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## Today and Tomorrow

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### Banks

A. P. Giannini told a Congressional committee the other day that branch banking would eventually supersede the present system of independent local banks in the United States, as it has done in Canada and largely in England. Small villages, he said, cannot support a bank with sufficient resources to meet the growing industrial needs of small towns.

Mr. Giannini is probably right. There are good-sized cities in the United States, whose progress has been held back by lack of adequate local banking capital and by the narrow outlook of local bankers. The prejudice against "chain" ownership of any kind of business extends to banks as well as to stores, but as in the case of chain stores, the remedy is in the hands of the community. Independent banks, like retailers, can compete with "chain" institutions if they will adopt the modern method of the chains and provide themselves with sufficient resources to make competition effective.

### Cripples

One of the things which we are beginning to learn is that the worst thing we can do for a person who has been disabled by disease or accident is to coddle him or her, and the best thing that can be done is to train the remaining faculties to useful work.

The Veterans Bureau has finished its rehabilitation work with men who were injured in the World War, and reports that every man who is capable of any sort of productive effort is now at work somewhere. But the Federal Government is co-operating with the states to provide the same sort of rehabilitation training for victims of industrial accidents and of crippling diseases like infantile paralysis. Only a few states are giving co-operation, but in those surprising results have been achieved.

Leaving out the benefit to society by not having to support the cripple in idleness, there is a definite value to the injured person in the discovery that he is still able to earn a living.

### Stupidity

Customs officials in Seattle recently seized 120 copies of a German medical book, imported by a Seattle dealer for sale to the medical men of the Northwest. The ground for the seizure was that the contents of the book were "indelicately." The book is a learned treatise on biology, which word is merely a technical term meaning "life."

Life, apparently, is indelicate, in the eyes of the United States Customs. But human life only. Nobody tries to suppress books which deal with the breeding of livestock, dogs or poultry. Only when a book suggests that the life processes of human beings are similar to those of other animals do well-meaning but stupid officials interfere.

### Lowdown

Victor V. Green runs what he calls "The Most Low-Down Paper on Earth." Its title is the Coachella Valley Submarine and it is published at Coachella, Riverside County, California, 76 feet below sea level.

Editor Green has a sense of humor, as is evidenced by the sub-title of his paper. He also has a sense of responsibility to his thriving agricultural community, as the local news in the "Submarine" clearly shows.

There are other valleys in California the bottoms of which are even farther below the level of the Pacific Ocean than this one. They are beds of ancient lakes which were once bays of the ocean before some prehistoric earthquake raised the land between them and the sea.

Old ocean beds make good farms everywhere. Holland's farms are almost entirely on reclaimed sea-bottom, and another 300,000 acres of ocean has just been diked off and is being pumped out to add to the agricultural area. Much of Florida's best land has only lately been reclaimed and now a project is on foot to irrigate the Sahara Desert and make it the world's garden spot.

### Washington

The National Capital is rapidly becoming the most beautiful city in America. One of the most beautiful cities of the world, I first went to Washington as a boy, nearly fifty years ago. I have seen it grow from a little ornamented in spots with beautiful structures and monuments, to something which now begins to resemble the harmonious, stately beauty of the great Frenchman, M. L'Enfant, whom George Washington employed to lay out the city.

Just now there is being spent in Washington on public buildings and grounds, parkways and the like, a total of \$314,250,000.

Washington was planned to face East and South from the Capitol and the White House, respectively. Real estate speculators of the 1790's bought up the desirable lots and held them at such high prices that the city grew North and West instead and new fronts had to be put on the White House and the Capitol, the back doors of which faced the city as it is now.

Mark on your calendar these dates: July 21 to August 1, and prepare to spend them at Farm and Home Week, State College.

## BLOWING ROCK IS SPENDING \$1,500 FOR ADVERTISING

Special Election in Neighboring Town Is Carried Overwhelmingly to Levy Special Tax for Municipal Publicity. National Publications Will Carry Messages from Famous Resort Town.

On Tuesday the voters of the town of Blowing Rock went to the polls to vote for and against an ordinance authorizing the city commissioners to levy an annual tax, not exceeding 10 cents on the \$100 valuation, the proceeds from the special levy to be used for advertising purposes. Much interest was manifested in the voting and the ordinance was approved by a vote of 131 to 5.

The problem of raising the necessary funds with which to tell the outside world of the advantages offered by Blowing Rock as a resort center, has long occupied the minds of many of her citizens, but it remained for Mayor G. C. Robbins to advance the proposition of a special tax, and prior to the election the scheme had gained favor before a session of the recently organized chamber of commerce, of which C. S. Prevette is president and H. P. Holsinger, secretary. No less than \$1,500 will be derived from the special tax, it is stated, and each year a special committee will decide upon what publication is to be used for the publicity. Boone and Blowing Rock jointly advertised this year in "Vacationing in North Carolina," a publication of the Carolina Motor Club, and it is probable that Blowing Rock will use the same vehicle yearly. At any rate, an option has been secured on the desired space.

The people of Blowing Rock are to be congratulated upon their enterprise in inaugurating a systematic advertising program. All great tourist centers have developed largely through judicious publicity, and it is safe to say that our neighbors will never have cause to regret their action of Tuesday.

## Cottrell Brothers in New Grocery Business

Mr. D. J. Cottrell, for a quarter of a century a leading merchant of this city, has disposed of his dry goods stock here and is opening a general store in the Beaver Dam section. Two sons, Dallas and Howard, under the firm name of Cottrell Brothers, have taken over their father's stand and have opened a first rate grocery store therein. An announcement of Saturday offerings is contained in The Democrat this week. It is the purpose of the new business to handle the highest quality of goods at the lowest possible prices, and in view of the fact that both young men are most popular and have had wide experience, it is predicted that they will be unusually successful.

It is with a good deal of regret that the people of Boone learn that Jones Cottrell has changed his business location. He was a merchant here when Boone was scarcely more than a wide place in the road, has always done a good business, is a genuine good fellow and he and his store will be missed. His home will remain in Boone, however, and he will return to the city each Saturday evening.

## Luther Clay Lands Record Rainbow Trout

Mr. R. L. Clay, popular station agent for the Linville River Railway Company and an ardent fisherman, landed a record-breaking rainbow trout on Watauga River last Friday. The big fish measured 22 1/4 inches and was taken with a fly hook from a pool near the power dam. Mr. Clay thus hangs up a record that will not likely be eclipsed during the trout season. Several other nice trout were caught on the trip and while they would have been classed as big ones ordinarily, their size was dwarfed when the dimensions of the big fellow were contemplated.

## Boone Drug Company Celebrates Anniversary

On June 15th, the Boone Drug Company will have rounded out ten years of service to the people of this county. In celebration of the anniversary of the local business house, its manager, Dr. G. K. Moore, has arranged a special sale of toiletries, announcement of which is made on page eight of The Democrat. From a small beginning, the Rexall Store has grown into one of the most modern establishments of its kind in this section of North Carolina, and enjoys a widespread patronage. The management is felicitated upon the accomplishments during the past decade.

## SIGNS USED BY MINISTERS IN DEAF AND DUMB CHURCH

London.—London has a church for the deaf and dumb. Reverend A. Smith, chaplain of All Saints, a middle-aged minister, conducts the services. His church is filled to capacity. People lean forward so that they can more easily follow the gesticulating fingers of the preacher. The congregation sings the hymn, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today," by tapping it out on their fingers, and experience as much joy and comfort as attendants of great cathedrals. Occasionally, a person who is blind as well as deaf and dumb, raises his hand and some one who is near him taps his fingers the sermon or the hymn.

## Veteran Defeated



SENATOR F. M. SIMMONS

## Glory of Simmons' Record Will Stand

(Winston-Salem Journal)  
Horace M. DuBose Jr., Simmons' campaign manager in Forsyth County, issued a statement yesterday in which he said Senator Simmons, although defeated, is still firmly entrenched in the hearts of hundreds of thousands of voters.

Mr. DuBose declared, however, that he would vote for Josiah W. Bailey in the November election.

"The result of the primary has taken from Senator Simmons no part of the glory which surrounds his past record.

"Those who have sought to destroy Senator Simmons have only implanted more firmly in the hearts of hundreds of thousands of voters a love for that man who fought and fell in a just cause.

"Had the Southern Confederacy successfully sustained the War Between the States, Robert E. Lee would be known as a great general who won a war but the veneration which enthrones him in the hearts of Southern men would be lacking.

"Furnifold M. Simmons has lost the election, but in its place he has gained an immortality which shall be glorious as long as men honor virtue, and history records their deeds."

## Fiddlers Convention Will Be a Big Event

Indications are that the old-time fiddlers convention which is scheduled to be held in Boone on the evenings of July 4 and 5th, will be the biggest event of its kind ever enjoyed in this section. The entertainment is being sponsored by the Izak Walton League of Watauga County and the proceeds derived therefrom are to be used for the conservation of the fish and game of the county. A committee composed of W. H. Gragg, J. W. Bryan and G. H. Winkler has been selected to arrange the convention and the initial announcement is carried in The Democrat this week.

## Say Low Prices Must Not Check the Farmers

"Prices are lower, but all the greater reason that the farmer shall produce more," says County Superintendent Smith Hagaman, referring to the lowered prices, especially of sheep and wool. "This is no time for a livestock grower," continued Mr. Hagaman, "to reduce. A few unwise farmers will be discouraged because his wool and lambs were cheap, however, compared with other things, lambs and wool prices were not so bad. The wool pool succeeded in selling our wool at the highest prices paid in this section to date.

"This is the very time to hold tight. Almost every farmer should have a few good sheep. At a low price they are the most profitable livestock for the average farmer and no farming country has ever succeeded well that has not grown livestock.

"The capitalist says the farmer always acts the fool and sells when the price is low and buys when high. If you have more sheep than you want to keep over divide with your neighbor."

Mr. Hagaman closed his observations with the declaration that there ought to be a widespread reducing of debts this fall and urges the people to begin to plan to this end now.

## MEXICAN POOR GET FARMS

Mexico City.—Allotment of farms to Mexican peasants is provided in a decree signed by President Rubio Ortiz. None of the land so distributed has been expropriated from large landholders due to evidence that large productive holdings were broken up in the past while millions of acres of good land lay idle.

It is the aim of the President to increase employment by colonizing idle lands and at the same time to improve the insufficient farm production of the country.

## BAILEY IS VICTOR IN PRIMARY FIGHT FOR U. S. SENATE

Raleigh Attorney Is Overwhelmingly Nominated for the Senate Over Senator F. M. Simmons. Watauga Falls Near Thousand Democratic Votes and Gives Bailey Majority. Pritchard Wins for Republicans.

Josiah W. Bailey, Raleigh attorney and candidate for Governor of North Carolina against A. W. McLean in 1924, won an overwhelming victory over his opponent, Senator F. M. Simmons, in the primary of Saturday. On the face of almost completed returns, it would appear that the Bailey lead is hovering close around 70,000.

A surprisingly large vote was cast in Watauga County, where as a general rule primary elections are all but ignored. Nine hundred and sixty-five Democratic ballots were cast, while the Republican candidates polled 220 votes, or a total of 1,185. The registrars submitted their reports to the county board of elections Monday and certified copies of the result were forwarded to the State Board for the official tabulation. Bailey led Simmons in Watauga by more than a two to one majority, the final figures standing, Bailey 697, Simmons 268, or a majority for the former of 429. Mr. Estep, wet Democratic aspirant, polled one vote in Meat Camp Township, the only one received in the county. Senator Simmons carried two townships, Bailey led in ten and in two precincts no vote was cast. The Democratic Senatorial vote follows:

	Sim.	Bailey
Boone	120	238
Beaver Dam	17	39
Blue Ridge	0	0
Blowing Rock	17	52
Bald Mountain	23	4
Cove Creek	37	80
Elk	29	17
Laurel Creek	11	58
Meat Camp No. 1	1	0
Meat Camp No. 2	0	0
North Fork	3	51
Shawneehaw	0	35
Stony Fork	11	63
Watauga		

George P. Pell, candidate to succeed himself as corporation commissioner, won easily over his opponent, James H. Holloway, in the local contest. Pell's vote was 714 as against 50 for Holloway. His majority in the State is near 90,000.

Little interest was manifested among the Republicans of the county, taken as a whole, but the vote was heavier than was anticipated. Tucker was the favorite, having polled 128 votes, Pritchard came in second with 64. Butler carried 26, while Dorsett received 2.

## PRITCHARD NOMINATED

Charlotte, June 10.—Plans for an active State-wide campaign throughout the State were being made by Democratic party leaders as returns from Saturday's State-wide primary majority by which the party turned from Senator F. M. Simmons.

Josiah W. Bailey, Raleigh attorney, who defeated the dean of the United States Senate, announced he would make a campaign in every county in the State if party leaders felt it best. He will be opposed by George M. Pritchard, Asheville, whose majority will likely be over 8,000.

Only 1,113 of the State's 1,793 precincts had been reported late today and Pritchard had 13,000 votes; Butler 3,962; District Attorney Irving B. Tucker 3,031, and H. Grady Dorsett 851.

In the Democratic race, 1,702 precincts had been reported with Bailey having 197,078 votes; Simmons 128,081, and Thomas L. Estep 1,645.

## Aberneathy Renominated

Congressman Charles L. Aberneathy, of the Third District, was renominated over Samuel Hobbs, and Frank Hancock was nominated in the Fifth to succeed Major Charles M. Stedman, last of the Confederate veterans in the House, who did not stand for re-nomination. In the Tenth District Zebulon B. Weaver, who was defeated in 1928 by George M. Pritchard, was nominated over Wallace B. Stone.

A tight race that must be decided by a run-off primary resulted in the Ninth District where A. L. Bulwinkle had a small lead over Hamilton C. Jones, Charlotte attorney. W. Albert Sams, third man in the race, polled 2,240 votes and prevented a decision at this primary. Jones' vote in 246 of the 257 precincts in the district was 17,317 and Bulwinkle 18,012.

In the Seventh Judicial District, Solicitor Leon Brasfield was defeated by J. C. Little for the Democratic nomination. The district commanded gave Little 8,813 and Brasfield 8,768.

George P. Pell was renominated for Corporation Commissioner over James H. Holloway.

## READY TO TAKE STUMP

Raleigh.—Josiah William Bailey, the Democratic nominee for United States Senate, is ready to take the stump and go through 100 counties in North Carolina if this canvass is desired. He did this in 1924 and by speaking to many thousands formed the only semblance of an organization that he could get. The Saturday primary ended a very different sort of campaign. Volunteers in droves were ready for him in every county. The late primary illustrates a truth which has come to be regarded a lie—that a campaign may be run without great expenditure of money.

Neither Senator Simmons nor Mr. (Continued on Page 8)

## Wins Senate R



HON. JOSIAH W. BAILEY

## Half-Million Brook Trout Are Liberated

Mr. C. F. Smathers, manager of the State fish hatchery near Rutherfordton, reports that about a half-million brook trout have been distributed in the waters of Watauga and adjoining counties in the past month and that reports are to the effect that they are growing nicely and bid fair to furnish a high percentage of sport for the anglers later on. Mr. Smathers has about two hundred and fifty thousand fish left at the hatchery which will be retained and cared for until they reach an average length of perhaps four inches. Experience has proven in past years that until fish reach a considerable size only a very small percentage of them survive.

Mr. Smathers is well pleased with the activities of the Izak Walton League recently formed here and which is materially assisting in the conservation of fish and game in this region. Interest in game fish, he says, is beginning to increase, and numbers of Wataugans are building private ponds and stocking them from the hatchery.

In these cases an agreement is made whereby a portion of the fish are returned to fishing waters at a specified time. Mr. Smathers says that where they are cared for in this manner, by far more fish are available to anglers, than should the entire lot take chances with their aquatic enemies.

## Fugitive Warrant Heads Bond Salesman in Tenn.

Some weeks ago a man by the name of Davis visited some of the good citizens of the county, offering for sale Russian bonds and succeeded in making several sales of the supposed government paper. He left the county and on Monday information came to local purchasers that Davis was negotiating a deal in Mountain City for the disposal of the notes given him here. The understanding was that the notes were not due at this time, but it appears that they would have been collectable at once by the innocent purchaser. A fugitive warrant was sent that night to Sheriff Madron of Johnson County, the salesman arrested and returned to Watauga, after which he was liberated with the return of the notes to the purchasers.

It is hoped that Watauga County people will be more careful in the future with their investments. There have been many takings in this region during the past years, and our citizens have lost. With the "hard times" the havoc of "slickers" is increasing and it would be a good time to make a resolution against these promoters, no matter how inviting their proposition may be.

## County Singing Was A Memorable Affair

Through a perplexing error The Democrat last week failed to carry mention of the county singing which was held in the courthouse on the preceding Sunday. One of the largest crowds ever to assemble in Boone was here, and it was the general opinion that never before had the program met with such high approval. Many classes were present from over this and other counties and there was a day of good whole-souled pleasure, such as is seldom enjoyed. The good people of the county who have made the singing a semi-annual treat to hundreds of people, are to be congratulated upon furnishing us this high class of wholesome entertainment.

## Dr. Chandler Calls The Editor to Task

Dr. O. J. Chandler, pastor of Boone Methodist Church, sends in the following statement regarding a news story appearing in last week's paper:

"The article appearing on the front page of The Democrat last week in regard to the services at the Methodist Church Sunday night was written by a party who was not there and this explains the inaccuracies and misrepresentations.

"Sincerely,  
"O. J. CHANDLER"

## SUMMER TERM AT STATE COLLEGE IN GRAND OPENING

Teachers From Many Counties of the State and from Other States Flock to Appalachian College as Summer Term Opens Tuesday. Enrollment Highly Satisfactory to Officials of Institution.

The summer term at the Appalachian State Teachers College, which had its beginning on Tuesday, is expected to be an outstanding one in the history of the local institution, according to information which comes from the registrar's office at present time. Up to now 443 have registered for college work and the registrar and his assistants are still busily engaged in enrolling the teachers. It is expected that by the time classroom duties are assumed, at least 600 will have registered. This, it is said, is the best showing by far since the institution began to function strictly in the realm of Normal College work.

All day Sunday automobiles poured into the city from widely divergent points, bringing in the teachers, on Monday the influx was even greater and arrivals are still making things hum in the offices of the college. Teachers are in evidence everywhere and by way of comment, they have come to the finest school, the best little town, and will enjoy the finest climate in the State during their sojourn with us.

## Spanish War Veterans Should Get Increases

Congressman Robert L. Doughton, who enthusiastically lent his support to the new Spanish War Veterans Bill, which was recently passed over the veto of President Hoover, insists that veterans of the War with Spain get their applications in to the Pension Bureau as early as possible, as the increase provided will commence on the date of the receipt of the applications. Any veterans in this section who will write Mr. Doughton, will receive application blanks and his assistance in getting the applications approved for this increase.

Under the terms of the bill, veterans who served ninety days or more and who are now receiving as much as \$25 are not increased. Those receiving \$30 now get \$35; those receiving \$40 are entitled to \$50; those receiving \$50 are increased to \$60 and no increase is provided for pensioners who have been receiving \$70.

Pension based on age, 90 days or more service: 62 years, now receiving \$20, increased to \$30; 65 years, now receiving \$30, increased to \$40; 72 years, now receiving \$40, increased to \$50; 75 years, now receiving \$50, increased to \$60.

Veterans serving 70 days or more: One-tenth disability, \$12; one-fourth disability, \$15; one-half disability, \$18; three-fourths disability \$24; total disability, \$30; total disability, where regular aid of attendant is required, \$50.

Pensions based on age, 70 to 90 days service: 62 years, \$12; 68 years, \$18; 72 years, \$24; 75 years, \$30.

## Ashe Murder Mystery Believed Cleared Up

West Jefferson.—Ashe County's recent murder mystery was believed cleared up near here Monday with the discovery of the badly decomposed body of a man identified as Wes Kemp, long sought for the murder of Ellis Martin, at a spot near the scene of the murder.

Kemp's body was identified by papers in his pocket, by his pocketbook and other personal effects found on the body, which had been partly eaten away by vultures and vermin. A vial of fluid, believed to be poison, was also found with the body, which led to the belief that the alleged murderer, having been the object of a man hunt for days, had committed suicide either through remorse or fear of capture.

The body of Ellis Martin, middle-aged farmer, was found on the morning of April 16, with a shotgun lying near the body. Shots were heard by neighbors during the night before. The theory of suicide was advanced in Martin's death, as he was being sued in court at the time by his estranged wife for absolute divorce. But the absence of powder burns on the body of Martin and the mysterious disappearance of Wes Kemp upon the same night who was known to have been in the neighborhood of Martin's home the night of the supposed murder, led the coroner's jury to bring in a verdict of murder.

Circumstantial evidence against Kemp resulted in a warrant being sworn out for him and an extensive search ensued, spurred on by the offer of rewards by the county and State. The discovery of the aged man's decomposed body ended a seven-week hunt for him, and the mystery of Martin's murder is believed solved.

## COUNCIL COOK SUSTAINS INJURIES IN MACHINERY

Mr. Council Cooke, a valued employee at the Boone Steam Laundry, was painfully injured Tuesday when an arm was caught in an extracting machine. The member was dislocated at the elbow and he was taken to the Watauga Hospital where the bones were reset. Mr. Cook is resting comfortably and is fortunate in not having received even more severe injuries.