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Today and Tomorrow

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Flies

Motoring through Connecticut the other day, I stopped for a bite in a good-sized town. To my amazement, the principal restaurant of the place was swarming with flies, which were crawling unrestrained over the food. I did not eat there.

The danger of flies seems not yet to have penetrated everywhere. It has been said that it takes three generations for any new fact to filter down through all levels of intelligence to the lowest. It is less than forty years since the discovery was made that flies are the chief carriers of typhoid fever.

In the big cities and in most progressive small towns, public health authorities now compel the covering of garbage and other filth in which flies breed. The automobile has done a great deal, practically eliminating the horse stable, once the flies' chief breeding ground. In the general clean-up of Europe since the war, long steps have been taken, until there is at least one town in Italy, Montecatini, which boasts that it has not a single fly.

Helioophobes

Are you a heliophile or a heliophobe? Everybody is one or the other. Heliophobes love the sunshine and thrive under exposure to sunlight. Heliophobes are the unfortunate blondes who do not tan but burn and blister and sometimes become seriously ill in the effort to acquire the golden-brown skins of the more fortunate heliophiles.

A skin specialist in a New York hospital estimates that more than 200,000 working days are lost in that city every year from illness due to sunburn. These heliophobe sufferers are usually of the blonde North European and Scandinavian type, coming from a stock bred for countless generations in the high latitudes where sunlight is scanty and indirect. The perfect heliophile, on the other hand, usually has a strain of Mediterranean blood, Italian, Greek, Spanish or Semitic.

Dreams

"One must have some daring if one is to live one's dreams," said Captain Wolfgang Gronau as he landed his flying boat in New York harbor after flying over from Germany by the way of Iceland, Greenland and Labrador. This pioneer of a new trans-Atlantic air route dared to try to realize a dream which he had had for years.

All have dreams of things we would like to do; few of us have the daring to attempt to make the dreams come true.

"Many loved truth, and lavished life's best oil

Amid the dust of books to find her," So wrote James Russell Lowell in his great Commemoration Ode. But the poet saw the truth clearly.

"They love her best who to themselves are true And what they dare to dream of, dare to do."

Banking

One of the things which is certain to change greatly in the course of the next few years is the banking business in the smaller communities.

The small local bank has not facilities, in most instances, to take care of the legitimate business needs of its community. Some system that will distribute credit equally over the whole nation at all seasons will be worked out.

In Congress, where the final answer will be given, the contest is between "chain" banking and branch banking, with branch banking in the lead.

One member of Congress has suggested that branch banks on wheels—armored cars—may eventually travel between banking centers and the smallest villages, transacting banking business for an hour or two on certain days of the week in each community. Something like that may come about.

Chaney

The death of Lon Chaney is a genuine loss to the world. He was an entertainer of the first order, alike in his proper person, in which he appeared in "Toll of the Marines," and in the marvelous disguises and contorted make-ups that he used in other films.

Chaney's career was a demonstration of the American belief that opportunity awaits every boy or girl who is able to seize it. His youthful handicaps were deaf-mutes, his father a barber on small wages. What over he was to accomplish he had to do for himself. He struggled for years on the stage and won his first great success in pictures when he was nearly forty. But he brought to pictures a knowledge of stagecraft and the art of acting, learned by years of poorly paid apprenticeship. No man or woman ever became a great artist in any field without such a background of uninteresting drudgery.

BOONE STRING BAND ON AIR

The Boone String Band, composed of Filmore Fox, Ray Brendall and Russell Bentley, went on the air over Station WOPI, Bristol, Wednesday afternoon. The musical company rendered several numbers, both old-time and popular, and it is believed that their initial program was well received by the great radio audience. Crumley Brothers Automobile Accessory Company holds a contract with the local artists.

EX-PRISON GUARD REPLIES TO STORY CARRIED IN PAPER

L. G. Woodie Issues Statement Concerning Alleged Cruelty to Convicts at Stockade on Route 60. Claims That Conditions Are Horrible. Willing to Face His Accusers at Any Time.

Mr. L. G. Woodie, of Wilkes County, whose name has been used in recent stories concerning conditions at the convict camp on Route 60, has written the editor of The Democrat a letter in which he reaffirms statements made by himself in the past and declares that other equally gross instances will be brought to light at the proper time.

The ex-guard further states that "I am not scouting and at any time an indictment is made against me for my conduct, I am willing to meet the charges that may be preferred against me." The full letter follows:

Editor of Watauga Democrat, Boone, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:

My attention has been called to a number of articles appearing in your paper, which tend to intimate that the reports about conditions at the convict camp at the prison stockade on Route 60 have been exaggerated by guards who have been discharged. Also, I notice from one of the articles appearing in your paper that papers will be issued against me, charging "participation in a rebellion against the State of North Carolina."

I do not care to go into details of the inhumane treatment that I have witnessed by certain men connected with this convict camp, as I presume that all the facts will be presented at the trial of this cause at the proper time, but I want to say that I am not scouting and at any time an indictment is made against me for my conduct, I am willing to meet the charges that may be preferred against me, and those intimations made ostensibly of intimating me as a witness against parties that I understand the Grand Jury indicted at the last term of court has not made me the least uneasy.

The things that I have said in connection with the inhumane treatment of some of the convicts are facts that are known by other good law-abiding men and men who have not been discharged, and also by men who have never been employed either by the State or by this construction force, and have no motive other than to tell the truth.

I can cite instances that would startle and surprise the good citizens of Watauga County, but as I stated in the outset, I do not care at this time to go into details as to facts. But those facts, I take it, will come later and will be testified to by others who know as well as I do the things that actually occurred.

Very truly yours,
L. G. WOODIE.

Mr. Woodie's statement is gladly published.

Angel Home Is Badly Damaged by Flames

The home of Clarence "Red" Angel, on Depot Street, was gutted by fire early Saturday night, during the absence of the family, who were visiting with friends. The residence, a frame structure, was the ancestral home of the late Columbus Coffey, and was at one time considered the finest dwelling in the county.

When the fire department arrived on the scene, the house was aflame throughout, and two lines of hose were laid before the conflagration was brought under control. The exterior of the structure was not badly damaged, but the interior, together with the furnishings, is considered a total loss. It is understood that the building and furniture were partially covered by insurance.

The Angels have owned the property for several years, and had made many improvements on the house. Mr. Angel is employed by the Linville River Railway Company.

To Develop Asbestos Vein on Rich Mountain

Word reached Boone yesterday that a party of mining men have been at work for the past several days on the Larkin Presnell farm, Dog Skin, attempting to determine the commercial value of a vein of asbestos, which is said to be found in quantities at that point. The understanding is that a carload of the mineral will be shipped to a mill in Mitchell County, and should tests prove satisfactory, a company will be formed, the property acquired, and development work started.

Older residents of the county will remember that many years ago asbestos was mined in paying quantities on the south slope of Rich Mountain.

Democratic Convention Held in Ashe County

Jefferson, N. C.—In a convention which overflowed with enthusiasm here Tuesday the Democrats of Ashe County nominated Attorney Ira T. Johnston for the Legislature, Henry M. Miller for Sheriff, J. D. Stansbury for Clerk of Superior Court, C. S. Neill for Register of Deeds, Dr. B. E. Reeves for Coroner, C. W. Ray for Surveyor, and J. F. Hartzo for County Commissioner. Two Commissioners continue under terms of four and six years respectively.

Judge T. C. Bowie delivered a rousing speech to the audience.

Former Watauga Man Killed in Jefferson City

T. B. Younce, former Watauga and cousin of Charles Younce, resident of Boone, was killed by Charles H. Newman in Jefferson City, Tenn., on the night of September 5th. At the time of his death Mr. Younce was serving as chief of police of the Tennessee town. A Jefferson City dispatch of September 6th has the following to say regarding the tragic affair:

"With a reward of \$300 offered for the arrest and conviction of C. H. Newman, alleged slayer of Chief of Police T. B. Younce here last night, and with a request sent to Governor Horton asking that the State offer a similar sum, the man hunt in Jefferson and surrounding counties was on in earnest today.

Two additional arrests in connection with the killing were made today. Robert Solomon, eighteen, said to have been a companion of Newman at the time of the killing, is held incommunicado in a Knoxville jail charged with having been an accessory in the killing. He was seized by Sheriff Northern and Deputy Quarles near Leadvale. He denies knowledge of the whereabouts of Newman.

Officers say Solomon admits having witnessed the killing of Chief Younce, as the chief was alleged to have trained a flashlight on Newman's face, when Newman and Solomon were standing back of a house in "Red Row," where a dance was in progress.

The second arrest was of Rantie Wright, father-in-law of Newman, who was taken to the Dandridge jail, but was released after a few hours. A few years ago Newman shot his father-in-law in the leg, the wound making amputation necessary.

It developed today at the coroner's inquest that Theo. Wright, brother of Rantie Wright, was the messenger who requested Chief Younce to come to the "Red Row" house. Younce asked Jack Rader, 17, of Newmarket, to accompany him. It was Rader who ran back to the business section and gave the alarm.

Records show that on August 18, Chief Younce arrested Newman and Solomon after a drunken brawl, participated in by the defendants, who were fined in police court.

While an empty shell was in the pistol of Chief Younce, it is believed the shell was kept in the gun as a safety rest for the hammer.

An autopsy revealed that Younce was killed by a .32 calibre bullet which penetrated his breast bone and lodged in the spinal column. As the officer was dying he told City Recorder W. O. Brimer and Dr. W. R. Albright that Newman had shot him, these men reported. At the time of the killing Chief Younce had a warrant in his pocket for the arrest of Newman on a bootlegging charge, but Younce was not trying to serve this warrant when slain, it is said.

Newman is described as about 33, with dark skin, blue eyes and black hair, with no upper teeth, and wearing a silver plate on his breast as a result of a wound received in the World War. Of the reward of \$300 outstanding, the city council offers \$150 and citizens \$150.

Still Captured at Saw Mill Site Near Bamboo

Deputy Sheriff E. A. Hagaman, accompanied by Council Harmon, raided a sawmill site near Bamboo in Elk Township last Saturday afternoon, seized a complete distillery, including a large boiler, and arrested Raleigh Moretz, Willett Moretz, and Tracy Turner, alleged operators of the illicit establishment.

Officer Hagaman states that only one run of sugar liquor had been manufactured. Steam was piped from the boiler, which incidentally was being used to operate the mill, and while crude, the equipment served its purpose in a satisfactory manner. One other man, said to have been the ring-leader of the blockade, made good his escape. Turner and the Moretz brothers are being held in default of \$1,000 bonds, they having waived examination to the spring term of Superior Court.

Lewis Case Disposed Of on Last Thursday

The case which has been twice tried in Watauga Superior Court of the First National Bank of Bristol and the City and Grana National Bank of Johnson City against John P. Lewis and wife, Madge Lewis, was finally disposed of on last Thursday when the jury returned a verdict establishing the ownership of the personal and real property around which the argument hinged.

According to the verdict, Mrs. Lewis retained the ownership of the property at Blowing Rock as well as two diamond rings, which it is alleged were given her before her marriage. The banks were given the automobiles, several items of valuable jewelry and two horses.

MAJOR STEADMAN WEAKE Washington.—Reports from Mount Alto Hospital Wednesday morning were similar to those received earlier on the condition of Major Steadman, North Carolina Congressman, who was stricken with apoplexy late last week. He is believed to be very gradually growing weaker, but the change is hardly perceptible. The patient continues to take just a little nourishment, and is rational at intervals.

While perusing a coin catalog Clark LaBounty, of Toledo, Ohio, was surprised to learn that the \$20 gold piece, minted in 1847, he had carried in his pocket for several months, is worth \$2,500.

FOOTBALL SQUAD OF COLLEGE WILL OPEN SEASON SAT.

Some of Heaviest Gridiron Performers in State Will Appear in Line-up Saturday Night, when Mountaineers Meet Lincoln Memorial University at Winston-Salem, MacDonald Captain.

After four intensive scrimmages, the Appalachian State College Mountaineers are showing great form for the first football engagement of the coming season with Lincoln Memorial University at Winston-Salem in a night game next Saturday. The Mountaineers' line will present a formidable array of giants, led by Captain "Big Mack" MacDonald, veteran 235-pound guard, who stands six feet two.

All the men in the line will tower six feet and over and represent a total of 1,390 pounds. In Canipe, a Pyatte veteran ends, the Mountaineers have two of the biggest ends in the State and who have shown marked ability on passes and man-landing tactics on defense. Red Smith, a tall, rangy Kentuckian, seems to be the logical choice for right tackle, and is the only man on the line that is not a veteran. Fulkerson, Hoyle and McKinney, veteran centers and lettermen, are having a lively scrap for the center position. If Fulkerson gets the call the line will range six feet, for his two mates are the smallest men out for line positions. A namesake of a former Carolina Governor, will form down the left tackle assignment, namely Zeb Vance, a veteran of two years' standing. The guard position will likely be filled by Dougherty, who played in a number of games last year, but was forced to give up football due to an injury to his leg. However, he is showing great form and will be a big factor in the play of the Mountaineers.

The backfield numbers an array of veterans and reserves of last year. O'Hare, captain last year, will probably call the numbers and be flanked by Hinson, Harris and Reeves. Walker, regular end last year, is showing promise of backfield talent and may get the starting assignment in the Lincoln Memorial game. Among the reserves, the following men are showing up well in the drills: Waters, Calhoun, Garrison, Williams, lettermen last year, and Durham. Among the freshmen out for the team, the following men show promise of development: Bacon, Triplett, Norton, Davis, Moorfield, Dula, McCollough and Ledbetter.

The annual reunion of Camp Nimrod Triplett, United Confederate Veterans, will be held at the Appalachian State Teachers College here on Thursday and Friday, September 25-26, and Commander E. J. Norris has announced the following program:

On the morning of the 25th at 10 o'clock the veterans will assemble at the school. Following devotional exercises a brief business session will be held. On Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the memorial service will take place. Rev. T. A. Hicks of the Boone Baptist Church will have charge of the exercises, and Professor A. M. Norton will deliver the address.

Meals and entertainment will be furnished by the college, and it is the desire of Captain Norris that every veteran of the Confederacy, as well as Federal soldiers, attend what is thought to be the last reunion of the "thin gray line." He states that several visitors from adjoining counties are expected to be present.

Enrollment Boone High Larger Than Last Year

Boone High School opened on Tuesday, September 9, with an enrollment of 261 students. By the end of the week the classes had been completely organized, and were functioning smoothly.

Two new members are added to the faculty this year: Miss Mary Coffey, who has been in the Lenoir city schools for the past 23 years, is teaching Latin. Miss Helen E. Dadds of Asheville is opening a home economics department in the school. She comes to Boone from Charlotte where she has spent three years in the city system of schools.

Home economics is being taught in the basement of Lovell Home. Miss Dadds and her students have spent a good part of the week in cleaning and putting in order the rooms that have been neglected for some time. When this department meets certain requirements, the State contributes to its upkeep. The school hopes to make the department "State-aid" within two years. The school administration solicits the support of the patrons in this endeavor.

The school was glad to have Evangelist Marshall McElroy of Winston-Salem, who is conducting a series of meetings in the Baptist Church, talk to the student body Thursday morning.

Mrs. Bulus E. Swift, chairman of the Committee on the Working Child in North Carolina, addressed the Parent-Teacher Association Friday afternoon.

Football training began Wednesday afternoon. A large number of boys are out to training this season, and Coach Corley is very much pleased at this time with the prospects for a winning team.

637 Students Enrolled At Teachers College

(By J. M. DOWNUM)

The enrollment at State Teachers College is much larger than was expected at this time, 637 students having registered. This is 133 more than were enrolled at this date last year, or an increase of over 26 per cent. The enrollment in the different classes follows: Freshman, 317; sophomore, 185; junior, 70; senior, 34. Notwithstanding the unexpected increase in numbers, the work has started off in unusually good shape, and all classes are moving on well with their work.

The faculty and student body deeply regret the fact that Dr. B. B. Dougherty, the efficient president, has been confined to his room for some time, but are all glad to know that he is sitting up most of the time now, and hopes to be attending to his usual work very soon.

Dr. J. J. Blair and his friend, Mr. Hunt of Wilmington, called at the college a few minutes Tuesday morning. Dr. Blair is always welcome.

Dr. J. D. Rankin, dean of the college, delivered an address at the opening of the Blowing Rock High School Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock.

Democratic Candidate Heard by Republicans

When a Democratic candidate addresses a Democratic audience, the event attracts little attention; but when a Democratic candidate addresses a Republican audience, one assembled for the purpose of naming delegates to a county convention, it is looked on as a real news break.

That is just what happened here last Friday when the Republican primary for Boone Township was being held at the courthouse. Attorney W. R. Lovell, recently named as Democratic candidate for State Senate in the Twenty-ninth District, came into the courtroom as an observer, was spotted by former Republican Chairman Watt Gragg, and called on during a lull in the activities to talk to the audience. And Mr. Lovell, well known for his ability as an orator, arose to the occasion, and this is about what he said:

"Ladies and gentlemen: I thank you most profoundly for this invitation to address you. Long, long ago we were taught that Jesus Christ, the great Saviour of mankind, came to earth not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. I now open wide the doors of the great Democratic Party and invite you to come in. Don't brood and grieve over the sins of your party's past—forget it, brethren. Come, I beg you to come, and drink from the clear crystal fountain of Democracy, and thirst no more. Remember that while the lamp holds out to burn, the vilest sinner may return."

The speakers words were received in a good natured manner, and were liberally applauded.

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Fellowship Week to Be Observed by Baptists

Baptist Fellowship Week will be observed in the various churches of the county September 21 and 22nd, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Baptist work in the State of North Carolina. All the churches in the State will have observed this event previous to the meeting of the Baptist State convention in Raleigh on November 11.

Locally a program has been made out embracing all the congregations of the county, and the various speakers which have been named are asked to meet with the Boone Baptist Church on September 20th. The topics to be discussed include: (1) Local Church History by a Local Member; (2) Past Hundred Years of Baptist Growth in North Carolina; (3) Baptist Fellowship; (4) On Centennial Celebration and Thank Offering; (5) Presenting the Church With a Name Date.

The list of speakers expected to meet with the Boone Church on Sunday is as follows: P. A. Hicks, Smith Hagaman, I. G. Greer, Marshall L. Mott, S. C. Eggers, A. J. Greene, G. P. Eggers, Z. T. Watson, A. R. Smith, E. C. Hodges, Tipton Greene, L. A. Wilson, Clyde Brown, J. W. Byers, W. Y. Perry, W. J. Farthing, J. A. Morgan, Carter Farthing, A. L. Greene, J. E. Greer, Russell Hodges, W. D. Farthing, J. D. Cottrell, Ruth Cottrell, Clyde R. Greene, John Howell, H. M. Winkler, E. C. Eggers, Mrs. J. G. Greer, Mrs. B. P. Coffey, E. J. Farthing, Roy Dotson, J. A. Williams, Mrs. W. W. Wilson, J. R. Isaacs, W. F. Sherwood, H. R. Eggers, Mrs. H. R. Eggers, Mrs. R. C. Greer, J. P. Moore, A. Y. Howell, Dean Swift, V. C. Howell, Cleve Gross, M. J. Williams, F. C. Nye, Mrs. F. C. Nye, Mrs. D. D. Dougherty.

Mott Revival Will Continue to Sunday

The revival services at the Boone Baptist Church are now well into the second week, and capacity crowds continue to hear Rev. Marshall Mott, widely known lawyer-evangelist. The meeting has gained county-wide attention and groups are attending from the most remote sections, while at most every service other counties adjacent are represented. There have been a number of professions, additions and reclamations, and the services will continue through next Sunday.

Services each day at 3:30 and 7:30 o'clock. Practically all the business houses of the city are closing for the afternoon service and the attendance is large.

CONVENTION HELD BY REPUBLICANS HERE SATURDAY

Full County and State Legislative Ticket Named in Harmonious Session. Jake F. Newell, of Charlotte, Delivers Keynote Address. Congressional Aspirant Also Addresses Convention.

With a terrific indictment of Democratic rule, State, national and local, Jake F. Newell, Charlotte attorney, launched the Republican campaign in Watauga County Saturday afternoon when he addressed an audience of more than six hundred in convention at the courthouse in Boone. The convention, called for the purpose of nominating county and State legislative candidates, was presided over by Rex Eber Gragg, of Shulls Mills, who was named as permanent chairman, and aspirants placed on the Republican ticket were: Edgar Young for State Senate, L. A. Greene for Representative, W. D. Farthing for Clerk of the Superior Court, L. H. Hollar for Sheriff, Stella Norris for Register of Deeds, Dr. Otto Bingham for Coroner, Ira Bumgarner for surveyor, and Zachary Taylor Watson, Reeves Billings and William Farthing for County Commissioners.

The convention was opened with the singing of a patriotic hymn by the assembly, and prayer. T. E. Bingham, chairman of the resolutions committee, read the report of that body, its resolutions commending the President for his methods of handling foreign affairs, tariff laws, etc.; also for his appointment of Parker to the Supreme Court bench. The concerted effort of Democrats and Western Republicans to discredit the Hoover Administration was condemned in the resolutions.

The convention presented an inspired walking cane to Mr. J. C. Ray, who for nearly a half-century has been a leader in local party work. Dave Coffey, another veteran of many political battles, made the speech of presentation, telling the large audience that Mr. Ray, through the many years of his service, has been one of the great factors in the party's successes in Watauga. In reply to these complimentary remarks, Mr. Ray stated: "My first vote was cast for Grant and Colfax, and since that time I have never scratched a single ballot."

Introduced by Mr. W. H. Gragg, Ed F. Wakefield, of Lenoir, Republican nominee for Congress in the Eighth District, spoke for twenty minutes on prevailing issues. During his remarks he recited his record as a State Senator during the late nineties, and assailed the election laws of the State, as administered by the party of the opposition. Concluding his talk, he introduced Mr. Newell, who spoke in his characteristic brilliant manner for more than one hour.

Beginning with eulogies to the memory of E. Spencer Blackburn, former Congressman from the Eighth District, and the late Frank Linney, both residents of Watauga, the Charlotte attorney assailed Democratic claims directed at the present financial depression, and attempted to take the blame from the shoulders of President Hoover. He brought to light the stock crash last fall, the revolutions in China and India, the unfavorable Soviet reign in Russia and other paralyzing international features that have had a tendency to react against American commerce.

Directing his shafts at the Wilson Administration, Mr. Newell pointed out to his audience that following the reign of the Democratic party, the succeeding Republican regime was forced to take over debts amounting to more than twenty-four billion dollars which had been incurred by an "inefficient administration." "I am a man that cannot conceive of one million dollars, much less twenty-four billion," said the speaker. "But I have made certain mathematical calculations which show that one billion minutes have not ticked into eternity since Jesus of Nazareth walked in Galilee. Yet, in only six years of Democratic administration, the U. S. Government incurred an indebtedness of more than twenty-four billion dollars a minute since the year 1 A. D."

Stating that the Republican party has, "through sound financial administration," reduced the debt to less than sixteen billion, Mr. Newell assailed the terms of certain foreign indebtedness, claiming that not one scrap of collateral is held by the government departments to show for the billions that were loaned to European nations.

Al Smith, Franklin D. Roosevelt, prominently mentioned as Democratic nominee for the Presidency in 1932, together with Senator Norris and other Western Republicans, came under the fire of the keynote, who alleged that they are using every method, "fair or foul" to discredit the Chief Executive and bring about an "inefficient and ignominious" Southern Democratic victory.

Tax assessments in the State of North Carolina, the balloting laws and excessive expenditures of public funds by Democratic office holders were given the "razz-berries" by Mr. Newell, who closed with an appeal for harmony in the ranks of the party this fall, and a united drive to restore Republican power in Tarheels.