

Miniature Radio Set Invades State College Dormitories in Boone

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The ancient Egyptians may have had a great deal of trouble with the locusts, rats, frogs and other pests that invaded their country, but they did not have to trouble themselves with a great many things modern civilization has introduced to the world. For instance, these ancient never even dreamed of the boll weevil; nevertheless, this bug gave cotton growers quite a scare when he recently threatened to take over the cotton industry. Likewise, the radio bug took the country by storm a few years ago, leaving an intricate network of aerials in its wake. But it had been generally conceded that this disease was no longer seriously contagious.

However, the old crystal-type species of bug was recently incorporated in a handy "pocket-size" that is appealing immensely to farm mules, college students and other similar animals. The college campus, it seems, is its favorite lurking place. This campus was recently rumored as contaminated by this bug, and later reports have confirmed this rumor. Gossips have it that even the faculty are quite interested in the new game, and to date this report has not been denied.

Local enthusiasts of the new pocket set report good programs from Cincinnati, Chicago and other equally distant points with their tiny mouse-trap receiving sets; and when the local station at Boone gets back on the air, legislation may have to be enacted to protect the feathered race from injuring themselves against the aerials which are sprouting from dormitory windows, nearby tree tops and other places of vantage about the campus.

The tiny set which has created this new wave of enthusiasm is a pocket size crystal set which uses no battery or electricity of any form. All the power necessary is taken from the air. Indeed, for a local station, the radiator will serve as a ground and the bed springs office as an aerial. For the present, long distance enthusiasts a small copper wire is run about the room, attic or some other suitable place. The "Carnegie Scribe" has suggested a return of the wide-brimmed western hats in order to accommodate an aerial in the crown and really have a pocket radio, but somehow the merits of an invention aren't recognized. Every one seems content to tune in from his room. The set is used for a distance of three hundred miles, but the boys report good results for even greater distances. Anywhere within fifty or seventy-five miles of a good station the set should be deluxe. The business function so well in the day time, but reception is satisfactory any time after dark and late at night it is reported exceptionally good.

The first set to invade the campus, it may be well to add, was greeted with jeers and sly winks as to its workability; but after the first night's reception an order for more sets was rushed through by air mail. Such is life. The students were from Missouri, but the bug bit hard.

THE WEATHER

Weather report for week ending January 17, 1931, compiled by Cooperative Station, Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, J. T. C. Wright, observer.

- Average maximum temperature, 33 degrees.
- Average minimum temperature, 15 degrees.
- Average temperature, 25 degrees.
- Average daily range in temperature, 19 degrees.
- Greatest daily range in temperature, 33 degrees; date, 15th.
- Average temperature at 6 p. m. (time of observation), 21 degrees.
- Highest temperature reached, 39 degrees; date, 17th.
- Lowest temperature reached, 2 degrees; date, 16th.
- Number inches of rainfall (including melted snow), 0.26 inches.
- Number inches of snowfall, 3.
- Greatest rainfall in 24 hours, 0.15; date, 14th.
- Number of days with 0.01 inch or more rainfall, 3.
- Number of clear days, 3.
- Number of cloudy days, 3.
- Number of partly cloudy days, 1.
- Direction of prevailing wind, west.
- Dates of heavy frost, 11th.
- Other phenomena described as follows: Solar halos 11th, 13th, 16th and 17th.

FIVE-DOLLAR BILL PRINTED IN 1779 IS OWNED BY T. L. CRITCHER, BAMBOO; OTHER ANCIENT BILLS IN COLLECTION

Four Pieces of State Money Bring to Mind Civil War. Collection Was Formerly Owned by the Late Isaac Wilson, Early Resident of Boone. Wilson's Commission, Signed by Zebulon Vance and Henry T. Clarke, Is Also a Part of Critcher's Interesting Collection.

Away back in 1779, Hall and Sellers, a Philadelphia printing establishment, turned out one of the first issues (if not the first) of United States currency, having been vested with that power by Congress on the 14th of January, that year. A piece of that currency in the form of a five-dollar bill is owned by Mr. T. L. Critcher of Bamboo, this county, who recently exhibited it, along with other antiquated coins and paper money, in Boone.

The "five-spot" is about the width of the latest issues of U. S. currency, but is only about two thirds its length. On its face it bears a seal of some sort, around which is engraved the Latin words, "Sus im vel aquine." In prominent type on the end of the bill is "The United States—Five Dollars." At the right-hand extremity, in letters that are almost faded, is this print: "Five Dollars—The bearer is entitled to receive five Spanish milled dollars, or an equal sum in gold or silver, according to a resolution of Congress of the 14th of January, 1779." A signature had been affixed to the document, but time has practically erased it.

On the back of the ancient note its denomination is repeated in large type under which is a dark square overlaid with an olive branch, or something of the sort. In light Italian lettering beneath this ornamentation are these words: "Printed by Hall and Sellers, 1779."

No mint had been established at that time, and the infant government was, it seems, depending on other nations to furnish its standard of wealth. No Bureau of Printing and Engraving had been dreamed of, and printing of this sort was undoubtedly left to private establishments. According to history, Alexander Hamilton, the first Secretary of the Treasury, was named in 1789, and making of money began in 1796.

Other interesting paper money displayed by Mr. Critcher include four five-dollar bills of State money, issued during the War Between the States, two of them drawn on the Treasury of Virginia, one on South Carolina and one on Georgia. An English shilling, bearing the bust of Charles III and dated 1782, is also in his possession.

The old United States note and the State money were given to Mr. Critcher's wife many years ago by her father, the late Isaac Wilson of Boone, who resided on the present site of the First Methodist Church and died about 1881. Mr. Wilson was a Confederate paymaster, and was wounded at Camp Mast, in the western part of Watauga, when that fortress was surrendered to the Union army. Following the war he removed his residence to this city, which at that time was a community of only a few homes. He and Daniel B. Dougherty, father of Dr. B. B. Dougherty, of Appalachian State Teachers College, erected the old mill which for many years stood near the edge of the college campus.

Mr. Wilson's commission as a second lieutenant in the Confederate Army, signed by Governor Zebulon Vance and Henry T. Clarke, commander-in-chief of the North Carolina armies, is another historical document in Mr. Critcher's unusual display. The yellowed paper with its dim signatures is a clear reminder to many of the elderly citizens of Isaac Wilson, whose memory is venerated by all those who knew him.

AD LIBS OF CELEBS

- (The Pathfinder)
- Ruth Hannah McCormick—Where were all the votes I paid for?
- Franklin Roosevelt—"When it rains it pours."
- Daignt Morrow—Nothing heats the publicity of a famous son-in-law.
- Herbert Hoover—With all the rest the boys are getting why do we have so much unrest?
- Calvin Coolidge—The country will survive.
- Charlie Chaplin—Say it with silence.

Unlucky Thirteen Is Cause of Depression Says Stanly Citizen

Albemarle.—Though it was on the 13th day of the month when he made his statement, J. V. Barringer, Albemarle man, proves in black and white that the depression was a thing of the past when Babe 1931 arrived.

Says Mr. Barringer: "The year 1912 was a dull year for business, as it had the biggest slump in a long time. After 1912 and until 1921 the country was prosperous, work plentiful, and times good. However, in 1921 the country was one of the worst business years on record. This was followed by good business until 1930. And there's a funny thing about these three years. Look at these figures:

1	1	1
9	9	9
1	2	3
2	1	0
13	13	13

"Now how in the world can you beat that number 13?" inquired Mr. Barringer. "You can't get around the fact that hard times are over, because we will all be dead when this combination works out again. The next time it happens will be in 2029 and we will not be concerned about business conditions then. Yes, sir, the hard times are over. Figures don't lie."

Figures Show State Is Trying to Live at Home

Governor Gardner's "Live at Home" campaign, broadcast through the State in 1930 and being followed up this year with another extensive campaign, is bringing actual results in increased acreages planted in food and feed crops.

Figures compiled by C. A. Sheffield, assistant extension director at State College, for 1930, show that farmers have added to acreage planted in 14 important food and feed crops since 1929. As a result, a total placed at \$15,000,000 was added to the value of these crops.

White adding thousands of acres to food and feed crops the acreage planted in cotton was cut from 1,878,000 acres to 1,644,000 acres in 1930, a decrease of 234,000 acres and a percentage decrease of twelve for the entire State.

Particularly encouraging to the "Live at Home" workers is the increase in home gardens on farms, more than 10,000 acres being added in 1930 for a percentage increase of above 10.

Other food and feed crops which show gains in Mr. Sheffield's tabulation follow:
Corn—271,000 acres added; 12 per cent. gain.
Oats—28,000 acres were added; 11 per cent. gain.
Barley—3,000 acres added; 8 per cent. gain.
Hay—85,000 acres added; 7 per cent. gain.

Soy Beans—72,000 acres added; 35 per cent. gain.
Cowpeas—13,000 acres added; 19 per cent. gain.
Irish Potatoes—16,000 acres added; 21 per cent. gain.
Sweet Potatoes—20,000 acres added; 25 per cent. gain.
Sorghum—10,000 acres added; 10 per cent. gain.
Truck Crops—11,810 acres added; 6 per cent. gain.
Laying Hens—230,246 birds added; 4 per cent. gain.
Dairy Cows—21,000 head added; 9 per cent. gain.

New Bank Is Being Organized at Lenoir

Lenoir.—The Union National Bank, operating with a capital of \$150,000, will open its doors here some time this week as successor to the old First National which failed to open December 10. All new stock will be paid in before the bank opens, according to officials, who express belief that the charter, the only remaining hold-up in more than two weeks' formation of plans, would arrive around the middle of the week.

The new bank has taken over all assets and assumed all liabilities of the old First National. P. H. Coffey, prominent furniture manufacturer, was named president of the new institution at a recent meeting of the board of directors. J. H. Squires was named vice-president and L. A. Dyart, cashier.

The directors, other than officials, are C. H. Hopkins, T. H. Broyhill, R. S. Crisp, J. G. Ballew, J. B. Galvin and C. L. Robbins.

Dr. C. B. Baughman, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist, Johnson City, Tenn., will be in the office of Dr. J. B. Hagaman in Boone, on the first Monday in each month for the practice of his profession. 10-17-31

Dairy Extension Office Plans New Dairy Barn

New Plans have been designed by the agricultural engineer working with the dairy extension office at State College by which cow stalls and stanchions of lumber may be built at home by those who wish to remodel old barns to house dairy cattle.

The plans have been designed in response to many requests from persons having a few cows and no place to keep them. Using these plans, barns, stables or sheds may be made sanitary and convenient for handling a small dairy herd.

A. T. Holman, agricultural engineer, who designed the new plans, says they are intended for the small producer having less than six cows. This class includes the family cows and the small herds from which sour cream is sold. The plans are not recommended for those in the dairy business and producing milk on a comparatively large scale. As explained by Mr. Holman, the plans show three complete stanchions and cow stalls including the feeding alley, manger, platform, gutter and rear walkway. Everything is to be built of lumber except the bottom of the gutter, which is of concrete. Mr. Holman says one of the best features of the new set of plans is

the low cost of construction. Only one sack of cement and about 150 board feet of lumber are needed to build stanchions and stalls for three cows. The average cost of the materials used should be around \$3 for one cow. The designs are simple, permitting any farmer, handy with tools, to do his own work.

Blue prints of the new plans may be had from Mr. Holman's office or through the local county farm agent. Because of the expense of having blue prints made, they cannot be scattered indiscriminately over the State, but several farmers wishing to remodel old barns to keep family cows may use the plans available in their county farm agent's office.

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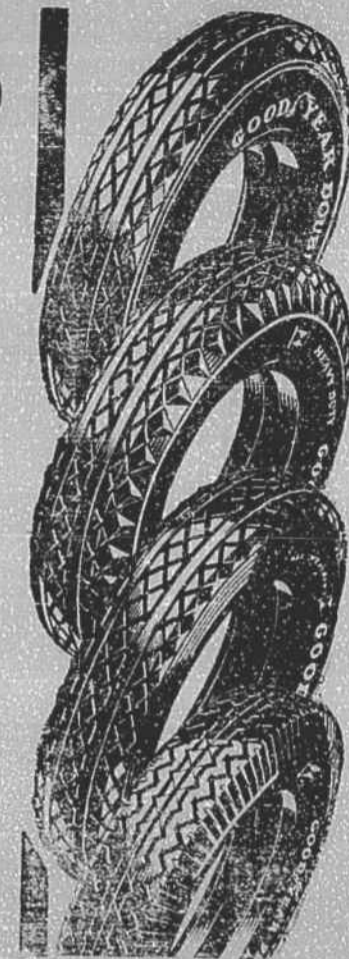
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