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## Today and Tomorrow

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### Baker

George F. Baker celebrated his sixtieth birthday the other day. He is still the active head of the First National Bank of New York, one of the world's greatest financial institutions, in which he owns a controlling interest.

George Baker was a country boy on Cape Cod when he heard his uncle tell about landing money out at interest. It struck the boy as a new idea that you could make your money work for you. He resolved then to go into the business of making money earn money.

He has never been a speculator, a promoter or anything but a banker. Every other banker in New York looks up to him and relies upon his judgment. He never made a speech, he says that most of the talking people do is unnecessary. But when he says "no" to a man who wants to borrow money from him it is as convincing as if he had talked for an hour.

### "Hicks"

I went to a movie theatre the other night and saw a "comedy" which made me boil.

It was a "talkie" taken direct from the vaudeville stage, and it represented the people of a country town in caricature of costumes which might have been worn forty years ago, and with manners, dialect and habits which prevail nowhere in the United States today.

I live a good part of the time and vote at every election in a country town of a few hundred inhabitants. It is distinctly rural, yet its people are as up-to-date in their clothes and as correct in their manners and speech as well-bred people in any city; much more so than the general run of New Yorkers. Yet New York and the other cities get their impression of small towns from such movies as this one.

No wonder they call village folk "hicks." They forget that the men who head the business enterprises of their cities—New York, Chicago and all the rest—nine times out of ten grew up in these country villages and have proved themselves better than city-bred folk in the competitive game of life.

### Movies

According to Mr. Will H. Hayes, president of the Association of Motion Picture Producers, the movies are going to clean themselves up again. They are going to eliminate indecency and suggestiveness, incentives to vice and crime and about everything else that censors have objected to.

That is all very good as far as it goes, but it doesn't go far enough. What the movies need more than anything else is some relation to real life. Their real danger to the young is the false impression they give of the way in which people of different kinds and classes act and live.

Elmer Rice has written a book, "A Voyage to Parilia," in which he satirizes the movie standards of truth, morals and ethics. It is a book which everyone concerned with the training of children ought to read and profit by.

### Housing

The British Government proposes to rebuild all of the unsanitary buildings in the British Isles. The program will take forty years. Owners can be compelled, under this plan, to tear down old houses and rebuild them.

We rebuild everything every forty years. That is the average life of a building in America. Many dwellings are much older than that; I live in winter in one that was built in New York about 100 years ago and in summer in a farmhouse that is 144 years old. But ideas of construction, sanitation and the utilization of space change so rapidly that most people want a new house every twenty years or so.

### Diet

Members of Congress are eating a new diet, recommended by Dr. J. W. Calver, the physician to the House of Representatives, as being the best food for brain workers in warm weather. One of the popular new diet dishes is served on a single plate in the House restaurant and consists of raw cabbage and raw carrots, chopped small and served in tomato jelly, rye toast, Philadelphia cream cheese, a baked apple and either tea, coffee, milk or buttermilk. The tea is served with the lemon and one lump of sugar, the coffee is half milk.

The realization that people who take no exercise should not fill themselves with starches and meat is becoming general.

### FOUR NEGROES DROWN DURING BAPTISM; FIFTY SEE TRAGEDY

St. Louis.—Four negroes, a thirteen-year-old girl, a preacher and two deacons, were drowned Sunday afternoon in the Mississippi River during an Easter baptismal service. Another negro, a deacon, escaped drowning in an attempted rescue.

The four were swept away in the river current when they lost their footing soon after wading out into the stream on the levee here to baptize the girl, the only baptismal candidate for the ceremony. A crowd of about fifty other negroes saw the tragedy.

## COUNTY FARMERS DISCUSS POOLING OF WOOL CROP

County Agnet E. C. Turner of Ashe County Tells Assembly of Advantages of Co-operative Marketing Committee Named to Pass on Bids. Estimated That There are 9,000 Sheep in County for Shearing.

A large number of farmers and stockmen from practically every community in the county, met in the courthouse in Boone last Monday afternoon for the purpose of discussing various farm problems. The meeting was presided over by Smith Hagaman, president of the Watauga Livestock Association.

E. C. Turner, farm agent of Ashe County, was present, and discussed in detail a plan for pooling the present season's wool crop. The Division of Markets of North Carolina, he stated, in connection with the Federal Division of Markets, has arranged to handle the wool for the farmers on the following plan:

It is proposed that the farmer or dealer deliver his wool to Boone on a certain day, say around the 20th of May, and a committee composed of W. W. Mast, R. T. Greer and Arlie Brown shall consider all bids on this wool and accept or reject such bids as they may think wise. This committee may sell through the Federal Farm Board on the following basis:

The Board proposes to use the market price at the time of sale as above indicated and to this price add ten cents per pound; then deduct four cents per pound for expenses and advance 90 per cent. of this price. When the Board sells the wool, if the market remains the same as when delivered, the remaining 10 per cent. will be paid. If the market has fallen, the reduction will be taken out of this 10 per cent.; if the market has advanced the remaining 10 per cent. plus the advance will be paid. The method is expected to secure from four to six cents more for wool than local or small sales would bring the producer.

The farmer or dealer who enters this pool is obligated to hold his wool until the Federal Farm Board makes a price and if the price is not satisfactory, he is then at liberty to sell to anyone else or hold his wool at his own discretion. This effort of the State and Federal Divisions of Marketing is for the sole purpose of aiding the farmer in getting the top price for his wool.

Contracts to be signed by those who are interested in pooling their wool in this manner are being mailed to the different communities of Watauga County for distribution. If anyone who is interested fails to get a contract, write to G. P. Hagaman, cashier of the Watauga County Bank, who will be glad to supply them.

It has been estimated that there are nine thousand sheep for shearing on the farms of Watauga County, and that each one of them will shear an average of five pounds of wool. This estimate is anywhere near correct; the proceeds from the sale of the fleece will do much toward banishing "hard times."

## Many Kiddies Enjoy Legion's Egg Hunt

One hundred and ten children from various sections of the county met in the American Legion Park Sunday afternoon to participate in the Easter egg hunt, which was sponsored by the officers of the Legion. The children were divided into three groups, according to their size, in order that competition might be fair and square, and different games were played and stories told while the eggs were being hidden. A prize was given to the child in each group finding the most eggs, the winners being Louise Setzer and Louise Adams of Boone, and Rosa Lee Daniels of Blowing Rock. The afternoon was a red-letter period for the children and fully as many adults gathered in the park to enjoy the contest.

## STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE DEBATES BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Last Friday night marked an epoch for the Appalachian State Teachers College: the beginning of forensic contests with the great universities. Significant and forward-looking was the debate in which Messrs. Charles Norton and Frank Houser, of the local college, supported the affirmative against Messrs. William F. Davis and Lewis A. Novens, of Boston University, in a debate on the subject, "Resolved, that the nations should adopt a plan of complete disarmament, excepting such forces as are needed for police protection."

Again and again the enthusiastic audience of seven hundred citizens and students applauded as the one or the other side scored a point. No judges had been selected, but by common consent this was acclaimed the finest debate ever held in this auditorium.

Dr. Benjamin E. Gordon, manager of the Boston University Debating Club, and his debaters were guests of Appalachia, and made a most favorable impression. A finer group of gentlemen would be hard to find. Boston University will build Southern friendships wherever these young men go.

## INDICTED ON LIQUOR CHARGE

Two Blowing Rock men, Messrs. Henson and Teague, were lodged in jail here Wednesday afternoon on a warrant charging retailing, sworn out by citizens of the Beech Creek community. They will be tried tonight before Justice E. N. Hahn.

## Izaak Walton League To Release Many Fish

Daniel Boone Chapter, Izaak Walton League, held its regular meeting at the Daniel Boone Hotel last Saturday evening, twenty members being present. Various problems confronting local sportsmen were discussed, the main topic being the posting of land by owners after streams have been stocked by other individuals. While it is not the purpose of Waltonians to dictate to land-owners the manner in which they protect their fishing waters, it was the belief of the local body that the prohibiting of angling in streams as described above is not altogether sportsmanlike. It was pointed out that fishermen are required by law to gain the permission of land-owners before entering their property, and in cases where the owners have stocked their own waters, it would be perfectly all right for them to place an absolute ban on the sport.

Through efforts of the Daniel Boone Chapter, three rearing pools for fingerling trout have already been built in the county, and five more are under construction. Fifty thousand baby rainbows were placed in these pools Monday, and by fall 250,000 speckled and rainbow trout, ranging in length from four to six inches, will be loosed in streams of the county. Many of the men responsible for this work are not owners of property, and, should posting of land continue, they will be deprived of the sport which they are helping to restore to its former standing. The belief has been expressed that some of the land-owners who have posted their property this season think that in so doing they are aiding the Walton League in its work, and when the matter is brought to their attention they will reconsider.

Owners of fishing waters should see to it that all fishermen are provided with licenses, and should report seining, dynamiting and stream pollution to game wardens. With this co-operation on the part of citizens of the county, fish can be successfully propagated without the necessity of prohibiting the sport.

## Blowing Rock Seniors Will Present Comedy

"Bashful Mr. Bobbs," a three-act comedy—and fully entitled to be called comedy—will be presented by the senior class of the Blowing Rock High School on Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the school auditorium in that place.

The cast includes the nine members of the senior class and two sophomore boys: Bynum Teague, who as Obediah Stump, the hall-boy, kitchen boy and dumb-bell in a local hotel, is not quite of the Mayvive type, produces abundant merriment; and Joe Boliek, the rather subdued poor husband of a masterful young heiress.

The seniors are cast as follows: Lois Klutz, as the fiancée of a Mr. Bobbs, anything but bashful, played by Glenn Coffey; the authentic Mr. Bobbs, genuinely bashful, Paul Foster; Ruby Tolbert, the young wife and heiress; Helen Sudderth, an athletic young lady; Margaret Sudderth, a society bud; Hazel Blaylock of the movies, who makes all the trouble for the fickle Mr. Bobbs; Mary Robbins as her French maid; and Ruby Richards, the managing Mrs. Wiggins, who runs the resort hotel where the comedy takes place.

On Sunday morning following the play, the commencement sermon will be preached in the school auditorium by Dr. O. J. Chandler, pastor of the Boone Methodist Church. The public is cordially invited. On Wednesday evening, the seventh grade will present its commencement exercises under the direction of the teacher, Miss Greer. The speaker on Wednesday evening is Mr. Ira T. Johnston, of West Jefferson.

On Thursday evening the seniors will give their class day exercises, and on the following evening graduation will conclude the commencement program. The president of Daventry College, Dr. William A. Jenkins, will deliver the commencement address.

## Simmons Posts Entrance Fee With Election Board

Washington.—Senator Simmons Tuesday mailed to the North Carolina State Board of Elections his formal notice of candidacy for the United States Senate in the primary election, to be held June 7, together with his check for the required entrance fee.

The notice for candidacy filed by Senator Simmons Tuesday is as follows:

**NOTICE OF CANDIDACY IN PRIMARY ELECTION**  
State Board of Elections, Raleigh, North Carolina:

"I hereby file my notice as a candidate for the nomination as United States Senator for the term beginning March 4, 1931, in the primary election.

"I affiliate with the Democratic Party, and I hereby pledge myself to abide by the results of said primary, and to support in the next general election all the candidates nominated by the Democratic Party."  
F. M. SIMMONS, "Candidate."

## ONE CENT SALE

Boone Drug Company announces in this issue the semi-annual Rexall One-Cent Sale, which began yesterday, and which will continue throughout the week. According to the management, larger stocks for this purpose have been selected than ever before, and an increased business is expected. The sales have proven extremely popular here during the ten years in which the Rexall Store has operated here.

## I. G. GREER GIVEN NOMINATION FOR TREAS. BY G. O. P.

Republican State Convention Names Local Educator to Make Race This Fall. Only Candidate Nominated. James S. Duncan Named State Republican Chairman. State-wide Primary Considered Inevitable.

Republicans of North Carolina, holding their convention in Charlotte Friday, nominated Professor I. G. Greer, professor of Citizenship at Appalachian State Teachers College, as State Treasurer, he being the only nominee named by the convention. Professor Greer has been in the political limelight for the past several months, being widely mentioned for the Republican nomination for Congress in the Eighth District to oppose "Farmer Bob" Doughton. Following his withdrawal from the Congressional contest, he momentarily dropped out of the State G. O. P. race, until Friday, when over his protests, the State Convention honored him with the nomination for State Treasurer.

No other nominations were proposed on the convention floor. However, through the adoption of a motion the executive committee was asked to "draft" candidates for State offices should none file with the State Board of Elections.

James S. Duncan, Greensboro attorney, was named as State Chairman of the Republican Party, sweeping to victory on the first ballot over a field of four candidates. The tabulation showed Duncan with 9238-23 votes; O. R. York, of High Point, with 232; Jake Newell, of Charlotte, with 271 15-13; and Junius Harden, of Burlington, with 57. Mrs. Juanita Gregg Winn, of Liberty, was named vice-chairman. Like Duncan, she gained the office on the first ballot, polling 828 1-4 convention votes. After balloting, the convention in the case of each officer made the election unanimous.

The convention left no doubt that the party will hold a primary this year for the first time in its history. David H. Blair, of Washington and Winston-Salem, and Congressman Charles A. Jonas, of Lincolnton, were the only party leaders of prominence not present for the convention. Jonas wired that Congressional duties kept him in Washington.

Embodied in the party platform adopted by the convention was a "demand for a complete readjustment and revision of the tax system of North Carolina to the end that all classes of property, personal as well as real, intangible as well as tangible, shall bear their just proportion of the tax burden and that land shall

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## MISS HAHN BECOMES BRIDE OF MR. GEORGE W. BROWN

At high noon Saturday, Miss Margaret Hahn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Hahn, of Boone, became the bride of Mr. George Richard Brown, of Winston-Salem, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. O. J. Chandler, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Boone, in the presence of a few intimate friends and members of the immediate families at the Hahn home on Main Street. The vows were spoken at an improvised altar of ferns and Madonna lilies in the reception room of the home, which was profusely barked with floor baskets of spruce and pine, yellow tapers in silver candelabra casting a soft glow over the beautiful setting. The impressive ritual of the Methodist Church was used.

The bridal couple entered the room unattended, to the strains of the "Wedding March" from Lohengrin, softly rendered by Miss Ruth Coffey at the piano. Prior to the ceremony, Mrs. Suma Hardin sang "At Dawning" and "Sweetest Story Ever Told." While the service was being said, Miss Coffey played "To a Wild Rose."

The bride wore a traveling suit of Napoleon blue with gray accessories, and a shoulder corsage of rosebuds and lilies of the valley. Following the ceremony, a luncheon was served at the home of the bride's parents.

Mrs. Brown received her education at Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, and Greensboro College for Women. She spent two years in training for a nurse at the Twin City Memorial Hospital, Winston-Salem, and has a wide circle of friends throughout the State who will hear of her marriage with interest.

Mr. Brown is the only son of Mrs. W. M. Brown of Winston-Salem, and is now connected with Engineering Sales Company, of that place.

Following a brief honeymoon trip to Charleston, S. C., and other towns in the South, the young couple will be at home in Winston-Salem.

## SENIOR CLASS OF BOONE HIGH SCHOOL WILL PRESENT PLAY

"Sunshine," a play in three-acts, will be presented by the Senior Class of Boone High School at the Demonstration School Auditorium Friday evening, April 25th. The performers have been carefully coached, rehearsals have been held, and those who attend the entertainment are assured an evening of unparalleled enjoyment.

The cast of characters includes: Lucille Mast, Ella Mae Austin, Pauline McGhee, Maude Clay, Jake Hagaman, Ruby Graybeal, Carrol Cook, Edwin Dougherty, Ralph Farthing, Hazel Gragg and Thelma Miller. Chorus girls are Elaine Greer, Ruby Trivett, Carolyn Blair, Leila Ayers, Frank Linney, Lottie Laurence and Mary Honeycutt. The musical score will be executed by Blanche Smith's Appalachian Troubadours.

## Seeks State Office



I. G. Greer, professor of Citizenship at Appalachian State Teachers College, who was nominated for State Treasurer at the Republican Convention held in Charlotte last Thursday.

## Livestock Association Discusses County Fair

At a meeting of the Livestock Association held Monday at the courthouse in Boone, the feasibility of some kind of county fair for Watauga to be held next fall, was discussed, and a committee consisting of W. W. Mast, Arlie W. Brown, Roby Greer, L. H. Holler and Scott Swift was appointed to take the matter under advisement and report at next meeting. Numerous suggestions have been advanced during the past few months relative to a county fair, the most popular one being a proposed street exposition to be held in Boone. With the increased interest in agriculture which has been manifested for the past few years in Watauga, the prospects have grown brighter for some sort of agricultural fair, and it is hoped that the committee now at work on the proposal will report favorably at the next meeting of the Association.

## Alexander Thomas Dies At Valle Crucis Home

Mr. Alexander Thomas, 68 years old, passed away last Saturday noon at his home near Valle Crucis, after an illness with pneumonia which developed from a prolonged cold on the previous Tuesday. Funeral services were held from St. John's Episcopal Church, of which deceased was a faithful member, on Sunday afternoon, Rev. L. F. Kent saying the last rites. Interment followed in the churchyard cemetery.

Mr. Thomas was a native of Watauga County, and was reared on the same farm on which he died. He was one of the more prosperous farmers of his community, and was a leader in all civic movements. A kind neighbor, an unswerving friend, and a genuinely good citizen has gone, and his place in the life of the community will be hard to fill.

Surviving are a widow and two children: Mrs. Will C. Walker of Boone and J. H. Thomas of Valle Crucis. One brother, J. P. Thomas, and three sisters, Sarah, Margaret (Mrs. Roby Thomas), and Mrs. Polly Ward, also survive.

Mrs. Thomas, who has been in poor health for some time preceding the death of her husband, returned to Boone with Mr. and Mrs. Will C. Walker, and will make her home here.

## State Teachers College Wins Over Guilford

The Appalachian Normal baseball team raked Johnson, on the mound for Guilford College, here Tuesday afternoon for seventeen safe knocks to turn back the Quakers in a slug-ging match by the score of 14 to 5.

The Teachers started the fireworks in the opening rack and scored in all but three innings to win the victory. While the State sluggers were hitting the Quaker pitching freely, Fulkerson was twirling in brilliant style, giving up only seven hits.

Zachary, Guilford pitcher, playing right field for the visitors, featured the game by smashing out a long home run in the second inning. The drive went deep right-center and nobody was on base at the time.

Reed led the hitting for the State Teachers College with a triple and two doubles, while Walker, Harris and Canipe also came in for their share of base knocks.

Jamison, Guilford center-fielder, made one of the greatest catches ever seen here when he speared a terrific liner off Reed's bat after a long run to rob the Teachers' star of a possible homer.

## WHISKEY WAS SOLD TO KEEP THE WOLF AWAY

Durham, N. C.—Robert Jones, 56, partially paralyzed, and his wife, blind since she was three years old, turned to the liquor traffic to keep the rent paid and a mouthful of something to eat in the house, they told Judge Patton in Recorders Court recently.

Touched, but pointing out that even destitute circumstances constituted no ground for law violation, the judge advised them to seek assistance of the county board of charities, suspending and continuing judgment for twelve months.

## LOCAL ELECTIONS HAVE BEEN SELECTED

County Board of Elections Was in Session Saturday Afternoon and the Judges and Registrars for the Different Townships Are Appointed. No Other Business Considered by Body.

The County Board of Elections met at the courthouse Saturday for the purpose of naming the election officials for the county, whose duty it is to hold all primaries and elections of the year. All members of the board, Henry J. Hardin, Dontey Hagaman, and Grover C. Robbins, were present, and no other business came before the meeting. Following is the list of appointments by townships. The first named in each case is registrar and the last two are judges, the last named in every instance being the Republican member:

Bald Mountain: W. S. Miller, John Howell, Wade Norris.

Beaver Dam: Grover Johnson, Clyde Perry, W. R. Johnson.

Blue Ridge: R. F. Tate, Nile Cook, J. C. Story.

Blowing Rock: Dick Hollar, Grady Greer, Howard Holsbosher.

Boone: A. D. Wilson, A. M. Norton, T. E. Bingham.

Cove Creek: J. S. McBride, C. B. Moody, N. T. Byers.

Elk: P. G. Carroll, H. C. Hodges, Virgil Cox.

Laurel Creek: Ed Hagaman, Luther Ward, Mrs. W. O. Bingham.

Meat Camp No. 1: C. G. Hodges, Bynum Cross, G. G. Lewis.

Meat Camp 2: L. E. Beach, Herman McKel, Wayne Miller.

North Fork: W. C. South, B. R. South, J. M. May.

Shawnee: W. L. Welch, J. L. Triplett, Cicero Townsend.

Stony Fork: C. D. McNeil, J. F. Welch, J. L. Wellborn.

Watauga: Martin L. Herman, D. P. Wike, B. W. Farthing.

## Boone and Blowing Rock Adopt Advertising Plan

"Vacationing in North Carolina," an attractive booklet issued annually by the Carolina Motor Club, will contain as its center section this year a two-page, four-color graphic map of Watauga County, depicting in attractive manner the various attractions for the tourist to be found in the Blowing Rock section. The Boone Civic Club and the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the novel advertising scheme, have, within the past few days, raised the necessary amount of money (approximately \$1,500), necessary for the printing and distribution of the chart, and ere the summer season well begins, the map, together with juring descriptive matter, will be in the hands of more than sixty thousand people in all sections of the United States.

Every State and National highway leading from the East, the South, the North and the West will be shown in color on the chart, with their respective numbers, all of them terminating at Boone and Blowing Rock. Six thousand extra copies with scenic views printed on the back have been procured by the local bodies for distribution at will, the bulk of these to find their way to other great resort sections throughout the East and South. It is pointed out that only people who are really interested in finding proper vacation resorts will receive these booklets, thus increasing their value as advertising matter.

## Over 300 Burned to Death in Prison Fire

Columbus, Ohio.—Three hundred and seventeen men, confined in Ohio Penitentiary here, met death Monday night when a disastrous fire swept four cell blocks in the prison yard. Most of the dead were convicts who were trapped in the ill-fated tiers of cells. More than 100 others were affected seriously by smoke and it is feared more will die.

Regular Army troops, national guardsmen, prison guards, and Columbus police were called to the prison to maintain order among the more than 1,000 convicts who were loose in the prison yards and who, it was believed, had set several fires in the prison cotton mills, had cut fire hose and had threatened firemen. After a struggle of several hours with loose convicts who refused to go to their cells, soldiers and guards got the situation in hand and all was quiet in the prison enclosure at midnight. Then the work of removing the dead to the State Fair Coliseum was begun, and investigations into the disastrous blaze were started.

The penitentiary yards resembled an armed camp after a pitched battle. Lying on the grass were the bodies of some 200 victims of the blaze, most of them killed by dense smoke. In the prison hospital basement lay almost 100 other dead. A few dead were known to be in G and H cell blocks where the fire burned furiously for several hours after it started in an adjoining block and spread rapidly under a stiff west wind.

The great toll of life was not reflected in the estimate of property damage by the fire. Prison officials and fire department heads said the damage would be about \$11,000.