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Today and Tomorrow

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Facts

The basis of all successful business is facts. The head of one of the world's greatest corporations has a sign over the door of his private office reading: "What are the facts?"

The difference between leaders and followers in this world is that leaders know how to use facts. The way to begin to prepare for leadership is to study facts.

The greatest collection of facts about the United States, our government, industries, business, people and conditions, is in a book published annually by the United States government. It is called "The Statistical Abstract of the United States." Anyone who wants to be able to answer any questions of fact about our country can get them all in this book for one dollar sent to the Book Printer at Washington.

Williams

The most widely-known newspaper man in the world is probably Walter Williams. Williams started life as a printer on a country paper in Missouri. His education, except for a few years in the common schools, came from his newspaper work, travel and reading. He conceived the idea of a college of journalism and in 1908 established the first school of that kind, at the University of Missouri. There are fifty or so colleges of journalism now, in different universities, all founded on the Williams model.

The other day Walter Williams was made President of the University of Missouri. He still retains the title of Dean of the School of Journalism. He is the first newspaper man ever to head a great educational institution.

Sugar

Straw and cottonseed may soon supply the world with sugar. Xylose, one of the most widely distributed organic compounds in nature, is found in all vegetable fibers. It is a sugar which does not produce fat when eaten. It was first discovered in 1866 and chemists have been working for 44 years to find a cheap way to extract it. Up to recently it cost about a dollar a pound to get it out of the fibers. Under a grant by Congress two years ago the Federal Bureau of Standards has been engaged in chemical research into xylose, and now announce the development of a process which extracts it from cottonseed hulls at the cost of only five cents a pound.

The salvation of the cotton farmer may come through this added by-product of the cotton seed, though it will hurt the sugar-grower.

Oil

Oil is the world's most precious commodity. I am not thinking especially of petroleum, which is the first thing we think of when we say "oil." Palm oil from interior Africa, olive oil from the Mediterranean shores, whale oil from the seven seas, were articles of international traffic centuries before Columbus.

Today the animal and vegetable oils are still sought for everywhere and consumed in larger quantities than ever before. America has contributed corn oil, peanut oil and cottonseed oil to the list. We produce more linseed oil, from flax grown in the Northwest, than any other nation. Florida is beginning to produce tung oil, extracted from the nut of a tree native to China. The pursuit of whales for their oil has developed in the past twenty years to such an extent that international laws for the protection of these huge beasts are under consideration. Aviation has stimulated the demand for castor oil, which remains fluid at low temperatures and does not carbonize.

One of the newest scientific discoveries is a germ which will extract the oil from coconuts without pressure, economically and completely.

Welch

"No human being in this country is not his debtor, though millions have never heard his name."

No greater tribute could be paid to any man than that phrase which was applied to Dr. William Welch of Baltimore, "Dean of American Medicine," on his eightieth birthday.

Dr. Welch's great work has been in starting in this country the methods of medical research into the cause and prevention of disease and in leading in the application of the results of research to the practice of medicine. His especial interest has been in preventive medicine. The public health systems of America owe their origin largely to him. It is because he established the principle that it is the physician's chief duty to aid in preventing disease that the world owes him a debt of gratitude.

DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL WILL CLOSE TODAY WITH EXERCISES

The regular term of the Boone Demonstration School comes to a close today (Thursday). At 10:30 this morning the seventh grade will present their graduation exercises, and Attorney Ira T. Johnston, of Jefferson, is scheduled to deliver the address.

TOM THUMB GOLF COURSE TO OPEN SATURDAY NIGHT

Miniature Golf Course Is Installed in Heart of City Through the Enterprise of T. Hill Farthing and Wife. Followers of Game to Have All the Thrills of Golfing at Their Very Doors.

For the first time in the history of Boone, golf is offered followers of the venerable Scotch game here. The Tom Thumb miniature golf course on the Dr. J. W. Jones lawn on Main Street, covering only about a city block in area but having eighteen holes and giving the player the feeling that he or she is participating in a sure-enough golf match, will open Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock.

The course is similar to those which have already taken the fancy of golfers in other sections of the country and is cleverly arranged, offering a number of hazards to the player out to better Old Man Par. Par on the course is 42.

There are eighteen greens and the game consists solely of putting. "Straight and narrow" is the motto. The player picks it up, loses the stroke and replaces it on the fairway opposite the point in the rough from which it was taken.

The course is highly attractive and will be even more so within a few weeks. Hazards make up for distance and the ardent golfer will find that the miniature course offers some real entertainment and takes less time than an afternoon over a standard-size course. The course is lighted by twenty 300-watt electric lamps and will be the brightest spot in the city, and play will be enjoyed both day and night. Lighting equipment was installed by Ayers Brothers of this town, while the course is being lined up by E. L. Adkins, of the Tom Thumb Golf Courses, Inc., of Greensboro.

This new amusement is made possible by Mr. and Mrs. T. Hill Farthing, owners of the Boone Trail Cafe, who will have direct management of the business, and indications now are that great crowds will enjoy the amusement on the opening night. The Farthings are being congratulated on their initiative in providing this wholesome outdoor amusement for the citizens and visitors, and the success of the venture would seem assured. The player is required to furnish nothing—the operators provide the clubs, balls and score card, and a good time is promised all participants in the fascinating sport.

Mr. Wilburn Reese Succumbs Monday

Mr. Wilburn Reese, 72, of the Beaver Dam section, died at his home Monday evening at 11 o'clock. The funeral was held and interment was made at Beaver Dam church Tuesday the Rev. Wellington Swift, the oldest minister in Watauga County, conducting the services.

Mr. Reese had long been afflicted with some chronic ailments but up to a few weeks ago he was able to be up and attend to his affairs. He was a loyal and faithful churchman, a good citizen, a kind neighbor and an indulgent parent. He will be sorely missed in the community in which he lived and reared his family.

He is survived by his wife and one sister, Mrs. Ollie Madron, Parkersburg, Pa., and the following children: Roy Reese, Ohio; Louis, Dean and Asa of Watauga; Mrs. M. J. Williams of Vilas and Mrs. Walter Call of Elizabethton, Tenn.

Mr. Reese was the last of the Reese brothers, who were numbered among our best citizens. Mr. Marion Reese died at his home at Mabel only a few weeks ago.

BOONE CIVITANS ATTEND MEETING OF ASHE CLUB

Dr. G. K. Moose, Cliff McConnell, Fred McDade, G. P. Hagaman, L. L. Bingham, D. L. Wilcox, Ralph Winkler and Austin South, members of Boone Civitan Club, attended a meeting of the Ashe County Civitan Club last Thursday evening at West Jefferson. The feature of the evening's entertainment was an address by Mrs. Mary Sprinkle, of the State Welfare Department, who spoke most interestingly on the work of that organization in the State.

CHILD DIES FROM BURNS

Betty Rene Jones, 16-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orin Jones, of Todd, was scalded to death last Wednesday at Slatt, W. Va., where the parents were making their temporary home. A tub of water, which was being used by Mrs. Jones was upset by the youngster, inflicting the fatal burns. The body was brought back to Todd and buried in the family graveyard Friday. Mrs. Jones is a niece of Mrs. Poly Wyke, of Boone.

FORMER BOONE STUDENT WINS HIGH HONORS IN NEW MEXICO

According to a recent news dispatch from Las Vegas, New Mexico, R. H. Askew, former student of Appalachian State Teachers College and a teacher in Watauga schools, won first place in the oratorical contest at New Mexico Normal University on Tuesday night, April 15. Mr. Askew's dissertation was "The Constitution and the American Youth." He will compete with Arizona and Texas in Las Vegas on May 1. The University appreciates the interest of this young man in making earnest efforts to represent that institution in the International Contest.

Must Answer Charge Of Forgery in Spring

Fred Holler, 17-year-old resident of the Laurel Fork section, was placed in jail Wednesday evening after having admitted passing of forged checks at the Watauga County Bank. He was given a preliminary hearing before Magistrate E. N. Hahn Thursday and bound to the spring term of Watauga Superior Court. A bond in the sum of \$500 was posted for his appearance.

The arrest of young Holler came about as a result of a \$5 check, which was cashed for him at the Watauga County Bank on the second of last December. It was made payable to Robert Greene and was to be charged against the account of Roy Anderson. Paul A. Coffey, assistant cashier of the local bank, honored the check, Holler having alleged that Robert Greene was his name and that he had received the check from Anderson in payment for labor. When Mr. Anderson received his monthly statement from the bank, he noted the spurious check and he, together with the bank officials, began investigations, which culminated in the apprehension of Holler. In January a second check for \$5, signed so as to apply against Mr. Anderson's account was honored by Mr. W. W. Mast at Valle Crucis, and being made payable to Fred Winkler, and indorsed accordingly by Holler.

Mr. Coffey and Plato Moody were denuded by the Sheriff to make the arrest, and Holler was taken into custody at the home of Mr. George Eggers on Clarks Creek. He admitted the acts of forgery before they arrived in Boone, and ascribed the deeds to lack of money. So far as is known, the young man has never before been accused of law violations.

Closing Exercises at Blowing Rock School

Blowing Rock, April 30.—The sermon addressed to the seniors of the Blowing Rock High School Sunday morning in the school auditorium was one of the most enjoyable and inspirational recently heard by a Blowing Rock audience. Rev. O. J. Chandler, pastor of the Boone Methodist Church, delivered the commencement sermon; his theme was a contrast in characters—life as viewed by David and Solomon. With vigor, humor, and yet with dramatic earnestness, Dr. Chandler presented these lives in such a way as forcefully to present to those at the threshold of life the choice each may make for himself.

Special music was rendered by a choir, with the solo parts taken by Mrs. Thomas H. Coffey and Miss Mary Wooten.

On the preceding Saturday evening the seniors had presented their class play, the three-act comedy, "Bashful Mr. Bobbs." The role of the bashful hero, played by Paul Foster, and that of the fresh country product, Obediah Stump, played by Bynum Teague, brought the heartiest applause, but the audience appeared thoroughly entertained throughout, giving the seniors high praise for their adequate acting in every role.

Ruby Richards as Mrs. Wiggins, mistress of the inn in which the play was set, was one of the laugh-makers; Hazel Blalock, as the movie star in competition with a Carolina peach (Lois Klutz), for the affection of the rich and fickle Mr. Marston Bobbs (furnished suspense and drama; her French maid, Mary Robbins, provided an entertaining accent and a Waterloo for Obediah; Ruby Tolbert played convincingly the role of a rich and dominating wife of an inconsequential husband, Joe Bolick; Margaret Sudderth as a social butterfly, and Helen Sudderth as an athletic girl completed the cast.

One other achievement of the past week was the completion of the lawn. The work began in March with a community rally, was followed up by the sowing of grass, and the grounds are well landscaped now, though additional work is necessary below the school building in order to provide

WIDOW OF LATE JUDGE GREENE DIES SATURDAY

Mattie J. Greene Succumbs to Brief Illness in Local Hospital. Laid to Rest Sunday Afternoon in Cemetery Where Distinguished Husband Was Buried. Dr. O. J. Chandler Conducts Funeral.

Mrs. Mattie J. Greene, aged about 80 years, died in the Watauga Hospital Saturday noon after an illness of a few days. Death was directly attributable to internal hemorrhages. Funeral services were conducted on Sunday afternoon from the Methodist Church by the pastor, Dr. O. J. Chandler, following which remains were interred in the old Hayes graveyard, near the Greene home, the resting place of Judge Lee Greene, the distinguished husband, who died many years ago. Many beautiful floral offerings were in evidence.

Mrs. Greene was married in the year 1876 and in succeeding years was a lady of great prominence and wide acquaintance. Her husband was one of the big business men of his day, a political genius and the founder of the Republican Party in Watauga County. Later he filled with distinction a seat on the Superior Court bench. Mrs. Greene was a member of one of the pioneer families of this county, being a daughter of the late Sheriff Jack Horton, and has many more distant relatives who are numbered among the best citizens of this region.

Surviving are two children, Mrs. Bina Manderfeld, of Los Angeles; Miss Wilmetta Greene, a patient at the Western Hospital, Morganton; a granddaughter, Mrs. I. G. Renner, Washington, D. C.; and a half-brother, Mr. D. E. Horton, of Vilas.

Boone High School to Close Next Thursday

On Sunday evening, May 4, at 8 o'clock, the baccalaureate service for the senior class of Boone High School will be held in the Methodist Church, Dr. O. J. Chandler, pastor, will deliver the sermon.

"The Set of the Sail," a class night play in three acts, will be presented in the college auditorium on Wednesday evening, May 7, at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Wiley H. Swift, acting general secretary of the National Child Labor Committee, will deliver the literary address in the college auditorium on Thursday evening, May 8th, at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend all of these programs.

The following students complete their high school course this year: Herman Ashley, Lewis Austin, Ella Mae Austin, John Barney, Evelyn Bingham, Pauline Bingham, Lucy Christian, Beatrice Culler, Louise Cricther, Maude Clay, Carol Cook, Dana Cowles, Mack Cowles, Edwin Dougherty, Irene Davis, Frieda Farthing, Ralph Farthing, Hazel Gragg, Ina Gragg, Ruby Graybeal, Plato Greer, Virginia Greer, Paul Greene, Roy Greene, Frank Greene, Rena Hampton, Earl Henson, John Hodges, Jake Hagaman, Mary Edith Hahn, Oscar Houck, Betty Hayes, Fred McNeal, Lucille Mast, Theima Miller, Pauline Moretz, Pauline McGhee, Boyd Michael, William Norris, Lois Slansberry, Coaker Triplett, Doty Teams, Clarence Watson, Zilda Wilson and Bea Welch.

a baseball diamond and playground for the younger children.

The seventh grade graduation exercises on Wednesday, with Ira T. Johnston of Jefferson as the speaker, will be followed on Thursday evening with the senior class-day exercises, and the final graduation exercises come Friday evening with Dr. Jenkins, of Davenport College, as chief speaker. The public is invited to share all exercises, with no further charges at any event.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY SET ASIDE AS CLEAN-UP DAYS FOR THE TOWN

Arrangements were made last week by representatives of Boone Civitan Club, the Worth While Club, the Friday Afternoon Club, the Entre Nous Club and the Maids and Matrons Club, working in conjunction with the Board of Aldermen and the Mayor, to stage a three-day clean up in Boone, beginning today (Thursday) and continuing through the week. The town has been laid off in districts, and members of these clubs have called on the various property owners, asking them to co-operate in this effort to make Boone the cleanest and most sanitary town in the State.

Trucks will be furnished by the town on these three days to collect the rubbish, and haul it away. During the past month a large number of citizens have been at work on their lots, and there are debris that has accumulated during the winter months, and are planting flowers and shrubbery. This work has added much to the attractiveness of Boone, and the change is easy to be seen.

But there are certain people who, with polite apologies for the statement, seem to have no civic pride and care nothing for the appearance of their premises. And there are others who, on account of the busy season, have postponed the work from week to week. It matters not what the cause, the City Fathers urge the population as a whole to tidy up their property,

Editor Harris Pleased With Convention Plans

The following editorial, taken from Monday's Charlotte Observer, has a local touch that should prove interesting to readers of Watauga's only newspaper:

"Editor Harris, of The Franklin Press, and Editor Barrett, of The Brevard News, from their perches on the mountain tops, are bewailing the circumstances that the Press Association having elected to hold its next meeting at Blowing Rock, members, tired of the talk in the convention hall, will have no opportunity to stroll out and go into some building where they may sniff the odor of the press, and hear the rattle of the printer's ink and the hum of the printing office. If that is their only objection, they may as well pack their guns in joyous anticipation, for the hustling town of Boone is only twenty minutes from Blowing Rock, and there the visiting editors may be taken through one of the most uniquely arranged printing shops in the state. It is the home of The Watauga Democrat, edited by Bob Brevard and hand-dressed by him. Architecturally, The Democrat office has form and shape of a family residence. It is located four feet below the level of the pavement, the steps leading down into a grassy park, narrow, to be sure, but shaded by the sort of trees the village blacksmith boasted of. Inside there is an arrangement of machinery, desks, tables, stones and presses which display the hand of a genius, while, during a lull in the talk, is heard the rippling voice of a mountain stream that gushes up at the corner of the building and goes tumbling on its way to join the waters of the Gulf Work in The Democrat office goes along to the song of tumbling water. The Press Convention was held in this same town of Blowing Rock a dozen years ago, and it is remembered by those who attended as one of the best occasions."

The editor of The Democrat is indeed pleased with the glowing picture painted by Colonel Harris, and a move is now being started to bring the convention to Boone for at least one day. Residents of the town will remember with pleasure the day spent in Boone by the editors several years ago, when a bountiful meal was spread, picnic fashion, on the campus of the old Appalachian Training School. Many changes have been wrought in Watauga County since that time, and a round of entertainment should be planned that would far surpass that most enjoyable occasion.

Piano Recital Enjoyed At Teachers College

By J. M. DOWNUM

A most entertaining program was given in the College auditorium on Monday evening, when two young ladies gave their graduating piano recital. These young ladies were Misses Margaret Phillips and Bessie Goble. A very large audience assembled to enjoy this fine program, and all were well entertained and much pleased at the splendid performances. Each of the young ladies gave several numbers, in which they showed fine skill and excellent training. Mrs. I. G. Greer is the teacher of piano, and she is to be congratulated on her splendid work in the training of the young ladies, and they are to be commended for their fine application.

The College Glee Club, of which Miss Virginia Wary is the director, gave two fine numbers that were pleasing to the attentive hearers, thus showing their good talent and unusual training. Likewise, several solos were given by young lady members of this club. Few programs have been more fully enjoyed, and all went away pleased with the splendid results, and congratulating all concerned.

The college was much pleased to have Lieutenant Governor Fountain visit here a few days ago, and will gladly welcome him back at any time.

The beautifying of the college campus is still being carried on, and will be continued until trees and shrubbery are set out on all parts of the campus, that it may be more attractive to all who pass by this way as well as those who visit us and those who remain here. These spring days, with their life-giving power are making not only the campus but the hills, valleys and mountains around very attractive, leaving, and luring to the many aesthetic eyes that feast upon these scenes.

WALTON LEAGUE TO STAGE BIG FIDDLER'S CONVENTION

J. W. Bryan, an enthusiastic member of Daniel Boone Chapter, Izaak Walton League, calls the attention of the public to a fiddlers convention which will be held by the organization at the courthouse in Boone on Friday and Saturday, July 4th and 5th. His reason for the early announcement is to give all those who intend to participate in the contests ample time to make their arrangements.

Several large cash prizes are to be given away in the competition, and indications now are that some of the best talent in this section will be on hand. Mr. Bryan asks that fiddlers, banjo players and clog dancers who expect to enter get in touch with him as soon as possible, so definite plans for the big event can be more accurately formed. The Walton League will use the proceeds for the building of rearing pools and other work connected with their program to restock and protect the fishing waters of the county.

FOUNTAIN SPEAKS TO MEMBERS OF BOONE CIVIC CLUB

Lieutenant Governor Praises Watauga for Its Rapid Progress in Past Few Years. Diversification of Crops Given as Reason for Prosperity. Other Prominent Guests Enjoy Civitan Luncheon.

Lieutenant Governor Richard T. Fountain was a guest of Boone Civitan Club at the luncheon meeting held last Thursday at the Daniel Boone Hotel, and during a ten-minute talk to the large number of members present referred to Watauga as one of the most progressive counties in the entire State, and praised its citizens for the many improvements they have wrought within the past few years.

The distinguished speaker, who is prominently mentioned for the Governorship in 1932, told of certain differences that he has noted between Watauga and other counties in the East. One of the outstanding differences, according to Mr. Fountain, is the diversification of crops. Watauga farmers raising corn, potatoes, beans, cabbage and other crops which offer food for their families, while Eastern plantation owners raise nothing but tobacco, cotton, and peanuts, none of which is fit for human consumption.

The type of small farmer is also different here, stated the Governor. "When we have a good crop year in Eastern North Carolina, the tenant farmer sells his crop, pays a few bills, buys a rickety automobile and spends his year's earnings on gasoline before Christmas time. But not so with the farmers of Watauga; they raise a food crop and a cash crop, improve their homes and farms, and their surplus money finds its way to local banks, where it enriches the business of the county." Mr. Fountain stated that these differences are responsible for the advancement which has existed in the East, and the comparative prosperity that has been enjoyed by the people of the West.

In closing his much-enjoyed talk, the speaker commended Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of the A. S. T. C., and the board of directors of that institution for the great work they have done during the past four years in the development of the college, and urged the club members to cooperate with Governor Gardner in his State-wide live-at-home program.

Mrs. Sprinkle, of the State Welfare Department; Dr. A. W. Dula, of Lenoir; Mayor R. S. Swift, and Mesdames A. E. South, David F. Greene, J. M. Moretz, and Paul A. Coffey were also guests at the luncheon. Mrs. Sprinkle, who is on a tour of inspection through Western North Carolina, made a few observations on existing conditions here, and stated that Watauga is fast becoming one of the State's banner counties.

On account of the time taken up by talks of the guests, no business matters were discussed at the meeting.

W. L. Winkler Buys Large Georgia Farm

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Winkler have returned from a trip of several days to Ocala, Ga., where Mr. Winkler closed a deal for the J. R. Squires farm near that place. The farm is known as one of the best in Irwin County, contains 850 acres and has been profitably operated for a long time. Under the terms of the transfer, Mr. Winkler receives all the land, growing crops, stock and farm machinery. Six hundred acres of the place are now under cultivation and an idea of the scale on which it is being farmed may be gained from the fact that 100 acres are now in peanuts.

The actual transfer of the property was made last Thursday, however, Mr. Winkler will not move to his new property until later in the year, a superintendent having been employed to look after his interests there. He expects to make his home here in summer and in Georgia in winter, and has not disposed of any of either his town or county holdings in Watauga.

FORMER WATAUGA LADY DIES IN WINSTON-SALEM

Mrs. Ruth Andrews, of Winston-Salem, died in the Baptist Hospital in that city Sunday morning after an illness with pneumonia which had its beginning only a few days before. Mrs. Andrews was 27 years old and a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bingham of Watauga County. She was born and reared in this county and spent her entire life here with the exception of about four years. She is a member of one of the most prominent families of this region, was a most admirable lady and a wide circle of friends and relatives are grieved at her demise.

The remains were brought back to the old home Monday and funeral services were held from Henson's Chapel on Cove Creek Tuesday afternoon, the Reverends Burgess and Chandler conducting the services. Burial was in the church cemetery.

LOCAL DRUG STORE TO GIVE KODAKS TO 12-YEAR-OLDS

Of especial interest to 12-year-old children of this county is the announcement made on page eight of The Democrat this week by the Boone Drug Company. The local druggists, through the courtesy of Mr. George Eastman, originator of Kodak, are giving away, absolutely free, a number of kodaks to kiddies who were born during the year 1918. The announcement gives full details of the unusual offering.