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FAITH VS. ARGUMENT

A large crowd had encircled a white man and a colored brother down the street the other day. They were having no little difficulty in convincing each other just what disposition was to be made of mortal man's immortal element, and various passages of Scripture were handed back and forth in substantially correct verbiage.

The colored man was troubled. One of his church sisters was soon to be buried, and he was torn between the desire to be on time for the funeral and to vindicate his Scriptural position.

The white man, as we arrived on the scene, quoted the words of the Master: "Whither I go thou canst follow now," but the negro was unperturbed. He shifted the hat to the hardened fingers of the left hand, allowed the fingers of the right to rub the kinky hair which topped the forehead, and said: "The Saviour has said, 'I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am there ye may be also.'"

And Cool Hagler, preacher, farmer and road worker, thus outlined the big promise of the Christian religion in an unintended sermon.

A WELCOME VISITOR

Jesse Day, formerly of Boone but now a resident of Asheville, visited with friends in Boone Wednesday morning, discussed old times in the village, recounted more recent experiences, and added his praise to the recovery program of President Roosevelt.

USELESS LOVE

Song writers have given us just lots and lots of those meaningless little songs dedicated to the capricious god called Cupid. "Careless Love," "Loveless Love," in fact, all brands and varieties of love.

Surely there's not a man alive today who was fortunate enough to wriggle his way through those grinning, smirking, teen-age years without falling desperately in love with some full-grown, charming, beautiful woman.

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Sets Atlantic Crossing



Above is the new Queen of the Seas, the Italian liner Rex, which set a new Atlantic crossing, Gibraltar to New York, in 4 days, 13 hours and 53 minutes.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL OPEN NEXT TUESDAY, SEPT. 5

Increased Enrollment Expected at Local Institution. Schools to Operate Under Greatly Curtailed Budgets.

School bells will ring for more than seven hundred children when the session of 1933-34 begins next Tuesday at 8:30 a. m.

Schools will operate under greatly curtailed budgets this year, but the service rendered will be just as effective as it has been in the past.

"One way in which every pupil can help is to bring all his books on the opening day that he wishes to dispose of or exchange.

Church Building to Be Dedicated Sunday

The handsome new church building of the Baptist denomination, located at Balm just over the line in Avery County, will be dedicated with appropriate ceremony next Sunday.

The imposing brick structure was completed about two months ago, is thoroughly modern, and reflects much credit on the fidelity of the Baptists of that community.

Bowie Asked to Speak Here Friday Evening

Hon. T. C. Bowie, of West Jefferson, leader of the revolt in the past Legislature against the 3 per cent. general sales tax, has been asked to address a meeting of the local unit of the Fair Tax Association at the courthouse here Friday evening.

WATAUGA ALL-STARS TO PLAY WILKES COUNTY TEAM

C. W. Teal, president of the Watauga Baseball League, asks that the following players report in Boone on August 31st at 12:30 o'clock ready to go to North Wilkesboro to play an all-star game with a picked team of Wilkes County players.

MRS. SPARKS SUCCUMBS AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

Mrs. B. L. Sparks died in Ashland, Ky., last week from the effects of an operation, meagre information coming to Boone indicates.

Tobacco farmers of Craven and Granville counties have organized county associations to aid members in bargaining for better tobacco prices this fall.

Federal Home Loan Saved Their Home



Mr. and Mrs. John P. Flanagan, Philadelphia, received Federal Home Loan Bond No. 1 in Pennsylvania, to thus save their home. They are pictured above, happy with the loan bond.

Leonard Speaks; Fair Tax Association Set Up Here

Following an address by J. Paul Leonard, executive director of the North Carolina Fair Tax Association, at the courthouse Friday night, a local county unit of the association was formed.

Mr. Leonard, who was unable to attend the organization meeting, states that he finds it impossible to serve as an official of the League, although he has always been personally opposed to sales levies.

Mr. J. B. Brewer presided at the meeting, which was attended by a representative audience of Watauga citizens, including a few ladies.

The immediate purpose of the tax association is "the abolishment of sales taxes," and the 3 1/2 per cent. levied by the last Legislature was denounced by all speakers.

In beginning his address, Mr. Leonard, who was for ten years secretary of the State Merchants Association, and during that time led the successful fight of the merchants against efforts to impose sales taxes in North Carolina, traced these efforts from their inception back in 1923.

Newland and Greer Will Speak at Dry Rally Here

Governor W. C. Newland and Professor I. G. Greer, superintendent of the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage, will be the principal speakers at the county-wide dry rally to be held at the courthouse next Sunday at 2:30, according to Clyde R. Greene, local committee member of the United Dry Forces of North Carolina.

Judge Johnson J. Hayes was to have appeared on Sunday but a conflict in his speaking engagements prevented him from coming here at this time, it was said.

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One Is Wounded As Bank Bandits Fire Upon Officer

Although officers of Watauga and Alexander counties are continuing their efforts, no further clues have been found of B. C. Green and son, Lester Green, two of the bandits who held up the Taylorsville bank a few weeks ago, killed one official, and wounded another.

Deputy Sheriff Teeters of Taylorsville was in Boone over the week-end, and Sunday made arrangements with Sheriff Howell to block the Beaver Dam road while he went into that section to ascertain whether or not the robbers were in hiding there as reported.



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Sunday marks the official beginning of the campaign in North Carolina against the repeal of the 18th Amendment, and meetings are being held simultaneously in practically all counties of the State.

EMERGENCY BONDS ALLOTTED TO LOCAL FARM LOAN AGENT

Mr. S. C. Eggers, local loan agent of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, announces that he has been allotted a number of the bonds as provided in the Emergency Farm Mortgage Act.

The interest on these bonds may not exceed 4 per cent, and is guaranteed by the U. S. Government, unconditionally, until maturity or earlier retirement, and will be paid semi-annually.

TWO GALLONS; TWO MEN

John Church and Raymond Campbell were lodged in jail Wednesday after they had been apprehended by Constable Fred Hatley in the Shulls Mills section in possession of two gallons of whiskey.

41 STUDENTS ARE GIVEN DEGREES AT COLLEGE FINALS

Governor W. C. Newland Delivers Address and Awards Diplomas at A. S. T. C. Three Members of Dotson Family Given Bachelors of Science. Dougherty Announces Opening of Fall Term.

Thursday night at the close of the summer quarter of the Appalachian State Teachers College, Dr. R. L. Moore, president of Mars Hill College, made one of the most inspiring and helpful addresses ever heard here.

Following the address, President Dougherty introduced Governor W. C. Newland, president of the board of trustees, who presented diplomas and conferred degrees on sixteen young men and twenty-five young women.

The total number of degrees for the year is eighty-three, each of which includes a teacher's certificate in Class "A" with the privilege of teaching in one to five of the following fields: Primary Education, Grammar Grade Education, Physical Education, Biology, Chemistry, English, Geography, History, French and Physics.

A most interesting feature of the commencement was that three generations in the same family were represented in connection with the senior class: Rev. Roy Dotson; his son, Hight Dotson, and his daughter, Mrs. Ola Dotson Furr each received a bachelor of science degree from the same

Cove Creek High School To Open Next Monday

Cove Creek High School will open its fall session Monday morning, September 4. Parents are urged to have their children enroll on the opening day.

A faculty meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon, September 2nd, at 2 o'clock.

CORA GRIMES PASSES; MOTHER OF SEVENTEEN

Cora Grimes, colored, aged 45 years, wife of John Grimes, died at her home in Boone early Monday morning after an illness of about a week.

Cora was born and reared in this community, and was liked and respected by the white folks generally. She is survived by the husband and thirteen children, one of whom is an infant. She had given birth to seventeen, death having claimed four of the number.

TWO SMALL BASS CAUGHT ON SAME LINE IN RIVER

Mr. Ernest Billings, who lives on the Watauga River, was in town on Thursday and tells The Democrat that recently while fishing with a five minnow in the river, a small black bass struck the wiggling lure, and when the hook was pulled from the water, a second fish of about the same size was caught under the gill and snared by the line.

"HEAVEN BOUND" TO AGAIN BE PRESENTED IN BOONE

"Heaven Bound," which was so thoroughly enjoyed several weeks ago by a large Boone audience, will again be presented in the auditorium of the Boone Methodist Church on Saturday afternoon and evening, September 9.

Every State and territory of the United States except Nevada has a national guard or militia.