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Today and Tomorrow

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Vatican

Few people realize that the Vatican, the residence of the Pope at Rome, is the largest and richest palace in the world. It contains 11,000 rooms of all sizes, including halls, chapels and living apartments. There are 40 grand staircases and 2,000 smaller ones. Nobody can estimate the value of the treasures stored in this building, but they include all of the gifts of jewels and precious metals which have been made to the successive Popes by devout Catholics for the past 1,500 years. There are tens of thousands of paintings and art objects each worth a fortune.

Grenfell

The young college men who have been assisting Dr. Grenfell in his medical mission work among the deep-sea fishermen of Labrador are on their way "out." The ice is closing in behind them and for the next nine months the man who has given his life to helping others will be isolated from the world, as he has been every winter for nearly forty years.

Games

Human nature demands play. In time of stress and worry, play is the best relief from nervous strain. That accounts for the sudden and immense popularity of the newest outdoor game, "Tom Thumb golf." It is estimated that even in this financially difficult year of 1930, more than one hundred million dollars has been spent in building and equipping Tom Thumb golf courses. They are everywhere, and attract tens of thousands who have never played real golf.

China

Civil war in China is not so serious as newspaper dispatches suggest. China is a huge country, covering almost half as much ground as the United States and having three times our population. Disturbances in one region have little effect on distant parts.

Roads

The newest thing in road construction is to build them of iron. The first iron highway of importance is under construction in Sangamon County, Illinois, near Springfield. An iron trough is laid on the flattened highway surface, the corrugated bottom of the road.

JOHNSON CITY LADY NOW EMPLOYED BY SPAINHOURS

Mary Anderson of Johnson City, Tenn., came to Boone Monday and took over the management of the ready-to-wear department at Spainhours' store. For several years she has been identified with the H. P. King Company at Johnson City, and the local store feels fortunate in having procured her services.

WATAUGA COUNTY HAS OUTSTANDING BONDS OF \$378,000

Four Hundred Miles in System of Highways. Three Lawyers in Watauga Who Receive Income of Less Than \$1,000 a Year. Otto Wood Declared an Outlaw Other News from Capital City.

E. M. P. DUNNAGAN
Raleigh, Oct. 8.—The State Highway Commission, at its meeting here this week, Thursday, will consider the recommendations of State Engineer John D. Waldrop for the distribution of the \$500,000 highway equalizing fund and the roads on which this fund is to be used, all of which roads are subject to Federal aid. The result will be that these highways, construction work on which will amount to about a million dollars, will be included in a letting this fall.

The Commission will also set upon the low bids of \$624,127.70 submitted last week on ten highway projects. Three of which are for widening 16-foot highway to 20 feet. All of the ten projects except one are Federal aid jobs, the commission seeking to utilize all available Federal Aid funds with the money it has on hand to match this aid.

One hundred or more miles is expected to be added to the State Highway System at this week's meeting, carrying the system's mileage to above the 9,000 mark. The system now embraces 8,991.3 miles.

The county road systems of 96 of the 106 counties, Brunswick, Columbus and Gaston being absent, embrace a total of 62,292 miles, Chairman R. A. Doughton, of the State Commission, has found from a survey, coming as a result of the movement to have the State take over all the county systems.

While the State's outstanding bonded indebtedness for highways is now \$107,599,600, plus \$3,250,000 in bond anticipation notes, the 95 counties have a total bonded highway indebtedness of \$86,612,280, or a total highway indebtedness of State and counties of \$200,000,000, assuming that the four missing counties have bonds of about \$2,750,000.

Watauga County's outstanding bonds, as of July 1, are shown to amount to \$378,000 in Chairman Doughton's returns. The county has a total of 400 miles in its county highway system; the tax levy for 1929 was 20 cents on the \$100 valuation, which brought in revenues of \$18,448.31 for building and maintaining the county highways.

Watauga County has a total of six lawyers, three of whom receive less than \$1,000 a year for their professional services; seven doctors, of whom two receive less than that amount, and two dentists, of whom one is living on less than \$1,000 a year, according to their individual statements, made to representatives of and recorded in the Department of Revenue. The professional man who receives less than \$1,000 a year for his services, the year before, which, of course, includes those just beginning to practice, have to pay only one-half of the \$25 license fee imposed on those making more than that amount.

The North Carolina Year Book lists 2,266 lawyers, the State collecting fees from 2,075; it lists 2,047 doctors, the State getting fees from even 2,000, and lists 732 dentists, 684 paying license fees. In some cases, of course, the men are inactive, teachers or engaged in other activities.

Otto Wood has been declared an outlaw, in an order signed here last Friday by Judge G. E. Midgette. This colorful one-handed law violator, originating in Wilkes County, operating throughout the nation, four times escaped from State's Prison, now has a price of \$375 on his head, dead or alive. The act of declaring him an outlaw means that any citizen may, upon seeing him, order him to halt, and, if he runs or fights, may shoot him down, with complete immunity from prosecution. Otto, who apparently has a deep-seated criminal bent, as it mixed with a seemingly consuming passion for publicity—in newspaper parlance an "ink hound."

J. Walter Lambeth, Thomasville, manufacturer and former State Senator, was named as candidate for the full two-year term as Congressman in the Seventh District and Hinton James, Laurinburg banker, for the unexpired term of the late W. C. Hammer. Mrs. Hammer was nominated by the Democratic District Committee for the unexpired term Friday, but declined the nomination. Colin G. Spencer, Carthage, Republican nominee for the full term, was named as a candidate for the unexpired term.

Frank W. Hancock Jr., Oxford, nominee for the full term in the Fifth District, was also named for the unexpired term by the district Democratic committee, which failed to name Mrs. Katherine Palmer as candidate for the unexpired term of her father, the late Major Charles M. Stedman. John F. Reynolds, of Wentworth, Republican nominee for the two-year term, was named as candidate for the unexpired term by the Republican committee.

Governor Gardner has called elections in both districts, to be held with the general election, November 4, to fill the unexpired terms.

County commissioners who fail to adhere strictly to the County Government Acts, not only are violating the law, but are preparing "mare's nests" which will hatch out

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Watt Beach Shows Record Potatoes

Watt Beach, of Route 1, Boone, it would seem has completely "capped the climax" in so far as record-breaking potatoes are concerned. On last Friday he placed on exhibit at the Watauga County Bank a big basket of potatoes of the Great Surprise variety. Twenty-two tubers were included in the collection, which had a net weight of 37 pounds, or 7 pounds more than a weighed half-bushel. From these figures it would appear that the average weight was about 1.65 pounds, several of the specimens tipping the scales at 2.3-4 pounds. The quarter-acre patch from which the spuds were taken yielded 127 1-2 bushels, or at the rate of 510 bushels per acre. This is by far the finest exhibit of which The Democrat has heard, and should any reader be incredulous, his doubt may be dispelled by a visit to the Watauga County Bank, where the record-breaking basket is still on exhibit.

Ellerbe in Charge of Daniel Boone Hotel

Mr. A. C. Ellerbe, former manager of the Central Hotel, Charlotte, has been in charge of the Daniel Boone Hotel since the first of the month, following the recent sale of the property by the local promoters to C. R. Kidd, also of Charlotte. The new manager is a thoroughly competent and experienced hotel man and the hospitality is expected to continue to thrive under his stewardship.

Mr. Leo B. Vaughn, of Winston-Salem, in company with his son, Jack, left yesterday for Lynchburg, Va., where Mrs. Vaughn went a few days ago, and will be engaged in hotel business in that city during the winter. The people of the town and county regretted the departure of the Vaughns, but feel fortunate nevertheless for the acquisition of the Ellerbess, and extend them a royal welcome.

Bailey to Address the Voters Next Saturday

Hon. Josiah William Bailey, Democratic candidate for the United States Senate, will deliver a campaign speech to the voters of Watauga County in the courthouse at Boone on next Saturday at 1:30 o'clock. In view of the intense interest created during Mr. Bailey's preliminary campaign, and because this is his initial appearance in this county, indications are that an unusually large crowd will hear him. He is one of the State's most brilliant orators and discusses the issues of the day forcefully.

Gragg Resigns Post With Standard Oil

Mr. J. R. Gragg, resident agent for the Standard Oil Company, has tendered his resignation in order that he may devote his time to private business pursuits. The change in management of the local plant takes effect Saturday, and Mr. G. F. Clure of Lenoir is being "trained in" this week as the new agent.

Mr. Gragg has held the position for the past seven years, and announces that the only reason for his resignation lies in his desire to "operate a business for himself in this city. Just what the new venture will be he has not given out, meanwhile, he will take a needed rest for a short time.

Civitan Convention in Greensboro on Oct. 13

The annual convention of the Carolinas District Association of Civitan Clubs will be held this year on October 13th at the King Cotton Hotel in Greensboro.

According to reports from Dr. W. L. Tatum of Salisbury, District Governor, and from Greensboro, this will be the largest attended convention of Civitans held in the Carolinas in recent years. Reports from High Point, Thomasville, Salisbury, Winston-Salem, Asheville, Charlotte, Wadesboro, Marshville, Boone, Taylorsville, West Jefferson, Gastonia, Kings Mountain, Mount Holly, Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Rockingham and Canton Clubs, in North Carolina, and from Columbia, Greenville, Greer and Easley clubs in South Carolina, show large delegations planning to attend.

The business sessions will open at 9:30 Monday morning with an address of welcome by Mayor R. B. King Jr. of Greensboro, which will be responded to by Robert Latham, editor of the Asheville Citizen, and president of the Asheville club.

Special reports regarding the work of Civitan in the Carolinas in C. M. T. C. work will be made by C. F. Daniel of Salisbury, chairman of this committee, and on tuberculosis work by W. M. Johnson of Winston-Salem, chairman of this committee.

Other reports and discussions will be heard from individual clubs regarding educational, charitable, and civic activities of their respective clubs.

THE LAST OF WATAUGA'S REBELS



The remnant of Camp Nimrod Triplett, United Confederate Veterans, who held their last reunion at the State Teachers College two weeks ago. Reading left to right: Mrs. W. R. Spainhour, W. R. Spainhour, Marion Millsaps, H. A. Davis, Marshall Made, Captain E. J. Norris, Tom Love and Jerome Pressnell.

IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE TAKES OVER THREE TROUT STREAMS IN WATAUGA

Meat Camp, Norris Fork and Howards Creek to Be Stocked this Fall. Patrolmen to Be Hired. Smathers States This is a Real Beginning Toward Restocking Depleted Fishing Waters of County.

Mr. C. E. Smathers, superintendent of the Rutherford Fish Hatchery and prominent member of the Izaak Walton League, tells The Democrat that an arrangement has been perfected between the sportsmen's organization and the several landowners affected, whereby the League owns the fishing rights of Meat Camp Creek, Howards Creek and Norris Fork, three of the choicest trout streams of the county. Seven to five thousand trout of seven-inch length will be placed in these waters next week. These fish will have developed to a length of perhaps nine inches by spring and it is the purpose of the organization, says Mr. Smathers, to restock the three streams twice yearly, so that there may be no shortage of the speckled beauties.

Under the plan which the Waltonians have worked out, patrolmen will be hired to keep close watch over these waters, and a permit will be issued for one dollar a day to fishermen to defray the expenses incurred. No season permits will be sold to anyone. Landowners and members of their immediate families will be the only anglers permitted free, and they must confine their casting to their own premises. Mr. Smathers believes that under this arrangement, there will be at least three streams in this county that will provide really good sport, and thinks that no one could destroy the fish. He further states that the agreement is the most important one for the protection and propagation of the finny tribe, since conservation work started here.

The streams will be closed for 30 days the last of May of each year for restocking, and in this way tourists and amateur anglers from other points will be sure of a catch, and thus advertise the county as a mecca for sportsmen. The seven-inch trout released in the spring come within the legal size to be taken.

The Izaak Walton League meets each first Thursday at 7:30 at the Daniel Boone Hotel, and all sportsmen, whether members or not, are urged to attend and lend their co-operation to this important work. A number of new members are expected to come in and help do something really worth while along conservation lines.

Judge J. W. Ragland Was Visitor to Boone

Judge J. W. Ragland, of Newland, Democratic candidate for the Solicitorship in this district, was a visitor in Boone Friday, looking up old friends, and making new acquaintances, and incidentally scanning the political horizon. Judge Ragland is making an active campaign for the position held by Hon. John R. Jones and although this district is normally heavily Republican, he is highly pleased with the outlook at this time.

Beaver Dam Fair Is Postponed to the 18th

The Community Fair, which was to have been held at Bethel in Beaver Dam Township next Saturday has been postponed till the following Saturday, the 18th. Those in charge of the arrangements for the worthy event, took this action in order that the citizens of that section might be privileged to come to Boone on Saturday of this week to hear Hon. J. W. Bailey deliver his first campaign speech in this county.

EASTERN STAR CHAPTER WILL SERVE OYSTERS ON TUESDAY

An oyster supper is to be held at the Princess Cafe from 5 to 9 o'clock next Tuesday evening. The event is sponsored by the local chapter, Order Eastern Star, and it is expected that many will avail themselves of the opportunity of assisting the ladies of the town in their worthy endeavors.

WATAUGA BOY IS WINNER OF A BIG R. R. PROMOTION

F. C. Moody, Native of the Brushy Fork Section, Receives High Appointment Upon Retirement of Superior on Northern Pacific Lines. Has Served Company for Twenty-four Years.

Wataugans will be interested in a recent bulletin issued from the office of the General Mechanical Superintendent of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, St. Paul, Minn., which designates F. C. Moody as Master Car Builder, to succeed H. M. Robertson, who was retired under pension rules after more than forty years of continuous service with the company.

Mr. Moody is a son of the late F. G. Moody Sr., and was reared in the Brushy Fork section of this county. Almost a quarter of a century ago, while yet a mere lad, he turned his face westward and secured an humble position with the company which still employs him. The story of his success is comparable to the pages of one of Horatio Alger's novels, rather than to the incidents of every day life. Time after time he has been promoted to positions of higher salary and increased responsibility, and it is interesting to note that his appointment as Master Car Builder came exactly twenty-four years to a day from the time his name was first entered on the payrolls of the Northern Pacific.

When Mr. Moody assumes his new responsibilities as superintendent of the Saint Paul car shops, he will move his residence from Tacoma, Wash., where he has been located for several years.

Local Tire Dealer Back From Trip to Akron

W. Ralph Winkler, of the Central Tire Company, Goodyear dealers in Watauga, has just returned from Akron, Ohio, where he and several hundred other Goodyear dealers, from all sections of the country, winners in a three-months sales contest, were guests of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company for three days. The trip from Charlotte was made by special car and stops were made at Washington and other points in the East, where the salesmen were given a chance to visit points of interest.

Mr. Winkler's own story of the trip follows. "On the morning of the first day the dealers in buses were piloted through the city's downtown streets to Goodyear Hall by three Goodyear airships above and a brass band and the well-known Largest Tire in the World below. After an official welcome at Goodyear Hall the dealers visited the Goodyear-Zepplin Airship Dock, where there is under construction for the Navy the first of two largest airships in the world.

"The dock is the largest building on earth, without interior supports, being 1,200 feet long, 325 feet wide and 211 feet high, and assembles a huge one shell and in two the long way. Ten regulation football games could be played simultaneously under the roof of this building. The center arches are fixed in position while others are on rollers, allowing the mass of steel to breathe or expand and contract as temperatures vary. Each of the four doors weighs 600 tons and there are 7,200 tons of steel in the entire structure.

"The Akron, first of the two huge airships, is well under way. About 600 feet of the ship's aerodynamic framework is completed but this is only three-fourths of the length of the completed ship, which will be nearly twice the size of the Graf Zeppelin and about three times the size of the Los Angeles. It is to be ready for its trial flight in the early summer of 1931.

"At Wingfoot Lake, where the Goodyear fleet of small airships is housed, a barbecue dinner was served, followed by games, contests, airship rides and other features. Motion pictures taken of the parade and various other events of the first day were shown that night at an entertainment given for the dealers in Goodyear Theatre.

"Trips through the Goodyear factories were instructive, and for the first time I saw just how Goodyear tires and tubes, which I sell, are made. The baseball game, chicken and fish dinners, theatre parties and other diversions helped round out a most interesting visit to Akron, and I feel greatly benefited for having taken advantage of the opportunity to touch elbows with dealers from every State in the Union while learning many things worth while in connection with selling automobile tires."

ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT COMES TO DEMOCRAT SHOP

Mr. John McStat, of the Brandtjen & Kluge Company, Atlanta branch, left Saturday afternoon after having spent three days with The Democrat office, installing one of the newest type Kluge feeders on one of the presses. The new unit has caused much favorable comment from visitors, who marvel at its mechanical perfection. The local printer is being congratulated by its patrons on having acquired the automatic equipment, which enables it to do an even better class of work in a more accurate manner and to render a superior degree of service.

Oak Grove Church Closes Fine Revival

A series of revival services which had been in progress at the Oak Grove Baptist Church, one mile west of Boone, for almost two weeks, came to a close last Friday. The pastor, Rev. W. D. Ashley, was assisted in the preaching by Rev. Ed Huges, and the meeting was outstandingly interesting and successful. There were 21 additions to the church, 19 of these coming by baptism, one by restoration and one by letter.

The U. S. Postoffice Department is now using mail bags made of 100 per cent. pure asbestos in the Air Mail Service to prevent loss of mail through fire.