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Today and Tomorrow

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Murder

One person out of every ten thousand is murdered every year in the United States. That does not mean that your chance of not being murdered is only ten thousand to one. For the ordinary peaceable citizen the chance is nearer a million to one that he will die at the hands of a murderer. Most of the murderers' victims are themselves potential murderers. In probably half of the killings it is a question of which criminal got the drop on the other.

I lived several years in Chicago, many years in New York. My work as a newspaper man took me into the most dangerous parts of both cities at all hours of the night. I never felt the need of carrying a weapon and I never knew of anybody not a crook, who was sober, unarmed and not displaying signs of wealth to tempt a footpad or a burglar, being murdered except by some crazy man, which might have happened anywhere.

Prophets

The voice of the prophet is still heard in the land, but it is the voice of the scientific research worker discovering new processes which will revolutionize some industry, and of the trade commissioner reporting these new developments to manufacturers. A short time ago one of the Government's trade commissioners reported from Berlin that German chemists had found a new and cheap way to make methanol, usually called "wood alcohol." The Department of Commerce broadcast that news to every producer of methanol in America. Only one paid any attention; he sent a man to Germany to find out more about it. The others sat tight until a few months later a shipload of the new German methanol arrived in New York, to be sold at less than the American cost of production. Then the manufacturers demanded to know why they had not been told. They simply had not listened.

All of the old plants for making methanol had to be scrapped and new ones constructed to make it by the new process, and the man who had listened to the prophets was the first American in the field with cheap methanol.

Moon

The hottest object anywhere near the Earth is the Moon. Also it is the coldest. Observers using the 100-inch telescope on Mount Wilson have been measuring the moon's temperature for a year. They report that the parts of the moon on which the sun shines are hotter than boiling water, and the side away from the sun is at least 254 degrees below zero.

The reason for this is that moon is a dry, dead mass of cooled-off lava, or melted rock. It has no water, no vegetation, no life, nothing to make clouds to temper the rays of the sun. If it were not for water vapor in the earth's atmosphere we could not live on it. The blanket of vapor keeps the heat from the sun from burning us up in the daytime, prevents that heat from escaping at night.

One way astronomers can tell whether other planets than ours are probably inhabited or not is by studying their atmosphere through their great telescope. The only one on which it seems possible for life as we know it to exist is Mars. When the new 200-inch telescope is finished we shall probably get some evidence as to the population of Mars.

Sperry

Elmer Sperry, inventor, has just retired from business at 72. He probably will keep on inventing. He built the first electric lighting station in the world, using arc lights, before Edison invented the incandescent bulb. He invented the modern electric coal-mining machinery. He made the first electric automobile. He invented a process for extracting chlorine and alkali from common salt which forms the basis of one of the great electric power industries at Niagara Falls. He discovered a way of reclaiming it from old tin cans, founding a business which buys tin scraps from the can factories, removes the tin and sells it to silk manufacturers to weight their goods and melts up the iron plates into window-sash weights. He invented and built the most powerful searchlights in the world, giving off more candlepower per square inch of surface than the sun itself, and now used by every Army and Navy in the world.

Sperry is best known as the inventor of "Metal Mike," the automatic steersman for ships, utilizing the mysterious principle of the gyroscope. He invented the gyroscopic compass, the gyroscopic stabilizer for ships and for airplanes. One of the most recent of his inventions tells railroad men whether there are any hidden flaws in their rails. His latest is a light weight Diesel type engine for airplanes. Only Edison has produced more useful invention than Elmer Sperry.

LEGION AUXILIARY

There will be a meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary on June 4 at 2:30 p. m., in the home of Mrs. L. S. Isaacs on Pine Street. All members and those eligible are urged to attend.

MRS. L. S. ISAACS, President, MRS. CHAS. YOUNCE, Secy.

AMERICAN LEGION HELD MEMORIAL SERVICES SUNDAY

Ex-Service Men of Watauga County Meet With Lutheran Congregation in Memory of World War Soldiers Who Lost Their Lives in France. Rev. J. A. Yount Delivers Able Sermon to Large Audience.

A memorial service for Watauga's soldiers who lost their lives on the battlefield of Europe was held at the Boone Lutheran Church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. A large number of ex-service men with their wives and families were present, a section of the auditorium having been reserved for them. The church was beautifully decorated with rhododendron, mountain ivy, sweet peas and fern, the tri-colors of the Allied Armies lending a militant splendor to the interior.

With Mrs. C. M. Bingham, a member of the Legion Auxiliary, at the piano, the audience sang "America." The scripture lesson, John xvii, 23, was read by Rev. Jeffcoat, following which Dr. O. J. Chandler, pastor of the Boone Methodist Church, offered prayer.

Following the singing of a hymn, Rev. J. A. Yount, pastor of the church, welcomed the visitors and delivered a most impressive sermon on the sacrifices made by the mothers and wives of soldiers during the bloody conflict of 1917-1918. Calling attention to the three banners which were displayed about the altar, the eminent divine recalled the men who gave their lives for the cause which they represented, those who died in service, and those who have succumbed to ailments of war since the Armistice was signed.

"This great World War," he said, had to use for a slacker. The nation as a whole assembled under the colors, the mothers, fathers and sweethearts offering their loved ones to the cause of democracy. We were not present with you boys while you were fighting for our freedom, but were with you in our prayers. Duty was most sublime in this great struggle. We deeply regret the untimely pilgrimage made by many of our companions who fell by the wayside in this great conflict and since its end."

The speaker referred to three Civil War generals, Grant, Lee and Sherman, whose statues now grace the Hall of Fame "Hill of Long Monuments to Service." "Our American boys did in no way fall short during the World War, their patriotism being most sublime," the speaker stated. Enumerating the cost of war and eulogizing the whole-hearted manner in which the people rallied to the cause, Rev. Yount explained that America spent considerably more than \$1,000,000 an hour for over two years; that when war was declared in April, 1917, the United States had only two aviation fields with 55 serviceable planes, and at its close we had 27 fields in operation with 8,000 training planes and more than 1,400 shipped overseas for duty on the firing lines. The number of American soldiers who reached France was 2,000,084; the American battle losses, saying nothing of the ones who died of sickness and disease, were 50,360 killed in action, and 260,496 wounded.

In conclusion Rev. Yount appealed to the Legion men, their wives and children to accept God as their leader and to let their aims be for higher citizenship, of which God was the founder. Following the sermon the Lenoir-Rhyne Glee Club sang "Just as I Am," and the meeting was dismissed. A bountiful basket dinner was served on the church grounds, and the entire congregation was invited to partake.

A brief meeting of the Legion and Legion Auxiliary was held after the memorial service and arrangements made to decorate the graves of all World War veterans buried in the country. Three of Watauga's soldiers are buried in France.

OTTO WOOD MAKES RANK OF "A" GRADE AT STATE PRISON

Raleigh.—Otto Wood, Greensboro's most distinguished living prisoner, has gained his "A" grade at the State prison.

Much learning made Otto mad and after he had written one of the most widely circulated books produced by a North Carolina author, he went into obscurity. Mr. Wood's book showed him to be a very fine man. Nobody ever had a less murderous heart and he proved to a great many people that he never killed Kaplan of Greensboro. But, when his goodness had been "sold" to everybody, particularly to buyers of his books, he took his foot and hand and made his third escape. When finally recaptured, as always he is, he was put in solitary confinement and kept there 26 months. Governor Gardner had him released and today Mr. Wood is a grade A prisoner again.

Otto, who has gained something like sixty pounds in weight since the Governor ordered his release in April, 1929, from "death row," is serving a 25-year sentence for killing a pawnbroker in Greensboro in 1923.

MAYVIEW MANOR WILL OPEN TO PUBLIC ON JUNE 20

A Mr. Chapman, prominent hotel operator of Daytona Beach, Fla., has leased Mayview Manor, Blowing Rock, and will open that popular hotel on June 20th. He arrived Sunday afternoon, and expressed himself as being highly gratified with prospects for the tourist season.

More than 6,000,000 acres of Canadian forests burned in 1929, the largest in many years.

Grace Lutheran Church Celebrates Anniversary

On last Sunday the Grace Lutheran Church of Boone celebrated its first anniversary, with special services at the edifice on East Main Street. Following a brief song service, Dr. O. J. Chandler, pastor of Boone Methodist Church, delivered a most eloquent sermon on "A Great Churchman." He related that since he had accepted the one vocation of a great churchman, that many desires had been cherished in his life. One of the greatest of these, he said, was that he be permitted to make a lifetime home in a field where the beautiful song of the dew-kissed mountain breezes, the pure air and crystal waters would afford him pleasures that urban life could never bring. "This glorious spot has been found here in Watauga County," Dr. Chandler averred, "my dream has come true, and the good people are helping me to fulfill my heart's desire."

The minister pointed out that criticisms from many angles are pointed at the churches, some true and some untrue, but consolation is found in the fact that men's minds are not biased at the gardens of purest conduct, and that the church has, for all time, moulded the life of the community. "The churches form the foundation of all education, from the poorest mountain school to the highest university in the land, and the best citizenship trods its way through our churches."

"Much has been said," the speaker continued, "about the ignorance of our churches; to say the least, such opinions may be confined to slackers, who do not attend church services to learn about God's wonderful teachings. The Lord tells us to turn away from the supernatural to the natural things of this life."

Dr. Chandler referred to Rev. J. A. Yount, pastor of Grace Church, as a great churchman, and complimented the wonderful achievements of his congregation during the past year.

Basket dinner was served on the church grounds at 12:30 o'clock and a special service of song and praise was enjoyed at 2:30, the Rev. Sam Sox, of Hickory, being in charge of the congregational singing.

News of Fish and Game Conservation

Mr. H. Grady Farthing has received from the State Department of Conservation about 150 eggs from the Ringneck pheasant. These eggs have been distributed over the county to be hatched by brood hens and taken care of the same as baby chicks until they are large enough to shift for themselves. They are then to be liberated. Mr. Farthing says the law will be rigidly enforced as to the protection of these birds for a period of at least two years.

Reports coming from the different sections of the county indicate that most of the anglers this season are making good catches of brook and rainbow trout and that conservation work has resulted in a general increase of game fish. Some misunderstanding has arisen, says Mr. Farthing, in regard to local anglers fishing in private properties in other counties. The impression is said to have gone abroad that the Watauga County license, together with a permit from the land owner in some other county, gives fishing privileges. It is pointed out that in order to take fish from the waters of another county it is first necessary to procure a State license, costing \$2.00 and which is good in any county in the State. It is, however, then necessary to get permission or buy a permit to fish in any private waters.

Mr. Farthing reports the acquisition of 1,650 acres of the Linney estate on Rich Mountain which has been leased with a view to using it for a game preserve. The State game warden, Mr. C. H. England, has agreed to stock the preserve as soon as the necessary details can be worked out.

BABY BOY IS LEFT IN HALL AT HOME OF ELKIN COUPLE

Elkin.—A four-week-old baby boy, left Monday morning at an early hour at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Holyfield at Rockford by an unseen party, has been accorded a warm welcome to the Hearts and home of the foster parents. About 4 o'clock Monday morning, the Holyfield household was aroused by the purr of an automobile in front of their home, but thinking it was their son leaving to go to work, fell asleep again only to be aroused a little later by the wails of an infant in the hall beneath their bedroom. Mrs. Holyfield went down to investigate the source of the cries to find a tiny babe snugly wrapped in blankets with a supply of clothing, toilet articles and food for the youngster's morning meal in a conspicuous place.

On the following day a letter bearing a Winston-Salem postmark was received by the family, the missive containing the information that "Baby Thomas" was born April 21, and that he was sadly in need of a bath inasmuch as he had traveled all the way from West Virginia to reach his new home. The Holyfields were employed to love and care for the child as if he were their own and the anonymous author of the note added that he or she hoped to explain the matter at some future time.

GINGER CLASSED AS LIQUOR

New York, May 27.—Fluid extract of ginger, called "ginger jack," believed to be responsible for hundreds of paralysis cases throughout the South recently, was declared an intoxicating liquor within the meaning of the Volstead law in a decision today by Federal Judge Caffey.

MANY DELEGATES AND MINISTERS AT M. E. CONFERENCE

Prominent Pastors and Laymen from Seven Counties Gather in Boone for District Methodist Conference. Meeting Will Come to Close Today. Rev. W. E. Poovey, Presiding Elder, Presides.

The Mount Airy District Conference of the Methodist Church convened at the Boone Methodist Church Tuesday evening. The Rev. W. E. Poovey, presiding elder of the district, presides. Mr. Poovey is a very able executive and was presiding elder of the North Wilkesboro District ten years ago. This district was only recently merged into the Mount Airy division.

The opening sermon was preached by Dr. O. J. Chandler, pastor of the local church, and was followed by a communion service. Business sessions began Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, and the meeting is expected to close today noon. Rev. L. B. Abernethy of Elkin delivered the noonday sermon Wednesday.

No less than one hundred and fifty preachers and delegates from over the district are in attendance in addition to perhaps 25 visiting workers. These come from the seven counties which are included in the Mount Airy District, and from seven others, parts of which are included in the conference grouping. There are 125 churches in the district, which compose thirty pastoral charges.

Watauga Wool Pool to Be Formed June 5-6

Every farmer or dealer who has wool for sale and wants to put it in the Watauga County wool pool, is asked to deliver it in Boone on either Thursday or Friday, June 5th or 6th.

The State Division of Marketing will have a man present on these dates. The Southwestern Wool Growers Association has agreed to advance 20 cents on the pound for the fleece on these dates, and ship the wool to Baltimore and hold it until they decide it is best to sell. Then the balance will be paid to the farmer or dealer.

On the dates above mentioned bids will be received from dealers and consumers and will be sold outright provided a satisfactory price is offered. If this is not the case, it will be sold through the government agencies as indicated.

If any person would like to know more about the plans for the sale, any member of the committee, or G. P. Hagaman or Smith Hagaman, will be glad to furnish the details. Members of the committee are W. W. Mast, R. T. Greer and Arlis W. Brown.

Primary Ballots Sent Out to County Boards

Instructions to county boards of elections to provide separate boxes for democratic and republican voters in all contests in the June primary, in accordance with the ruling of Attorney General Brummit, have been forwarded by Judge J. Crawford Biggs, chairman of the state board of elections.

The senatorial contest is the only state-wide contest in which both the democratic and republican boxes are required, since there is only one Republican candidate for corporation commissioner in each of the two places to be filled. George F. Pell is opposed in the Democratic primary by James H. Holloway. Stanley Winborne's name does not appear since he had no Democratic opposition.

Ballots for the U. S. Senate contest have been sent out to the 30 counties in which there are no judicial, solicitor or congressional contests, by R. C. Maxwell, secretary of the state board of elections. Ballots for judges, solicitors and congressmen had not yet been delivered by the printers. Official ballots cannot be distributed except to electors when they start to vote. But sample ballots are provided for the convenience of poll holders.

Democratic ballots are white, republican ballots are light blue, while the sample ballots, so marked in big black letters, are yellow, democratic and pink for the Republicans.

The democratic United States Senator ballots have the names of Furnifold M. Simmons, Thomas L. Estep and Josiah W. Bailey, while on the same ballot are the names of George P. Pell and James H. Holloway, candidates for the Corporation Commission nomination. On the Republican Senatorial ticket are the names of Irvin E. Tucker, George M. Pritchard and H. Grady Dorsett and George E. Butler.

OLD NEGRO WOMAN PAINTS CABBAGE TO STOP THEIVING

Winston-Salem.—Some people put bands on chicken's legs, some people get their license number of their car for identification but here's one who paints her vegetables.

She was just an old colored woman living in the Pond section who noticed her cabbages were gradually disappearing. So she painted the under leaves with red paint.

Then she went calling. The neighbor was having cabbage for dinner. The under leaves were missing from the head but were in the garbage can. The leaves had red paint on them. The cabbage owner went for "the law" but when they got back, the cabbage-cooker had gone.

Miss Coffey Becomes Bride of Baxter Linney

A marriage of interest to a large circle of friends in this and adjoining states was that of Miss Nell Coffey and Baxter Matheson Linney, which took place Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the home of the bride in Boone. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. P. A. Hicks, pastor of the First Baptist Church, in the presence of members of the immediate families and a few intimate friends.

The vows were spoken before an improvised altar of mountain ivy and rhododendron, white cathedral candles in silver candelabra casting a glow over the pretty scene. Previous to the ceremony Remmel Porter, violinist, played "Liebestraum" ("Dream of Love"), and James Moore, tenor, softly sang "Because." The bride and bridegroom entered the room, unattended, to the strains of "The Wedding March" from Lohengrin, played by Miss Ruth Coffey, at the piano. During the ceremony Miss Coffey played "To a Water Lily" (MacDowell). Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" was used as a recessional. The bride was attired in a smart tan ensemble with matching accessories, and wore a shoulder corsage of pink rose buds.

Mr. and Mrs. Linney left immediately after the ceremony for a motor trip through the Shenandoah Valley to Washington and other points in the North.

Mr. Linney is the accomplished daughter of the late Senator E. S. Coffey and Mrs. Coffey, of this place. She received her education at Meredith College, graduating in the class of '28, and since that time has been a teacher in the Boone High School. She is very popular with the younger set of the town, and has a wide circle of friends over the State who will hear of her marriage with interest.

Mr. Linney is a son of the late Frank A. Linney, for several years United States Attorney for the Middle North Carolina District, and Mrs. Linney, of Boone. He received his A. B. degree at Duke University in 1927, and graduated from the law school of that institution in the class of 1929. He is a member of Kappa Sigma social fraternity, and a legal practitioner in the courts of several of the western counties.

The Linneys will be at home after June 1 at their beautiful home in Daniel Boone Park.

Big Fish Landed by Some Boone Anglers

Since the trout fishing season opened in this county, followers of the Waltonian sport have been availing themselves of the enjoyment afforded to the fullest measure, and there are tales and more tales as to the size of the fish the creels contained when the weary sportsmen returned.

County Game Warden H. Grady Farthing came forth early in the season with a rainbow from the waters of Winkler's Creek, measuring 16 1/2 inches. Since that time Mr. Leo B. Vaughn took one of equal size from the Watauga River and another which measured 17 1/2 inches. Mr. J. W. Bryan, who accompanied Mr. Vaughn, however, says that he holds the record of the season, declaring that the rainbow he landed was two feet long, broad and deep in accordance, but the weight of the fish which it would seem, had just about reached whale proportions, was not revealed. To say the least, the big ones have been biting, and it remains to be seen who will yet be declared the official grand champion of troutdom.

FORMER BOONE STUDENT IS KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE

The following dispatch of May 25 from North Wilkesboro to the State press tells of the death of a former popular student at the Normal College in Boone, and will be read with sorrow by many local friends of the young lady.

"Miss Mary Fag Lankford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lankford, of the Moravian Falls section, was almost instantly killed late yesterday when she was run over by an automobile driven by Sanford Call, of Hunting Creek. At the time of the accident Miss Lankford and a sister were walking along the side of the road at a point a short distance from their home. She was rushed to the local hospital where she died a short while later. Call was taken into custody by Sheriff W. B. Somers and lodged in jail where he faces a charge of murder."

MISS SWINGLE ENTERTAINS IN HONOR OF MISS GREENE

Miss Dorothy Swingle entertained at a tea on Saturday afternoon at the home of President Edgar Tufts of Banner Elk, to announce the engagement of Miss Erlene Greene, secretary to the president, and Professor Leo K. Pritchett, principal of Lees-McRae College. Receiving with Mr. Pritchett and Miss Greene were President and Mrs. Tufts, while Miss Margaret Tufts and Miss Frances Stinson assisted Miss Swingle in serving.

Among those who called during the afternoon were Mrs. Edgar Tufts, Dr. Robert O. Flinn of Atlanta, Mrs. Tate and Mrs. Hardin of Grace Hospital, Mrs. Wakefield and Miss Phoebe Wakefield of Atlanta, Miss Parker of Black Mountain, Mrs. Kenneth Forman of Davidson College, the members of the faculty of Lees-McRae College. Mr. Painter and the members of the staff of Grandfather Orphanage.

CENSUS RETURNS SHOW BOONE HAS MADE HUGE GAIN

Including College Students and Commuters, Town Now Has Population of Near Three Thousand. Watauga's Increase is Near Two Thousand. Educational Facilities Contribute to Growth.

According to information which The Democrat received Tuesday from Mr. R. P. Caldwell, assistant district supervisor of the census at Hickory, Watauga County now has a population of 15,155, as against 13,777 in 1920, a gain of 1,278 during the past ten years, while Boone, her county seat, now numbers 1,293 souls, as compared with the 374 enumerated in the former census, an increase of 919 or more than three hundred per cent. Blowing Rock, the only other incorporated town in the county, has 605 inhabitants, an increase of 165 over 1920, when 338 persons were enumerated. The figures as supplied The Democrat, it is pointed out, are released just as sent in by the various enumerators, and have not been officially checked by the Hickory office.

Boone has shown one of the most remarkable population increases of any town in North Carolina during the past decade. While census returns indicate that most of the smaller towns throughout the country have shown steady decreases, Watauga's metropolis continues to grow and it is to be remembered that there has been no substantial widening of the corporate limits. If one should take into consideration the transient population at the college, which would probably reach a yearly average of around seven or eight hundred, and should include the residents of the suburbs, who, in fact, are citizens of the town in effect, the population of the city would be slightly less than three thousand. Residents of the village of Perkinsville and of the Oak Grove section and of the territory in the nearby direction of Blowing Rock, as well as many nearby dwellers in every direction all combine to make Boone citizens feel that they really have a bigger town than the figures show, however gratifying the percentage of increase they show may be.

The unprecedented growth of Boone during the past ten years is likely due to the advent of good roads, the railroad and perhaps, more than all, to the ever-widening fame of this as the greatest educational center of Western Carolina. The substantial increase in the rural population of this county is none the less gratifying in view of the recent general exodus of the farm population to the cities. The figures show that Watauga is holding her own in this respect admirably. Her people are becoming more and more interested in the farms, and the younger generation, which of late years has been migrating to the manufacturing centers, has invariably returned and made permanent Watauga citizens.

The figures which The Democrat has received give the population of the various townships of the county as of 1920 and 1930. They follow:

Township	1930	1920
Bald Mountain	432	421
Beaver Dam	1156	1461
Blowing Rock (town)	503	338
Blowing Rock	498	326
Blue Ridge	713	738
Boone (town)	1293	374
Boone	2038	1659
Love Creek	1766	1483
Elk	443	493
Laurel Creek	1141	1124
Meat Camp 1 and 2	1230	1133
North Fork	339	347
Shawneehawk	630	667
Stony Fork	1251	1127
Watauga	1722	2016

WORLD'S TALLEST BUILDING IS FORMALLY OPENED

New York, May 27.—The tallest structure in the world—the Chrysler building, was opened formally today.

Its burnished rustless steel spire scrapes the clouds 1,030 feet above Forty-second Street and Lexington Avenue, 48 feet higher than the Eiffel Tower and 75 feet above the Bank of Manhattan building in the financial district, which was opened yesterday.

It is a building of superlatives. It is the highest, it has what is said to be the largest painting in the world in the ceiling of the lobby, a canvas 100 feet by 75. It has the highest restaurant in one of the upper floors and the highest club rooms, the Skyscraper Club, and the most stories, 78.

THE WEATHER

Weather report for week ending May 24th, as compiled by the Co-operative Station, Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, J. T. C. Wright, observer.

Average maximum temperature, 64 degrees.

Average minimum temperature, 50 degrees.

Average temperature, 57 degrees.

Average daily range in temperature, 22 degrees.

Greatest daily range in temperature, 26 degrees; date, 24th.

Average temperature at 6 p. m. (time of observation), 56 degrees.

Highest temperature reached, 70; date, 21st.

Lowest temperature reached, 41; date, 23rd.

Greatest rainfall in 24 hours, .99; date, 23rd.

Number of clear days, 4.

Number of partly cloudy days, 3.

Direction of prevailing wind, southwest.