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Today and Tomorrow

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Parrots

Parrots have come in for a lot of unfavorable publicity lately because of a strange disease which is attributed to infection brought by certain parrots from South America. Physicians and health officials say there is no danger of catching "parrot fever" from a bird which has been in the family for any considerable time.

The parrot is probably the most intelligent of all birds, and the fact that it can be taught to talk makes it almost a human companion. And, like human beings, parrots develop personal attachments to such a degree that they often pine away and die when separated from their particular friends. Don't let anybody fill your parrot just because a few parrots are suspected of being disease-carriers.

Feminists

Ganna Walska, the Polish singer who has been married to two American multi-millionaires, has convinced the U. S. Customs Court that a married woman can have a legal residence separate from that of her husband. That saves Ganna from paying duties on French gowns imported from her Paris "home," though her husband lives in Lake Forest, Ill.

This decision is hailed as a great victory for the ultra-feminists, whose purpose in life seems to be to break in the American home and put married life on the plane of the cheapest illicit love-affair. Because this "modern idea" runs contrary to the most deep-seated traditions every expression of it gets a lot of publicity, which is probably what Ganna and the other feminists want. But it by no means follows that American family life is in danger. Home and business and a husband with a good job are what the overwhelming majority of American girls still want in marriage.

Style

The fur coats and silk stockings worn by the American stenographers who accompanied the delegates from this country to the Naval Disarmament Conference at London made a deeper impression on English newspaper men than anything else about the delegation. Londoners never see working girls dressed "smartly."

The young women from the different departments in Washington who were taken over to do the clerical work for the delegation were not picked for their beauty but solely because they were the most efficient at their jobs. In any part of America, city or country village, they would attract no special attention. We are so used to seeing our girls well-dressed and "smart" in manner and appearance that we do not realize that nowhere else in the world do any but ultra-fashionables and actresses on parade wear the latest styles in clothes.

Lincoln

Appreciation of Lincoln's greatness is felt today throughout the Nation, both North and South. In his own time even the North did not appreciate him. Dr. Albert Shaw, the distinguished editor of the Review of Reviews, brings this out graphically in a new two-volume book which reprints the most complete collection ever made of the newspaper cartoons, campaign posters and other pictorial representations of Lincoln during his rise to fame and his tenancy of the White House.

Even without Dr. Shaw's illuminating text, the pictures show Lincoln as more grossly maligned and bitterly lampooned, even in the house of his friends, than any other man who ever rose to the Presidency. Only after his tragic death did the people of the North begin to realize that a great man had led them. We are prone to forget that no man appears great to his contemporaries.

Light

Fifty years from now the world may regard the discoveries made in our time about light as the greatest scientific advance of all time. Light cures disease, ordinary sunlight, light produced in various ways by artificial means. Ordinary window glass keeps the healthful part of the sunlight out of the house. New kinds of glass let it in. In fifty years every modern home will be equipped with the new glass and illness will be less common.

Light stimulates growth of both animals and plants. An English farmer proved that exposing young pigs to ultra-violet light made them worth double their farrow-mates at six months. A French scientist recently grew strawberries in a cellar, ripening in half the normal time, using artificial light. They cost \$5 apiece, but the time will come when out-of-season fruits and vegetables can be grown in the North by artificial light as cheaply as now in Florida.

DR. DOUGHERTY TO SPEAK TO PARENT-TEACHER MEET

A session of the Parent-Teacher Association is scheduled to be held at the high school building Thursday afternoon at 3:15. A program will be presented at that time by high school students and Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of the Normal College, has been asked to address the assembly.

ORCHARDIST SAYS WATAUGA SHOULD HAVE MORE FRUIT

Mr. W. C. Wilson, of Wytheville, Va., Urges Large Commercial Orchards for This County. Shows Profit to Be Made From Culture of Apples. Says Watauga Should Have Two Thousand Acres in Trees.

The following letter from Mr. W. C. Wilson, of Wytheville, Va., to G. P. Hagaman, of the Watauga County Bank, should be of interest to Watauga County farmers:

Wytheville, Va., February 3, 1930.

The Watauga County Bank, Boone, N. C.

Gentlemen:

In your recent letter you mentioned that you were interested in what I was doing in the orchard business. My judgment is sometimes poor but by observing some of my good friends in the orchard business, I find that the well kept commercial orchard is yielding from \$200 to as high as \$1,000 per acre from 15 to 20-year-old trees, and proper care, including spraying, pruning, fertilization and cultivation should be done for \$50 per acre or less. Now it will cost \$200 per acre to bring an orchard into full bearing, and perhaps with good early crops this can be largely wiped out after the fifth year, and 8 to 10 years should bring very profitable crops. Less than 20 to 30 acres is hardly desirable as equipment is very expensive and you should have enough to keep a good man busy, as everything must be done properly and at the right time. Being able to finance it properly is the most dangerous thing, and has proved the undoing of many such ventures, but if all is arranged so the farmer can go through with it, and he will locate in a thermos belt, 20 acres of well selected varieties, it should make him independent in ten years after they come into bearing, as the crops on an average should net him \$100 to \$200 per acre per year, and change \$50 land to \$500 value, but to make it go he must have grit and be in position to wait for the long haul.

I intended to get over to your farmers institute but Mrs. Wilson has been right sick for two weeks, so have not been out of town. I think that a good man on apples, etc., would be a real asset to your farmers institute, and I was a little disappointed that there was none on the program.

Have just taken a fling for \$200 additional trees and about \$300 fertilizer, and soon \$250 in spraying material. I would like for you to send parties interested in apple growing to look our trees over and perhaps they will get the idea and plant an orchard. Watauga should have two thousand acres of commercial orchard and I hope soon it will start in that direction.

Yours very truly,
W. C. WILSON.

Mountaineer Quintet Adds Two Victories

The Appalachian Mountaineers were forced to the limit to down the Western Carolina Teachers, formerly Cullowhee Normal, in their encounter last Friday, by the score of 29 to 25.

Appalachian went into an early lead and left the floor at half-time with the score standing at 19 to 7. C. Hinson, of the Mountaineers, led the offensive in the first half, supported by the fine passing of his mates.

In the second half the Western State boys went wild and rained in a galaxy of shots, running their score up thirteen points before the Mountaineers counted. A basket by K. Hinson started the scoring, but Fincaannon tied the score by caging a long one, following it with a free throw, and the board tallied 22 all with five minutes to play. Cullowhee went into the lead, but C. Hinson registered a basket and a foul, and the count was knotted at 25 all. Campe caged one, followed by K. Hinson, to end the game.

Fincaannon led the scoring for Western State, while C. Hinson was high point man for the Mountaineers.

Appalachian State Teachers College defeated Biltmore College on the Biltmore floor last Saturday night in one of the finest exhibitions of basketball played on the Biltmore court this season. The final result was 40 to 32. The Collegians tallied first and were leading for the first five minutes, but from then on to the half, both teams were battling along on about even terms with the Mountaineers, leaving the floor one point to the good. Score at the half stood 18 to 17.

In the second half C. Hinson began tossing in goals from all parts of the court, and the Mountaineers led all the way. The Appalachian team was one of the biggest ever to play on the Biltmore floor and exhibited fine passing and team work. The Collegians were fast and until Matheson was ruled out on foul in the last half, were giving the Mountaineers plenty of entertainment. Matheson was the outstanding star for the Biltmore team and received great help from his teammates. Jones, of Biltmore, was injured in the first half and was forced to retire from the game. The injury was not of a serious nature.

The little Missouri girl, whose people were preparing to move, wound up her prayer the night before with "Goodbye God, we are going to Kansas."—Exchange.

Many Boone Citizens Attend G. O. P. Meet

A large delegation of Watauga Republicans left this (Wednesday) morning for Greensboro, where they will attend the Lincoln Day Dinner to be held at the King Cotton Hotel tonight at 7:30. The affair, which is said to be the most extensive ever attempted by the party in North Carolina will be attended by at least one thousand party men from all sections of the State, and the program will be broadcast over Station WNCN, Greensboro.

The principal speaker at the dinner will be former Governor Edwin P. Morrow, of Kentucky, who is at present a member of the Federal Mediation Board. He will come from Mobile, Ala., where he is on a business trip for the board. Judge J. M. Meekins, of the Eastern Federal District of North Carolina, will deliver an eulogy of Abraham Lincoln.

Brownlow Jackson, State Republican chairman, will preside. Those attending from Boone and Watauga are: Chairman W. H. Gragg, S. C. Eggers, D. L. Wilcox, Charles E. Young, Frank Robbins Sr., Eubert Holshouser, Howard Holshouser, I. G. Greer, Fred and Russell Hodges, A. G. Miller, A. E. Hamoy, Clyde Greene, T. E. Bingham, and probably others.

Frank Clinard Relates Most Interesting Story

Frank A. Clinard, of Hickory, formerly of Patterson, who has many friends in Watauga County, recently wrote a letter to The Orphans Friend, North Carolina Masonic Organ, relative to an incident which occurred at Patterson at the close of the Civil War. The letter, which is of local interest, follows:

Mr. F. M. Pinnix, The Orphans Friend, Oxford, N. C.

Dear Brother:

Your letter of the 25th inst. received, and in reply will give you what I remember about the incident you refer to.

On March 26th, 1865, General Stoneman came to Patterson, N. C., with his troop of cavalry, got there about 8 o'clock p. m., camped there that night. When they came into town they ran across Clem Osborne, who was camped in front of the factory, and commenced to loosen his horses. Osborne jumped out of his wagon and shot the man through the arm. At the same time he was struck over the head with a sword. Then he saw they were Yankees. When he shot he thought they were "Wheeler's Cavalry" trying to rob him of his horses. He then ran into the factory with his clothes on fire, for they had shot him in the back, but his cartridge box caught the bullet. One of the weavers saw him and with her apron she smothered it out, and he ran up to the third floor and climbed up into the belfry and pulled up the ladder after him.

On the morning of March 27th the Yankees set fire on the third floor to waste cotton, and Osborne called out, "I'll surrender," and came down to the first floor. The man he shot met him there and told him to say his prayers, that he was going to kill him. In place of praying, he gave the distress sign and words of a Master Mason, and a major standing by drew his pistol and said, "Any man that touches this man is a dead man." The major was a physician, so he took Osborne to his quarters, dressed his wounds, gave him his horses, pistol and loading, and sent a guard with him to his home in North Fork, Ashe County, N. C.

I saw this and caught the words and sign, whereupon I ran to my mother and told her what I had seen and gave her the sign and words. I told her that as soon as I was 21 years old I was going to be a Mason. So on March 8th, 1875, I was 21 years old. I took my first degree in April, second in May, and was raised on St. John's Day, 1875. I gave the sign and words to our Worshipful Master when I took the first degree, and he said I had been reading Morgan. I told him I never had read Morgan, and didn't know anything about him, and don't know yet.

Yours fraternally,
FRANK A. CLINARD.

Hickory, N. C.

Hickory Lodge 343, A. F. & A. M.

EXTENSION HORTICULTURIST OUTLINES PROGRAM FOR FARMERS OF WATAUGA

H. R. Niswonger, extension horticulturist of State College, Raleigh, who was one of the principal speakers at the Farm Institute the last of January, in a letter to W. H. Gragg of Boone encloses an outline of a farm program for Watauga County as it relates to the growing of beans, cabbage and potatoes. Mr. Niswonger covered the main points of this program when he addressed the farmers here. The outline follows:

Irish Potatoes

1. Continue to grow potatoes as one of the major cash crops.
2. Plant the same acreage each year and don't stop planting following the years of low prices.
3. Standardize the variety to Irish Cobbler.

1. Develop a dependable supply of (a) Table stock for Southern markets. (b) Certified seed for the farmers in the Piedmont section of the State.

1. Have such farmers who are painstaking in their work grow certified seed.
2. Have all potato growers use local certified seed in their plantings.
3. Practice crop rotation so as to have some cover crop to turn under previous to the planting of potatoes.

1. Organize a 400 bushel per acre potato club. High yields will lower cost of production and enable the farmer to make a fair net return per acre when prices are low.
2. (a) Practice seed selection at digging time as a factor in getting high yields per acre. (b) Spray or dust often to control pests.

1. (a) Put only machine graded

HEAVY LOSSES RESULT FROM MIDNIGHT BLAZE

Boone Drug Company's Building Is Damaged by Fire, Originating on Second Story. Prompt Action on Part of Fire Organizations Checks Blaze and Prevents Spread of Flames to Other Buildings.

The Boone Drug Company and Dr. J. M. Gaither were the principal losers as a result of the fire which on Tuesday midnight destroyed the chemical laboratory and storage room of the local dentist, inflicting a loss of about \$2,000, and resulted in damage to the drug store stock, which has been estimated at no less than \$1,000. The blaze, which was of undetermined origin, developed in the supply room of Dr. Gaither's offices, and was first noted by a guest at the Crutcher Hotel, who spread the alarm. Members of the local volunteer fire company had just returned to the city from Blowing Rock where they attended a dance given by the fire company of that town, and within a space of minutes were battling the flames. Meantime the Blowing Rock company was notified and within twenty minutes was here, however, not before the local boys had the blaze practically controlled. The trip from Blowing Rock was made in fourteen minutes, only six minutes having been required to assemble the firemen. Timely action on the part of the fire-fighters likely prevented the spread of the flames to the Crutcher Hotel.

Dr. Gaither's losses include practically all his dental supplies, laboratory apparatus, and his X-ray equipment is damaged, if not altogether ruined. He had just received a considerable supply of new materials a few days ago, and his estimated loss of \$2,000 is thought to be fairly accurate, an invoice of supplies having been taken last month. The damages may be found to mount higher, when the condition of the X-ray is fully determined.

Damages to the Boone Drug Store, founded on the first floor of the building, resulted altogether from the effects of water, a large amount of merchandise being ruined. The manager, Dr. C. K. Moose, is of the opinion, at first glance, that \$1,000 might cover the damages to the stock, however these figures are suggested without any considerable investigation. At any rate, a safe minimum would be represented in his estimate. The offices of Dr. J. B. Hagaman, connected with the dental parlors, suffered no material damages aside from some effects of the water. The law offices of Robert W. Pulliam were undamaged, while the plumbing shop of Charles S. Stevenson in the basement suffered only slightly. Davidson's Department Store, next door to the drug store on the street floor, got a share of the water, but no extensive damage is reported.

No estimate has been forthcoming as to the probable injury to the building, which, aside from water damage, was confined to the second floor. The dental supply room was practically destroyed, windows broken and the fire burned through into the garret, where it is likely new framing and roof bracing will have to be supplied. No effort is being made to completely check the losses, pending the arrival of insurance adjusters today (Wednesday). Insurance is in force on the building, and the different professional and business men occupying it, have policies covering equipment and merchandise.

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Local Democrats Will Attend Jackson Dinner

John E. Brown, chairman of the Watauga County Young People's Democratic Club, is in receipt of a communication from the committee on arrangements for the Jackson Day Dinner, to be held in the city auditorium, at Raleigh on March 15th. The letter states that while the quota for each county is small, the committee hopes that a representative group will attend the dinner, which is described as the most elaborate political affair ever planned for the State.

National Chairman Juliet Shouse will be the principal speaker of the evening, and it is understood that ex-Senator Democratic Congressman from North Carolina, together with the two Senators, have signified their intentions of being present for the rally. Josiah William Bailey, who is making a fight for the Senatorial nomination against F. M. Simmons, will also be a guest, along with dozens of other lesser party leaders from this and other states.

Chairman Brown requests that all Watauga Democrats who wish to attend the dinner see him at once, and make their reservations. The number of seats allotted to this county is small, and indications at present are that the limited number will not supply the demand.

Pritchard Introduces Compensation Bill

Commander Spencer Miller, of the Watauga Post, American Legion, asks The Democrat to publish the following bill, which was recently introduced in the House of Representatives by Congressman Pritchard, of North Carolina, under the heading: "A bill to compensate all disabled World War veterans and to effect a more economical administration of the pension laws of the United States."

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That every commissioned officer, enlisted man, member of the Army Nurse Corps (female), or of the Navy Nurse Corps (female), who served in the Army, Navy or marine forces of the United States after April 6, 1917, and before July 2, 1921, and who are now, or may hereafter become, either physically or mentally disabled from pursuing a gainful occupation, and their dependents in the event of death, shall, from and after the ratification of this Act, be awarded and receive compensation at the same rate of pay as is provided by the rating schedule of the World War Veterans' Act of 1924, and amendments thereto.

"Section 2. That for the purpose of determining the physical and mental condition of applicants for compensation hereunder there shall be appointed in each State and Territory of the United States, in such numbers as may be deemed advisable, examining boards composed of three competent civilian physicians.

"Section 3. That the Director of the World War Veterans' Bureau shall appoint the members of the said examining boards and shall fix their compensation. Provided, That after the consolidations hereinafter provided for shall have been effected the head of the consolidated agencies shall thereafter be charged with the appointment and fixing of the compensation of the members of the said examining boards.

"Section 4. That there shall be no time limit for application for the benefits conferred by this Act.

"Section 5. That for the administration of the provisions of this Act and to effect a more economical administration of the pension laws of the United States and the World War Veterans' Act of 1924, and amendments thereto, the President of the United States, by and with the advice of the Commissioner of Pensions, the Director of the Veterans' Bureau, and such other expert advice as the President may see fit to employ, shall effect such consolidations of the existing World War Veterans' Bureau, Pension Bureau, and other governmental agencies as are now charged by law with administering the pension laws and the World War Veterans' Act of 1924, and amendments thereto.

"Section 6. That this Act shall not deprive any veteran of his right to the compensation which he is now receiving under the World War Veterans' Act of 1924, or amendments thereto.

"Section 7. That all Acts and clauses of Acts of the United States in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

"Section 8. That this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification."

THE WEATHER

Weather report for week ending February 8, 1930, as compiled by the Co-operative Station, Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, J. T. C. Wright, observer:

Average maximum temperature, 40 degrees.
Average minimum temperature, 21 degrees.
Average temperature, 30 degrees.
Average daily range in temperature, 16 degrees.
Greatest daily range in temperature, 30 degrees; date 7th.
Average temperature at 8 a. m. (time of observation), 37 degrees.
Highest temperature reached, 50 degrees; date 7th.
Lowest temperature reached, 20 degrees; date, 8th.
Number inches of rainfall (including melted snow), 0.85.
Greatest rainfall in 24 hours, 0.45 inches; date, 4th.

OHIO JURY ACQUITS WILL HAYNES OF MANSLAUGHTER

Driver of Car in Which James Lovell Met Death Found Guilty of Driving While Intoxicated. Hasn't Yet Been Sentenced. Guilty Man Subject to Heavy Fines and Imprisonment. Jury Out Forty-five Minutes.

The following article, taken from a Coshocton, Ohio, newspaper of recent date, tells of the trial in that city of William Haynes, former Wataugaan, driver of the car in which James Lovell, son of William R. Lovell, Boone attorney, met death on November 30th.

William Haynes, aged about 50, of near Iseta, Ohio, was acquitted of a manslaughter charge but found guilty of a charge of driving while intoxicated by a jury in common pleas court Wednesday afternoon.

The verdict was returned by the jury of 10 men and two women after 45 minutes of deliberation on the case, which was started in common pleas court Monday morning.

As a result of the jury's verdict Haynes is subject to a penalty of a fine between \$100 and \$500, a jail sentence of not less than 30 days or more than six months, or both. His right to drive a car may also be revoked for a period of six months. He had not been sentenced today.

Haynes was charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of James Lovell, 31, of near Plainfield, who died as the result of injuries received when the auto in which he was riding, and which Haynes was driving, crashed into the side of a covered bridge near Orange on November 30.

The State charged Haynes with criminal negligence, claiming that he was intoxicated at the time of the accident and that the accident was caused by his intoxicated condition. The defense charged that Lovell caused the accident which resulted in his death when he grabbed the steering wheel and forced the car into the bridge while in an intoxicated condition.

The case was extended into an extra day Wednesday when the State requested a recess in order to secure the presence of a defense witness, Louis Wentz, of the Bakersville-Orange road. Wentz had been under quarantine as a result of scarlet fever in his home, but in spite of the quarantine his presence in court was permitted.

While the defense originally summoned Wentz, the defendant's counsel, Glenn and Glenn, refused to call him when it was learned that he was under quarantine. Prosecutor D. P. Binning insisted that Wentz's testimony be introduced in rebuttal, however, and he secured permission from Health Commissioner D. M. Criswell to have Wentz appear.

Commissioner Criswell explained today the quarantine was to have been lifted today, but that it was continued when it was found that another child in the family is ill.

In explaining Wentz's appearance in court, Commissioner Criswell stated that adults in a quarantined home are not restricted if they do not come in contact with the patient or with anything that the patient may have touched. It was on this ground that Wentz was permitted to appear as a witness in court yesterday, Dr. Criswell said.

The members of the jury which heard the case were Mrs. John A. Lorenz, Roy Enfield, H. J. Siegert, John Snow, Stacy Balo, Mrs. Holly Mohler, J. J. Bowen, Daniel Hudson, Fred Butz, B. F. Smalles, Ray Dawson and J. G. Fry.

LOCAL CHEVROLET DEALER ATTENDS DISTRICT MEETING

Because of the popular nation-wide reception of the new Chevrolet Six at lower prices, the Chevrolet Motor Company is preparing for a volume of business in 1930 that promises to break all records of the company. Confidence over the outlook for a banner Chevrolet year is widespread in the factory and dealer organizations.

This is the statement of L. E. Bingham, local Chevrolet dealer, who has just returned from Charlotte where he attended the mammoth Chevrolet sales meeting and banquet.

"Under the direction of H. J. Klingler, vice-president and general sales manager of the Chevrolet Motor Company, the meeting embraced the most graphic and comprehensive sales presentation ever attempted by an automobile manufacturer," Mr. Bingham said.

"The advanced merchandising methods which the factory is suggesting to the dealer organization were depicted in the form of playlets, showing the proper procedure to be followed in the successful operation of a retail automobile business."

In connection with the convention, the 100-car club members of the Chevrolet zone, which embraces the retail salesmen who sold 100 or more cars in 1929, held their annual meeting, and installed officers for the year.

THREE BITTEN BY MAD DOG NEAR TODD POSTOFFICE

News reached The Democrat that a mad dog a few days ago entered the Todd neighborhood, bit a man and two of his sons. (How much livestock he victimized not reported), passed on his would-be mission of death, but was overtaken and killed. The head of the offending canine was amputated and sent to the State Chemist who, after a careful analysis, wired the Ashe County physician that the dog had rabies. Naturally, there is much uneasiness among the people there, especially among those who were bitten.