constantly looked after," State Superintendent A. T. Allen points out in a statement given out today. "North Carolina," he says, "is now transporting nearly 150,000 pupils to school. The lives of these children as well as those who walk must be protected at all times. It is a sad thing to hear of an accident happening to one of these little ones."

Superintendent Allen believes that if care and diligence is observed on the part of the motoring public that such occurrences may be kept at a minimum. In order to acquaint the public with the traffic laws in force, the General Assembly of 1927 passed an act requiring that such laws shall be read and explained in the public high schools. The rules referring specifically to school buses, and which are not always observed, are:

Rule 63 (section 5). "Before passing or attempting to pass a public school bus while it is standing upon any public road and taking on or putting off school children, the operator of the passing vehicle must bring it to a full stop at least fifty feet from the bus." The responsibility, however, does not rest upon the driver of the passing vehicle, for section 3 of this rule states, "Every school truck, and every passenger bus, is required to come to a complete stop at every railroad crossing, whether designated as a 'full stop'

Elaborate Displays of Gift Goods Greet the Eye on Every Hand. Hundreds of Worth-while Articles Offered at Moderate Prices.

### Boone Merchants Due Patronage of Citizens

Money Spent With Local Merchants Remains at Home With Home People. Urge Shoppers to Examine Home Values First.

Boone's shopping district has taken on a most festive atmosphere. The show windows are packed with the choicest of Christmas goods, and an inspection of the prices proves that values to be obtained here are equal to as good as those to be found in the larger cities.

A stroll through down-town Boone is just like a trip to Fairyland. Dolls, toys, gift haberdashery, gift candies and sweetmeats, choice ladies' garments and men's clothing with a holiday note greet you on every hand. Extreme taste has been used in window decorations, and the scene presented by some of them just makes you know that there is a Santa Claus. Your walk continues and you see choice holiday books on display, toilet goods in gift boxes, Kodaks, flashlights, mechanical toys, shaving sets, phonographs, radios, gift lingerie, late-model shoes for the Yule season, and hundreds of other suggestions for gift buyers. You pause at this window and that, wondering just what you will pick for Her or Him from such wide varieties.

And then there is furniture for the home, automobiles for the family, tires for the family car, and dozens of useful automobile accessories. And jewelry—say there's plenty of it, for father, mother, sister, brother and sweetheart, each piece of it fairly radiating the Christmas spirit. The more you look the more you know that Boone is the ideal shopping center; that sections here are the widest ever carried in North-western North Carolina, and that the merchants of the Watauga metropolis are offering you prices that will gladden the heart and leave the old bankroll in "fairly good" condition after the Christmas season has passed.

Boone merchants are due the patronage of Boone and Watauga people. They have invested money in our town, our schools, our churches and every other enterprise that goes to make up the model community. The money spent with them enriches Boone banks, helps build and maintain Boone's streets and sidewalks, and regularly is returned into local trade channels.

Money spent in other towns is gone forever. Its value is absolutely lost. It helps to build up foreign centers of trade and drains, continually, the enterprises of the home town. Boone business men support Boone charities and extend the helping hand to Boone people in need. After taking all these things into consideration, any fair-minded citizen will readily agree that Boone people should trade in Boone.

A careful perusal of the advertising columns will greatly aid the thrifty shopper. Suggestions ranging from the newly-ya-yo to building and loan stock and Christmas savings accounts are included in the lists. You can't go wrong when you deal with local business men, for they are right here with us to back up the merchandise they sell, make refunds and adjustments, and see to it, personally, that every piece of goods sold stands the test of time and wear. Money expended in mail order buying purchases, oftentimes, inferior goods at prices very little smaller than those found in local stores.

Remember, there are only eleven more shopping days till Christmas. You still have plenty of time to select your gifts, and make every preparation for the Yule season. Boone merchants insist that you make early choices while the stocks are fresh and time unlimited. And, by all means SPEND YOUR MONEY WITH LOCAL MERCHANTS!

### Grand Lecturer Will Be With Local Masons

Mr. P. A. Coffey, Secretary of the local Masonic Lodge has received information to the effect that R. F. Edwards, Grand Masonic Lecturer will be in Boone for a full week beginning Monday December 16th and will lecture at the lodge rooms at 3 and 7 o'clock p. m. each day.

Mr. Edwards was to have been in Boone for a week at the culmination of a series of lectures at Snow Lodge recently. However he became ill and was forced to return home.

crossing or not." Rule 84 (section 7). "Twenty-five miles an hour while operating a bus carrying school children to or from school along any public highway or Street in this State, is the maximum rate of speed permissible." Rule 45 is one which applies to all drivers and one which aims to impress operators of motor vehicles with the necessity of exercising care at all times.

## COMPENSATION IS GIVEN WATAUGAN

W. L. Stansbury, Who Was Injured at Saw Mill is First Local Man to Be Benefitted by the Workmen's Compensation Law.

The first hearing on the newly-instituted workmen's compensation law was held in Boone on December 5, when the case of W. L. Stansbury, who lost the sight of one eye on September 9, was investigated by Commissioner T. A. Wilson, of the North Carolina Industrial Commission. The plaintiff was represented by the law firm of Trivette and Holsouser.

Stansbury received his injuries while in the employ of W. A. Harman at a saw mill near Boone. Mr. Harman had insurance in force to care for the claim, but misunderstanding had arisen between the injured man and the insurance company regarding alleged disfigurements to the face other than the loss of an eye. Stansbury has for several weeks been receiving the stipulated sixty per cent. of his weekly wage from the insurance company (seven dollars), but had received no remuneration for four weeks' time lost following his injuries.

Commissioner Wilson ruled in favor of the plaintiff, allowing the four weeks for time lost and granting an additional \$150 for disfigurement. The latter amount will be hooked on to the 100 weeks allowed by the provisions of the compensation law, Stansbury receiving, in all, the approximate sum of \$950.

Commissioner Wilson was accompanied to Boone by Edward McEachern, court reporter for the Industrial Commission.

### Enoch Swift Celebrates Eighty-second Birthday

Mr. Enoch Swift, of Amantia, today, Wednesday, rounds out his 82nd year, and is still " hale and hearty." In honor of that event, his children on last Sunday prepared for him a most splendid birthday dinner, which was attended by all the nine surviving children and their families, save Professor W. H. Swift, of Greensboro; Dr. David Swift, of Butler, Tenn., and our Mr. Scott Swift, who was unable to attend. One brother, Mr. George Swift, of Beaver Dam, now 78 years old, and his son, Dean, and family, were all the guests present except the immediate family and their descendants, thirteen grandchildren being present to enjoy the festive occasion.

The family has been a remarkable one. There was never a death in the large family until two years ago, when young Max, the baby boy, died in Tennessee, and up to that time only one grandchild had died.

Uncle Enoch has ever been one of our best men. An ex-Confederate soldier, a consecrated Christian gentleman, and the county has no better citizen. He is loved and esteemed, not only by his loved ones, but by all who know him.

The Democrat, in behalf of all his friends, wishes for the grand old man the return of more such days as last Sunday was for him.

### JEFFERSON TO VOTE ON WATER AND SEWER BONDS

The outcome of the election, which has been called to give the citizens of Jefferson a chance to vote upon the issuance of \$10,000 worth of bonds for the construction of a permanent water system, was considered a matter of conjecture the first of the week, according to dispatches from that town to State papers. Interest, however, is high and the election is expected to be close.

The board of aldermen called the election at the request of a number of citizens who were dissatisfied with the present source of water supply. The system now used is privately owned and those who favor the issuance of the bonds believe that some permanent system should be constructed.

On December 17th the citizens will vote on the proposition. The bonds if voted, will bear not to exceed 6 per cent interest, payable semi-annually. The first bond will come due five years from the date of issuance, while the last one will be paid 25 years from the date issued.

### PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION TO HOLD MEETING THURSDAY

There will be a meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association at the Demonstration School building on Thursday afternoon, 3:15 o'clock. Parents will be given an opportunity to see their children's teachers at this meeting.



ONLY ELEVEN MORE DAYS IN WHICH TO MAKE YOUR HOLIDAY SELECTIONS. Shop at home with home people and help build a Bigger and Better Boone!