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Today and Tomorrow

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Beauty

Beauty, like morals, is a question of latitude; there is no rule of universal application. Shakespeare is the one universal author because he never describes his heroines. Juliet was fourteen and beautiful; that is all he says about her looks. The Scandinavian can picture her as a majestic blonde, the Kaffir as a coal-black Venus. The Juliet of the Chinese she slanting eyes; to the Spaniard she must have the long black lashes of the cow-eyed Andalusian Moor. It is a fortunate thing for humanity that tastes in beauty differ. Even the movies have not been able to standardize the feminine ideal.

Steam

The U. S. Aircraft Carrier Lexington is tied up at a pier in Puget Sound, while her engines are turning the dynamos which generate electric current for the cities of Tacoma and Seattle. This is a good use for a ship of war. It suggests a way of making our Navy earn its keep. It is also an illustration of what happens, sometimes, to waterpower. Tacoma and Seattle get their normal municipal supply of current from hydro-electric plants which the cities own. The unusual drought in the Northwest reduced the flow of water and cut down the production of electricity. The great power companies regard waterpower as valuable only as an auxiliary to steam plants, which are already generating twice as much current in America as all the waterpower put together, in most cases more cheaply.

Aluminum

The commonest of all metals, more than twice as common as iron, aluminum was a curiosity at the Centennial of 1876 and only came into general commercial use when the harnessing of Niagara Falls made the electric furnace economical. Alloyed to give it strength, its light weight makes it more useful than steel in hundreds of applications. The largest airplanes are built of it. Now a project is on foot to cast automobile bodies in one piece out of aluminum. That will further reduce the cost and weight of motor cars. The lighter the car, the less gas, the less wear on tires. The time will come when a serviceable automobile will sell for not more than \$250, and run 50 miles on a gallon of gas.

War

The only independent persons are those who own land. The only country that people care enough about to fight for them are those made up largely of individual landowners. When the common people were peasants only the land-owning nobles with their hired soldiers went to war. In many states corporations are forbidden to own land except for their own business purposes. The Government is trying by every possible means to get all of the public lands into the hands of individual owners. That is the only safeguard for the nation's future. Land is the one commodity which is limited in supply and unlimited in demand. Sooner or later some other nation will try to take the land away from us. If we own it as individuals we will fight for it; if it mostly belongs to a few persons of wealth we will let them do the fighting and pay taxes to the new owners if the old ones are beaten.

Meat

The food faddists have been preaching against the eating of meat for many years. Except in certain types of disease, intelligent physicians tell their patients to eat meat freely, as nature intended that they should. Even in cases of high blood pressure, modern medical practice is not to cut out meat, but to counteract it by the use of fruit. Steffans, explorer, lived for a diet of meat, out ill of kimos, eat only what they do live! Sensible eat what a rule who lives that their diet.

TO THE

WATAUGA COUNTY We are anxious for attend the Farmers Institute to be held in Boone on the 28th, 29th and 30th of January. You are expected to be leaders in every progressive movement. You will need the information to better fit you to improve the community where you teach and especially to teach and train the boys and girls of your school to make thrifty citizens. It will not be possible for a number of our teachers to attend, but we have about one hundred teachers whose schools have closed. This will be a good time to shine. SMITH HAGAMAN, County Superintendent.

AMERICAN LEGION TO CONDUCT DRIVE FOR MEMBERSHIPS

Local Post to Participate in "Round-up" Week. Hon. Joe Murphy to Speak at Courthouse Tuesday Evening, January 28. Township Committees named by Norris to Make Intensive Drive for New Members.

Spencer Miller, Commander of the Watauga Post 130 of the American Legion, was interviewed today with reference to the participation of the local post in the week designated by the State Commander of the American Legion, Department of North Carolina, as "Round-up Week." Post Commander Miller first quoted State Commander George K. Freeman, of Goldsboro, as having said: "This is the seventh year of the American Legion's existence and we find greater demand being made upon us for constructive work than ever before. The ranks of our disabled comrades are constantly increasing making necessary continued leadership for adequate hospitals. The number of dependent orphan children of our deceased comrades is increasing, requiring a large membership in the Legion to furnish funds, leadership and administration to insure them opportunities to which their fathers' and mothers' heroic service entitled them. The restlessness of our people due to adverse conditions in many sections of the State demands some unselfish organization to lead in community service. The growth of ominous subversive to our form of government require constant vigilance on the part of men and women who have dedicated their lives to service of State and Nation stand undaunted in the face of such movements for strict adherence to the principles upon which our government was founded and in the observance of which it has been maintained. These and the supreme importance of seeing that the Universal Draft Bill (which will certainly tend to take the profit out of war as this bill provides that in case of war money power as well as man-power shall be drafted), and other demands to ex-service men are so compelling that the Legion has decided to put these matters frankly before every ex-service man and endeavor to enroll them in the American Legion before February 1."

"In the past we have not really tried to secure our membership so early," continued Commander Miller, "but this year we feel that we should do so in order that our Post, district, division and department officers may devote their full time and attention to these pressing needs, and that the Legislature and Congress may know that our large membership entitles us to speak for the ex-service men."

"We now have more than 7,500 members of the Legion in North Carolina; by far the largest membership we have ever had at this time of year. Commander Freeman has designated the week of January 26th to February 1st as "Round-up Week" to secure 9,800 more members necessary to give us our State's quota this year. On Monday, the 27th, the post will set to work its committees arranging for a meeting of the Post to be held Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at the Courthouse in Boone, when Hon. Joe Murphy, of Hickory, will deliver and address on the aims and purposes of the Legion. On Wednesday our membership committees will canvass every ex-service man of the community to afford them an opportunity to enroll. On Thursday active posts will assist less active posts in this work, and on Friday this post will send its cards by special courier to the post adjutant where they will be turned over to the district commander. Saturday the district commander will personally dispatch these cards from that point to department headquarters. Department (State) headquarters will announce the results over the radio Saturday night."

"I wish to appeal to each and every ex-service man to attend our meeting Tuesday night. I hope our citizens will recall their pledges to us back in '18 and '19 and attend the meeting on Tuesday, January 28, so that they may learn how we are carrying on in peace time the work we started when obedient to the call of our country and inspired by their support, we served our country during the World War."

J. W. Norris, post membership officer, has appointed the following men as membership officers in their respective townships for the year of 1930. You are urged to be present on January 28th, and help to arrange for a county-wide membership drive, also try to secure as many members as possible before that date.

Boone: Sturges Barnes, Lionell Weaver Dams, Hill Eggers, Asa Reeder; Bald Mountain, Ralph G. Greer; Blue Ridge, Nile Cook; Blow Rock, Fred Pennell; Cove Creek, S. F. Horton, Marvin Thomas; Elk, Max E. Houck; Laurel Creek, Dewey Rominger; Meat Camp, L. E. Wilson, R. G. Burkett; North Fork, C. H. Thomas; Stony Fork, Walter Watson; Shawneehaw, H. H. Shook; Watauga, Tom Taylor.

Fines aggregating \$800 were imposed on four Greensboro, N. C., men arrested in Georgetown County, South Carolina, on the estate of Isaac E. Emerson, Bromo-Seltzer millionaire of Baltimore, last Sunday, on charges of hunting at night, hunting out of a season, and hunting with a light. Alfred A. Richardson, State game warden, announced today.

First Farmers' Institute Next Week is Hailed as Harbinger of Prosperity

Urge Farmers of County To Attend Farm Meeting

The coming Farmers Institute will be a fine opportunity for farmers to get much needed information on better farming, especially soil improvement. Every acre could, with reasonable, proper treatment, be made to produce twice in money what it is now producing. Come, you can't lose. You can gain in information and in operation, and thereby help yourself, your family, your neighbor and your county.

H. J. HARDIN.

As a dealer in livestock, and knowing what it would mean to the county if we had all the farms stocked with high grade cattle and more of them, I want to urge every farmer, large or small, to attend the Farmers' Institute to be held in Boone next week.

It is an opportunity to get information that we all need just now.

ARLIE W. BROWN.

It seems that the Farmers' Institute should appeal to every farmer who wants to improve his soil, grow better crops, have better livestock and have a better knowledge of marketing. Never before has a faculty of highly-trained people ever come to us for three days. If the people of this county will take advantage of the opportunity it will mean much to them.

B. B. DOUGHERTY.

I have just learned of the Farmers' Institute which is to be held at the Appalachian State Teachers College on January 28, 29 and 30, and want to congratulate the farmers of Watauga County on having an opportunity to hear trained men discuss farm problems of our county. I intend to attend every meeting because I know that it will be worth at least \$150.00 per year to me to learn how to prevent and cure grubs and stomach worms in the few sheep which I own.

Sincerely hope and believe that every progressive farmer in Watauga County will attend every one of these meetings.

BAXTER M. LINNEY.

In our opinion no more forward step looking to the best interests of Watauga County has been taken in several years, than the campaign launched by the citizens of this county for better livestock, more production and greater economy along all agricultural lines. As a result of these efforts we have called together some of the best heads in North Carolina to discuss with us the all-important questions of livestock, horticulture, soil improvement and marketing, which we believe will ultimately place Watauga County in the high position she deserves to occupy in the farming life of North Carolina.

Our county is an agricultural and livestock county, and her prosperity will be measured exactly in proportion to the degree of success attending her agricultural endeavors. We believe our farmers prosper in proportion to the intelligent thought they give their problems, and the Farmers Institute next week offers a free and equal opportunity for all Wataugans to receive an authoritative education along every farming line. A more intensive farming program, in our opinion, will result in several hundred thousands of additional assets to the county each year and thus increase bank deposits, Building and Loan subscriptions, and promote a financially independent citizenship. Our officials are practically to a man, not only interested in farming, but are active farmers themselves, and they consider the problems of the farmer their individual problems. Meet us at the Institute and let's have a pleasant and profitable time together.

W. H. GRAGG, Secretary.

Mountaineers Defeat Campbell College

Appalachian State College defeated Campbell College by the score of 25-17 in one of the fastest played games of the season on Friday night at the College Gym in Boone. Campbell College drew first blood by registering from the court when Reeves shot a long one. Campbell had a five-point margin before the Mountaineers countered. Hinson and Pulkerson rang up two pointers and O'Hare tied the score at five all with a foul shot. From this time on the Mountaineers took the lead and were never headed. The first half ended with the score 19-9 in favor of the Mountaineers. The second half was slow with Campbell College outscoring the Mountaineers. Reeves was high scorer for Campbell and led the attack. K. Hinson led the scoring for the Mountaineers. Canine, captain of the Mountaineers, played a fine defensive game.

Three-day Farm Educational Course to Be Held on January 28th, 29th and 30th at State Normal College. Complete Program Has Been Drafted and Approved.

Dr. E. C. Brooks to Be the Principal Speaker

Others From State College Will Bring Valuable Information to Watauga Farmers. Practical Demonstrations and Entertainment to Be Furnished Attendants.

Definite announcement was made Monday of the program drafted for the first annual Watauga County Farmers Institute, which is to be held at the College Auditorium next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. This important meeting comes as the culmination of several months of agitation on the part of the Watauga Livestock Association, with the cooperation of eight other institutions, and in the opinion of business and agricultural leaders, is likely to usher in a new era of success for local tillers of the soil, stockmen, poultrymen, dairymen, and all others who engage in any branch of agriculture.

In the early days of the Watauga Livestock Association, the holding of a farmers institute was laid down as one of the definite goals of the organization, and through the cooperation of the following institutions, the dream has become a reality: State Agricultural College, Appalachian State Teachers College, Watauga County Bank, Bank of Blowing Rock, Peoples Bank, Building and Loan Association, Civitan Club and the Watauga Democrat.

B. B. Dougherty, G. P. Hagaman, Granville Story, W. H. Gragg, W. W. Mast, Harrison Baker, and Smith Hagaman were appointed as a committee to work out the manifold details for the assembly, and the program they have drafted and which has been approved gives promise of three days of agricultural education which have been arranged with an idea of solving the intricate problems confronting the average mountain farmer.

The principal address of the three-day session will be delivered at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon by Dr. E. C. Brooks, president of the State Agricultural College, and will end the first session of the institute, which, according to its sponsors, is expected to be an annual affair hereafter.

At the opening of the first session on Tuesday morning, P. M. Hendricks, county agent of Caldwell, one of the most able farm authorities of the mountain region, will discuss "Watauga County Agriculture" in a general way, and will speak specifically on the "Production of Dairy Products." E. C. Turner, county agent of Ashe County, also a known authority, will discuss "Sheep Production for Watauga County." At the afternoon meeting of the same day Mr. Turner will speak on "Beef Cattle Production."

On Wednesday at 9:30 a. m., Mr. C. F. Parish, Extension Specialist of State College, Raleigh, will discuss "Poultry Production in Watauga County," and will be followed by a discourse on "Marketing," by R. B. Etheridge, chief of Division of Markets, Raleigh. In the afternoon H. R. Niswonger, Extension Horticulturist of State College, will give in valuable information on "The Growing of Horticultural Crops," including cabbage, potatoes, beans and all kinds of vegetables and flowers. Charles Baird, county agent of Avery County, will speak from kindred subjects.

Thursday morning "Farm Camp and Soil Building" will be the topic discussed by E. J. Kirby, extension agronomist, State College, and J. L. Walls, teacher of Agriculture, Patterson School, will tell of personal experiences along this line. The subject for the address by Dr. Brooks in the afternoon has not been announced.

"The Growing and Marketing of Tobacco," especially as would effect the mountain farmer, will be discussed some time during the sessions by the farm demonstration agent of Johnson County, Tenn., who has demonstrated the feasibility of growing small cash crops of the weed in mountain soil. Besides being really "a school" for farmers, the institute will almost take on the proportions of a fair. Sheep, livestock and chickens of the different breeds will be brought there and experts will give special demonstrations on the treatment of diseases of sheep and general care of the flock, as well as livestock and poultry. Stockmen and poultry raisers are expected to be especially interested in the practical demonstrations conducted by these gentlemen.

The committee has also provided excellent singers and good old-fashioned music will be an enjoyable feature of each session. The sponsors of the institute feel that in bringing to the county these various unquestioned authorities on the different branches of farming they have provided in effect an education for Watauga farmers right at

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Accommodations Are Provided for Farmers

Those attending the Farmers' Institute from the various sections of the county, who would like to spend one or two nights in Boone so as to take in the entire course, will be accorded, free of charge, a comfortable bed and plenty to eat by the citizens of the town, provided they make their intentions known to some member of the committee at once. This offer applies to all bona fide stockmen, farmers, dairymen, poultrymen or others engaged in any branch of agriculture, and who are interested in bettering their conditions to the extent that they attend all sessions of the Institute while in Boone.

The people of Boone welcome you and want to entertain you during your visit, but it will be necessary for you to communicate with one of the following committee members at once to insure accommodations: B. B. Dougherty, G. P. Hagaman, Granville Story, W. H. Gragg, W. W. Mast, Harrison Baker, Smith Hagaman.

Izaak Walton League Will Be Organized

Mr. Harrison Baker, county game warden, is in receipt of a letter from R. G. Finley, of North Wilkesboro, president of the Waltonian Council of North Carolina, in which the official asks that as many representative sportsmen as possible meet with him in Boone on Monday evening at 7 or 8 o'clock for the purpose of organizing an Izaak Walton League. Colonel Bullock, from national headquarters, will be present to explain the organization and its functions. Mr. Baker is making every effort to have as many sportsmen as possible meet with these gentlemen. All are urged to attend, as Colonel Bullock can only be here one time, and only on next Monday evening.

News Notes From the State Normal College

(By J. M. DOWNUM) The Appalachian State Teachers College has completed more than half of the winter quarter. The enrollment at this date is exactly 101 more than were ever registered before at this date and 50 more than at the close of the spring term last year. No preceding regular term has ever equaled last year's. There are now on roll 385 students, about one-third of these being young men and two-thirds young ladies. The authorities are gratified at this unusually good enrollment, and are planning to make this the very best year, rendering the best service and most helpful in every way, so as to prepare the young people to render the most helpful service to the children of this and other states.

A very interesting basket ball game was played on Saturday night between the young men's team of the Appalachian College and the team from Biltmore, in the college gymnasium here. It was a close game throughout, the visiting team leading during the first part of the game, but the A. S. T. C. young men soon caught up and went ahead and led all the rest of the game, closing with a score of 32 to 29 in favor of the Appalachian boys.

On Saturday at the chapel exercises a very appropriate and well presented exercise was given in honor of Generals Lee and Jackson. Miss Gladys Payne giving the History of Jackson and Mr. Houser of Lee, both being expressed in a fine way and beautiful and appropriate language. At the close Dr. Dougherty expressed himself as unusually well pleased with the manner in which these fine young people did their part, and commended them most heartily for their splendid program.

Dr. B. B. Dougherty and Professor Herman Eggers returned on Friday from a trip to Cullowhee on a matter of business.

VESSEL DRIFTS AIMLESSLY ACROSS ATLANTIC OCEAN

Details of the remarkable experiences of the crew and passengers of the sailing vessel Neptune, which in forty-eight days drifted clear across the Atlantic from Newfoundland to Scotland, were told recently in London.

The ship, whose home port is St. John's, Newfoundland, was within 30 miles of it when severe storms swept her out to sea. The lighthouse boat Hesperus brought the Neptune into Tobermory, Scotland, on Thursday. Captain Joe Barbour, of St. John's, said: "I was quite ignorant of my position, for our usual route was seldom out of sight of land. It was a terrible ordeal and we never expected to see shore again."

BIRTHDAY OF BEN FRANKLIN TOPIC AT CIVITAN MEET

Program at Thursday Luncheon Meet Centers Around "Father of Thrift" and His Teachings. Talks Made by Several Members on Thrift Week. "Poor Richard's" Maxims Recited by Members in Answer to Roll Call.

A "Thrift Week" program of unusual interest was given by members of the Boone Civitan Club at their weekly luncheon meeting held last Thursday noon at the Daniel Boone Hotel. With President George Hagaman presiding and a large number of members and visitors present, the celebration of Benjamin Franklin's birthday was entered into with spirit, each Civitan answering to roll call with one of "Poor Richard's" philosophical maxims. The variety and humor of these "wise sayings" of the "Father of Thrift" provided many laughs.

The program committee, composed of George K. Moose and J. Frank Moore, had worked out an exceptionally useful round of discussions. Gordon Winkler, one of the town's leading insurance men, read a valuable manuscript on "Insurance," explaining in detail the investment side of the business.

W. H. Gragg, secretary of the Watauga Building and Loan Association, followed, centering his well chosen remarks around "Own Your Own Home." Mr. Gragg went back to the formation of the first Building and Loan Association more than one hundred years ago in Philadelphia and traced the growth of that home-building institution through the years of its remarkable growth. According to his talk, the United States, though comparatively small on the map of the world, is the greatest home-owning country under the sun, and that this feeling of ownership is one of the strongest safeguards of our present liberty. "A man will not fight for his boarding house, his rooming house or his rented house, but when you encroach upon his rights in his own home, you are going to get a good 'scrap' on your hands." Mr. Gragg closed his timely talk with a poem on home-ownership by Walt Mason.

George P. Hagaman, cashier of the Watauga County Bank, used several minutes explaining the family budget and safe investments. The local banker used as the foundation for his arguments on budgeting the family funds, the National budget, the State budget, and the county budget, averring that these recently inaugurated governmental institutions had saved the taxpayers untold thousands of dollars, and that the same methods, applied in the home, would put each and every household on a sound and secure basis. The speaker urged every wage-earner to live within his income and, if possible, to lay back a little each week for the proverbial "rainy day." Mr. Hagaman's advice to investors was that they investigate before buying stocks or bonds, reminding club members that the safest investments do not earn huge interests.

George K. Moose, manager of the Boone Drug Company, used as a theme for his three-minute talk, "Finance and the Bank Account." Mr. Moose recounted some early experiences in the business world as testimony for his arguments on systematic business methods, and advised the use of a bank account as a means of keeping track of expenditures. He closed his talk with a plea for thrift, impressing the necessity of system, economy and, oftentimes, frugality in the business world.

T. E. Bingham, of the law firm of Bingham, Linney and Bingham, spoke on "Making a Will." His remarks, while more or less of informative nature, were sparkling with humor, and provided one of the most lucid spots on the program.

R. E. McDade, manager of Spainhour's, Inc., used the theme, "Pay Your Bills," as the nucleus for a few minutes' talk. A dollar paid on a bill, according to Mr. McDade, will change hands many times in the course of a few days. In other words, a dollar paid to the doctor enables him to pay the milkman; the milkman to pay the grocerman; the grocerman to pay the landlord, etc., many individuals being benefited by the transaction.

"Sharing With Others," was the

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Higgins Will Seek to Succeed Porter Graves

State Senator C. W. Higgins, well known attorney of Sparta, according to authoritative advice, is expected to be a candidate to succeed Solicitor S. Porter Graves, whose retirement was recently announced. Mr. Higgins has served his county in the Lower House of the State Legislature and last winter represented his district in the Senate, and has a record of fifteen years of successful legal practice behind him. The district comprises Ashe, Alleghany, Surry, Forsyth, Caswell and Rockingham counties, and Mr. Higgins is well known throughout the territory.

Close friends of Mr. Higgins think it likely that he will be unopposed in the primary, and he is expected to receive the backing of Democratic leaders all over the territory. Solicitor Graves retired on account of ill health, after having served continuously for 28 years. He is expected to return to private law practice.