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Today and Tomorrow

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Eskimos

Traders returning from the Hudson's Bay country tell of Eskimo families whose incomes in actual money run up to \$40,000 a year, which they earn by trapping the rare white fox for its fur. These Eskimos, like all other uncultured people who come into possession of sudden wealth, have no idea of the value of money. They spend their incomes on airplane joyrides, commercial aviators having discovered that there is easy money in flying up to Herschel Island, in the Arctic Ocean, where these Eskimos live, and charging them \$275 for a flight to Edmonton. They pay \$300 a ton for coal with which to heat their igloos, buy the most expensive radio sets and arouse the envy of their less fortunate neighbors.

Some moralists are inclined to criticize these Eskimos for their lack of thrift, but it seems to me as if they were getting more out of life than many persons who save their pennies and deny themselves anything in the way of luxury.

Wine

It is not illegal, the Director of Prohibition declares, to make wine or beer in one's own home for one's own use. The law does not prohibit the making of beverages which are not "intoxicating in fact," but prohibits their sale.

It does not take a very long memory to recall the time when the domestic manufacture of wine for home use was a part of the year's regular routine in a large proportion of farm and village homes. Elderberry wine, dandelion wine and wine from other fruits and ingredients shared honors with the grape. And our grandmothers always took pains to see that there was a supply on hand of "blackberry cordial," which was supposed to have sovereign value in digestive disturbances. Probably blackberry cordial would come under the prohibition ban today, for it certainly was "intoxicating in fact." But one needed a capacity far beyond the ordinary to consume enough of the old-fashioned home-made wines to become intoxicated by them.

St. Bernard

In ordering Italian butter guards to fire on the monks of St. Bernard when they crossed the Italian border to rescue some snowbound travelers, the Fascist government outraged the humane sensibilities of the whole world. The Hospice and monastery of St. Bernard, founded in the year 926 by Bernard de Menthon, is more than a Swiss institution; it is cherished in the heart of the whole Christian world.

Who has not heard of the men who give their lives to save others, as these monks have done for thousands of years? Situated 1,200 feet above sea level, at the summit of the oldest traveled pass across the Alps, the Hospice is a refuge for travelers, though motorists are not especially welcome, and the home of the famous St. Bernard dogs. These great creatures, standing three feet tall, are a breed especially developed by the monks, with thick hair to withstand the cold, keen noses to smell stray travelers caught in the snowstorms, and great strength to drag them to safety or run swiftly for aid.

More than twenty thousand persons every year spend the night at the Hospice. No charge is made, but everybody is supposed to contribute the price of a night's lodging to the little church there.

Helium

Instead of being a rare gas, obtainable only at a high cost, as it was a few years ago, helium, the lightest of all the elements except hydrogen, is now obtained in practically unlimited quantities from the Government-owned gas wells in Texas and Oklahoma.

A movement has been started to induce the President and the Secretaries of War and of the Navy to permit the exportation of helium gas for use in commercial airships in other countries. Nothing could do more to aid in the development of dirigibles, and such an action on the part of our officials would go far toward better international relations. But the probabilities are that the advocates of war and the timorous ones who think the rest of the world is lying in wait to pounce upon the United States, will make a vigorous protest against letting any other nation have something which might be used in making war upon us.

Heat

The newest vision of science is a substance which will take the place of steam for heating purposes. Diphenyl, a substance obtained from benzene, is said by the American Institute of Chemical Engineers to be much better for this purpose. It is a solid which melts at a temperature of 157 degrees and vaporizes at 492 degrees.

A house heating plant using diphenyl would have boilers and pipes full of this solid, which would gradually become liquid as the fire was started, and would circulate through the pipes and radiators like water. It holds heat better than steam, and is said to give off more of the heat from the boiler furnace than steam does.

DOUGHTON SPEAKS TO LARGE CROWD TUESDAY EVENING

Delivers Parting Shot in Campaign. Reviews State and National Record of Republicans, and Flays Hoover for "Broken Promises." Predicts Democratic Majorities in the Senate and House.

Before an audience estimated at more than five hundred, Farmer Bob Doughton, Eighth District Congressman and candidate for re-election, delivered the parting shot of the 1936 campaign in the county courthouse on Tuesday evening. Beginning with local affairs, the veteran legislator reviewed the records of Republican office-holders through all governmental agencies to the White House, flayed their methods, and asked for united support of the Democratic organization in next Tuesday's election to restore lost ground in the State and to give to the Nation a Democratic Congress and Senate.

"The Republican Party comes before the people asking for control of the State government," said Mr. Doughton, "but they are unable to show by past performances that they are able to take care of the job. Only twice since the Civil War have they been in power, and each time they left affairs in a horrible and shameful condition."

"Their orators are going from place to place urging reduction in taxation," continued the speaker. "Let us look into this matter. Thirty-two counties in the State are governed by the Republicans and 68 by the Democrats. The average rate of taxation in the Republican counties is \$1.17 on the \$100 valuation; in the Democratic counties, \$1.16. That shows a difference of 31 cents in favor of the Democrats, yet they tell you that they want to reduce taxes. It's better to live in a Democratic county, and besides that, it costs less."

Mr. Doughton praised the Gardner administration for the wonderful relief measures it has inaugurated, including the equalization fund, and pointed out that Republican counties are receiving more from this fund than Democratic counties, due to their "inefficiency."

"The hope of Republican candidates in this campaign is to distract the attention of the voters from the real and vital issues of the day to the unpleasantness of the 1928 struggle," said the speaker. "Everywhere you go they sing a wonderful song of the highway system in North Carolina, this wonderful school and the efficient public health system. These things have been brought about by the Democratic party, which has been in complete and absolute control for the past thirty years."

"The only genuine and universal prosperity the United States has ever enjoyed was under the Woodrow Wilson administration," Mr. Doughton declared. "If the laws enacted during that regime were erased from the statute books today the country would be destitute and poverty-stricken. The Hawley-Smoot-Cramer tariff law, enacted as a relief measure, is the most vicious and abominable tariff law ever brought across the threshold of American government, and has directly affected the price of every farm commodity."

President Hoover's campaign promises were given a sound carrying. "Prohibition, farm relief, economy and prosperity were the four points which landed Herbert Hoover into the White House. He has had every opportunity to fulfill his promises to the electorate, having had an overwhelming majority in both houses of Congress. Any thinking man or woman will admit that the cause of prohibition is weaker today than it was when he took over the reins of government; all because our Chief Executive sails around on the wings of expediency, refusing appropriations for its strict enforcement, and treating the whole matter with indifference. The farm relief he gave us relieved the farmer of everything he had except hope, reduced the price of all farm products and left poverty in its wake. The tariff laws enacted as an auxiliary to the relief measure destroyed foreign trade, and threw 2,000,000 industrial workers from the payrolls of the country," Mr. Doughton charged.

"These are the issues of the campaign," the speaker asserted. "Their Senatorial nominee, George Pritchard, is going over the State trying to make the people believe that Tammany Hall and John J. Raskob are the bogies this fall, but the real, honest-to-goodness issue is the record of Herbert Hoover and the Republican Party. Pritchard has as much chance of being elected to the Senate as a humming bird has of flying to the moon with this courthouse tied to its tail."

In conclusion "Farmer Bob" said: "I am not ashamed of the record of my party, but prouder today than at any time in my life. The country is in a state of upheaval, the voters are disgusted with the broken promises of Hoover, and indications are today that the Democrats will be in complete control of both houses of Congress after next March."

Tuesday afternoon Mr. Doughton addressed a large audience at Bethel schoolhouse in Beaver Dam Township.

WORTH WHILE CLUB WILL BE ENTERTAINED ON HALLOWEEN

Mesdames A. E. Hamby and J. F. Moore will be joint hostesses to the members of the Worth While Club and their husbands at a Halloween party to be given at Mrs. Moore's home on Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

Joseph Brown Dies at Home Near Rutherfordwood

(By J. M. DOWNUM)

Mr. Joseph Brown, father of Dr. Roy M. Brown, of Chapel Hill, was buried in the old Brown cemetery near Rutherfordwood Sunday afternoon. He had lived in that section of the county all his life, and was a splendid and substantial citizen. A few years ago his health failed and he went to live with his son at Chapel Hill. Sometime ago he was stricken with paralysis, and since that time has not been very active, but during all these days he was cheerful and considerate, kind and happy to the end, and passed away as though falling into a quiet sleep.

He was in his 84th year. Deep sympathy was expressed to the bereaved ones at the burial by a large number of old friends and neighbors who were present. The last rites were conducted by Professor J. M. Downum, of the Appalachian State Teachers College.

Tobacco Growers Are To Meet Here on 11th

Mr. S. C. Eggers has received information from A. L. Brown, associate editor of the Burley Tobacco Bulletin, Greenville, Tenn., to the effect that in the 11th of November he, with other expert tobacco men, expect to come to Boone and have a meeting with the tobacco growers of this county to help them with the culture of the weed and particularly with grading. The motorcade is to be sponsored by the business men of Johnson City, a string band will provide music, and hundreds of cigarettes will be brought and distributed to all those attending. More definite details as to the gathering will have been completed by the next issue of the paper.

Former Watauga Man Dies at Home in Idaho

Walter Davis, veteran of the World War and former Watauga resident, died at a hospital in Post Falls, Idaho Wednesday morning at 1 o'clock, according to telegrams received by relatives here. Death was due to a lung infection incurred with the American Expeditionary forces. A brother, Dan Davis, succumbed six months ago to a similar ailment, he having served in the same outfit with Walter in France. The two brothers won distinction for bravery under fire, and each was decorated. Mr. Davis was born and reared at Mabel, a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Davis. He had been a resident of the Western state for several years. Surviving are the father and mother, two brothers, Ezra Davis of Bristol, Tenn., and Ira Davis of Post Falls, and one sister, Mrs. Laura Eggers, also of Idaho.

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LARGE ORDER CANCELED DUE TO TARIFF RATES.

David F. Greene, manager of the Woodcraft Novelty Company, local manufacturing establishment, gives out the information that the recently enacted tariff laws have cost his company, already more than fifteen thousand dollars. An order for a large Canadian exporting company, was canceled recently, due to the prohibitive rates embodied in a retaliatory measure enacted by the Dominion in protest of the Hawley-Smoot law. The increase of one hundred per cent on American goods going into Canada, according to Mr. Greene, would place the local product on the markets of that country at a figure too high to compete with similar goods manufactured there.

Mr. Greene further stated that if this order had not been canceled, his plant would have continued work throughout the winter months, and no suspension would have been necessary except a brief period for the overhauling of machinery. Forty-five men, he says, will be thrown out of work for six weeks, as a direct result of the "unfair legislation."

KINDNESS WINS VICTORY OVER SORROW.

A Boone family was stricken by grief Tuesday morning when death removed one of its members. Their heads were bowed in sorrow, and each face bore the marks of agony brought by the unexpected demise of a loved one. Their estates had been wrecked, their dreams broken, and future plans blighted. Friends came by the hundreds, words of sympathy and kindness were showered on each member of the grieving household, loving hands dried the wayward tear from pain-drawn cheeks, and flowers brightened the rooms where so recently the "Black Camel" had knelt. Hope again dawned in the mind of each relative, and courage to "carry on" was engendered by the charity of neighbors and friends. While the load could not be removed in its entirety, love had won an outstanding victory over pain and sorrow.

POTATO VINES SEVEN FEET HIGH.

Frank Horton of Vilas has broken another record. Friday he brought to the Democrat office a potato vine which had grown, since its planting on June 15th to a height of seven feet, and when Jack Frost laid his icy hands on the section a few weeks ago was still green and full of life. The potatoes were dug just four months and five days after the seed

JUDGE TAM BOWIE BEING TOUTED FOR ATT'NEY-GENERAL

"Lion of the Mountains" Is Being Urged by Eastern Carolina Friends to Make Race in 1932. This Office Might Be Stepping Stone to the Governorship, Bowie Said to Be Considering Candidacy.

(Special to The Democrat)

Raleigh, N. C.—The name of Thomas C. "Tam" Bowie, of West Jefferson, former legislator and for a short time Superior Court Judge, prominent in legal, political and other circles in the northwestern part of the State, has been injected into the 1932 Democratic primary race for Attorney General.

Mr. Bowie, it is understood here, is being promoted by Eastern North Carolina Democrats, who hold out to him the possibility of moving up from Attorney General to the Governorship later, as did the late Thomas as Walter Bickett and as Attorney General D. G. Brummitt is, prospectively seeking to do in 1932. Mr. Bowie is understood to be considering the matter, but has given no intimation, as far as can be learned, of his possible decision.

The Ashe County lawyer was in Supreme Court here last week seeking to show that the Workmen's Compensation Act is unconstitutional. He appeared in a case involving injury to a workman employed on a school building serving a district parts of which were in Ashe and Watauga counties.

If Mr. Bowie should enter the race for Attorney General, the prospective number of candidates would be four, including Charles Ross, Lillington, former Assistant Attorney General, now attorney for the N. C. Highway Commission; J. M. Bailey, Jacksonville and Raleigh, attorney for the N. C. Corporation Commission; and Kenneth Royall, Goldsboro, former Wayne County senator and recently president of the North Carolina Bar Association. Mr. Ross and Mr. Bailey are said to be on the verge of announcing their candidacies. Mr. Royall says nothing.

Judge Walter Sifer, Chatham County, and Frank Nash, Orange County, have about eliminated themselves as possible candidates. Both are assistant Attorneys General.

Mr. Charles Thompson of Mabel was in Boone the other day denouncing some fine molasses, which he had made this year with his modern new evaporating plant. The syrup is of the very finest quality, comes from copper boilers, and Mr. Thompson has produced about six hundred gallons this year for the farmers of his neighborhood. He is doing custom work exclusively and says that next year his output will be greatly increased.

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was put into the ground, and under the oblongated vine a nest of eight minute one-spined were found, their aggregate weight being more than five pounds.

Early July is what this phenomenon of the vegetable kingdom is called, and according to Mr. Horton it is a wonderful producer. This is his first experience with the "grapevine spud" but he intends to plant quite an acreage next year.

URGES SUPPORT OF VETERANS LOAN BONDS.

Commander Charles Younce, of the local American Legion post is in receipt of a letter from John B. Manning, head of the World War Veterans Loan Fund at Raleigh, in which he urges the support of all ex-service men to the \$2,000,000 loan measure to be voted on next Tuesday. Mr. Manning gives the following five reasons why every voter should cast his ballot in favor of this worthwhile measure:

"1. This fund will help hundreds of ex-service men acquire homes who could not otherwise obtain them.

"2. To issue these bonds will not cost the taxpayers of the State one cent. The money is loaned on first mortgages at 6 per cent. The State should not have to pay more than 4 1/4 per cent on its bonds.

"3. The State owes a large debt to its ex-service men. It has given them nothing. Home owners make better citizens. The people should vote for these bonds to aid veterans in acquiring homes.

"4. The veterans do not ask the State to give them anything. They will repay the money loaned them through this fund.

"5. This proposition is not a Constitutional Amendment."

The two million dollars appropriated by the General Assembly of 1925, Mr. Younce explained, has done a great work, but the amount is inadequate to take care of the requests for loans which have flooded the Bureau. Very few loans have been completed by Watauga veterans, and unless the additional bonds are floated, no money will be available for a year or more, continued the local Legionaire.

The proposition to be voted on in the general election is not, as Mr. Manning stated, a Constitutional Amendment. The measure as it appears on the ballot is merely "For World War Veterans Loan Bonds" or "Against World War Veterans Loan Bonds." Commander Younce believes that it is the duty of every fair-minded voter to cast his ballot in the affirmative, and help out the boys who stood by their flag during the perilous days of the World War.

Business Houses to Close For Funeral Rites Today

Business houses of Boone will be closed Thursday morning from 10 to 11 o'clock for the funeral service of Mrs. Luther M. Farthing. Mayor R. S. Swift, in connection with this movement, has issued the following proclamation:

"The citizens of Boone are requested to close their business houses for one hour Thursday morning, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., for the burial services of Mrs. Luther M. Farthing. Let us all join together in paying fitting respects to our Sheriff and his family in their bereavement."

"R. S. SWIFT, Mayor."

Local Collegians at Atlanta Convention

Eighteen young men and women, students at the Appalachian State Teachers College, left yesterday for Atlanta, Ga., where they will be in attendance at the South-wide Student Conference, which convenes in that city Sunday for a two-day session. Eastern states are to be represented at the convention, and no less than 2,000 delegates are expected to be enrolled.

Those going from Boone are: Gladys Swift, Lillian Steele, Lucile Miller, Signora Alexandria, Sadie Lindsay, Virginia Lindsay, Marie Willis, Morella Ball, Grace Briggs, Grace Clements, Louise Moore, Ann Morrow, Juliet Douthett, Jonas Waters, Lindsay Waters, Alton Young, Jake Haganman and Howard Wilson.

This Week's News in Town of Blowing Rock

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wirkler have moved to their new home, one block out on Linville Street.

The Blowing Rock Christian Endeavor held its 150th meeting on Sunday night, October 26. A very interesting program was given with Miss Arnie Coffey as leader. We want to congratulate these young people of this organization on their work and interest given it. Visitors and new members will always receive a hearty welcome.

Our year-round hotel, Hob Nob Inn, is enjoying a prosperous month. Tourists from all sections east of the Mississippi are stopping regularly and speak very highly of this charming Rock. It is justly proud of its new, where the tourists have the benefit of steam heat, and every comfort given in a city hotel. Especially noticeable is the excellence of the home-cooked meals and perfect dining room service.

Miss Corinne Kinchi has taken a position as secretary to Lawyer Straine in Hickory, N. C.

Mrs. P. P. Holshouser visited with friends in Johnson City last week.

The Poe and Lamer Societies of the Blowing Rock School invite the public to their weekly programs every Friday.

The ninth-graders enjoyed a winter-harvest meal on Green Hill last Wednesday night. They met at the school house and went from there to the Hill, where games and stunts were held. Those present were the members of the ninth grade, a friend of each member, and Mr. and Mrs. Tester, two of the high school instructors.

The boys and girls of the Blowing Rock High School basketball team met those of the Grandfather School at Grandfather on Wednesday of last week. The score was 30-24, boys, and 12-8 girls, both in favor of the Blowing Rock team. The line-up of the Blowing Rock teams follows:

Girls—Center, Dora White; right forward, Virginia Sadegh; left forward, Oma Greene; center guard, Elizabeth Walters; left guard, Blain Suddeth; right forward, Fanny Henderson. Boys—Center, Homer Coffey; right forward, Arnold Eolick; left forward, Bill Kintz; left guard, Dee Cannon; right guard, Shuford Edmisten.

Both teams were met here by the Aho teams on Friday of last week. The score of the girls' team was 8-7 in favor of Aho. The line-up was the same except Thelma Coffey substituted as center.

The Blowing Rock teams will meet Aho at Aho on Wednesday, October 21, and Grandfather will meet here on Friday, October 31.

There will be a Halloween program at the schoolhouse on Thursday night, October 30. A program of about forty-five minutes will be given in the auditorium free. There will be refreshment booths in the hall of the building where you can buy eats of all varieties. There will also be entertainment booths. Every one is invited to attend this function. The Ladies' Auxiliary met at the church on October 23rd. A very interesting program was given on the life of Tokokiko Kagawa, a religious leader of Japan. Those taking part in the program were Mrs. Herbert Ingle, Mrs. W. L. Holshouser, Mrs. E. G. Underwood, and Mrs. Paul Kintz. After the program a social hour was held at the end of which refreshments were served, consisting of tea, sandwiches and cookies.

VERSATILE OHIO PARROT SINGS HYMNS AND SWEARS

Pomeroy, Ohio.—A parrot that repeats the Lord's Prayer and sings "Nearer My God to Thee" is owned by Miss Sarah Brannon here.

A short time ago a neighbor walked into the Brannon home singing the hymn, slightly "off key." Polly immediately broke in with "Hold on there, Newt, you've lost the tune."

According to Miss Brannon, the only thing the matter with Polly is that she swears oftener than she sings or prays.

WIFE OF SHERIFF SUICIDE WATAUGA VICTIM OF TUES. A. M.

Mrs. Luther M. Farthing, Sheriff's Bullet Through Own Head. Had Been in Ill Health for Several Years. No Inquest. Funeral to Be Conducted at Boone Baptist Church, Thursday Morning.

Mrs. Luther M. Farthing, 55 years old, wife of Sheriff Farthing, candidate for re-election on the Democratic ticket in Watauga County, was found dead in the back yard of her East Boone home Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock, a victim of suicide. A .32 calibre revolver lay at her side. The bullet had entered her right temple, passing through the brain, and death was said to have been instantaneous.

Mrs. Farthing had gotten up at about 5 o'clock, gone into the kitchen and built a fire. It is supposed that she took the revolver from her husband's pocket while he was in the bedroom where he slept, loaded it and in deliberate manner prepared for the suicide. A grown daughter, Ruby, was aroused shortly afterward, dressed and came down to help her mother prepare the morning meal. Not finding Mrs. Farthing in the kitchen, she went to a back door, near where she discovered the body. Dr. J. B. Haganman, county coroner, was summoned, but he deemed an inquest unnecessary. Death, it is believed, had taken place some thirty minutes previous.

Mrs. Farthing had been in ill health for several years, a sufferer from high blood pressure and rheumatism. Following a tonsil operation some months ago, it was thought that her health, to some degree, had been restored, and her manner had been more cheerful than in previous years. An unbalanced mind, brought about by physical infirmities, is believed to have been the cause of her deadly act. She was considered one of the town's best women, charitable, sympathetic and kind, and her tragic death has brought a deep gloom over the town, which had never before been the scene of a suicide.

Deceased was a daughter of the late Marshall Greer of Laurel Creek Township and was a member of the Boone Baptist Church. She had spent her entire life in the county, where she had cultivated a wide circle of friends.

Surviving are the husband, three sons, Russell J. Hackett, Albert H. Boone, and Victor of Chicago, Ill.; two daughters, Mrs. Edgar Edmisten of Sugar Grove, and Miss Ruby Farthing of Boone; and three brothers, Raymond and Alfonso Greer of Oklahoma, and Clem Greer of Idaho.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at the Baptist Church, with Rev. P. A. Hicks, pastor, in charge. Interment will take place in the Boone cemetery.

Messages of condolence have been pouring in from all sections of the State to the bereaved husband, who has become a popular figure during his six-year tenure as Sheriff of Watauga.

Home-Coming Observed At the Methodist Church

(By J. M. DOWNUM)

A very interesting and most helpful service was held at the Methodist Church in Boone on the past Sunday. It was observed as "home-coming day" and the beginning of Child and Youth Week. The church was decorated in a most appropriate manner with the products of the fields and woods and was attractive to a very high degree. A most interesting exercise was given by the Sunday School, bringing out the strong appeal of the young people for more sincere and faithful leadership of the older ones.

The sermon of the beloved pastor, Dr. O. J. Chandler, was in harmony with the occasion and became the strong and high point of the day, impressing the very large audience present as one of the most far-reaching and helpful sermons ever delivered from that pulpit. All were deeply impressed and uplifted and almost overwhelmed at the strong and wonderful lessons brought out in this very unusual sermon of this true and noble man of God.

Lees-McRae Defeats Lenoir in Football

Banner Elk, N. C.—Thursday afternoon at three o'clock the Lees-McRae Bulldogs met and defeated the Lenoir High School Bulldogs on the home field of Lees-McRae at Banner Elk. The game opened with great uncertainty, both teams taking advantage of breaks. In the second quarter Cooke of Lees-McRae in four mighty plunges carried the ball over the goal line, the first time Lenoir has been scored on this season. Clarke making another touchdown in the same quarter. Lenoir came back strong with a succession of brilliant plunges that carried the ball deep into the enemy's territory, but they were unable to score.

In the third and fourth quarters, Lenoir made noble efforts to hold back Lees-McRae but in spite of their brilliant offensive Hoss and Dickerson made two touchdowns for Lees-McRae, Clarke making the only extra point of the game which closed the game with a score of 25-0.

Rabb, the two moores, Maynard and Campbell were the outstanding players for the losing team.

A cradle rocked by an electric motor has been invented to put babies to sleep.