

LAND . . . its wonders

Premier Mussolini offered prize not long ago for every Italian family that had been working the same piece of land for 100 years or more An amazing number of Italian farmers were able to produce evidence that they were occupying the same land that their ancestors had farmed Some of the families had been on the same land for 1,000 years, many for more than 500 years.

Yet Italy, a small, compact country, which could be hidden in a corner of Texas, has not yet been able to develop its agricultural resources their utmost, in spite of the fact that it contains as many people as New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Texas and Massachusetts combined.

Prince Caetano, American-trained Italian engineer who died the other day, owned most of the Pontine Marsh, between Naples and Rome. His family had owned it for 2,000 years, and for 2,000 years reciamation work has been going on there. Part of the marsh has been made lately into good farm land, but there is a hundred years' work yet to be

Looking at such facts and figures, I smile at the enthusiasm of those who think it possible to solve all of America's farm land problems in a few years. ....

HOUSES . . . poor people
I get a similar reaction from the gigantic programs of "slum clearance" and Government building of residential areas in our offics, which meriy of Boone, now of Brownwood, come out from Washington.

Again Italy furnishes a compari-A few days ago Mussolini start ed the demolition of a block of old Roman houses, built originally about the beginning of the Christian era. I went through one of those old houses a couple of years ago. Families were living there whose ancestors had lived in the same rooms long before with a pocket knife on the left side, Columbus discovered America. Then in or near the heart. The Church boy I went out to the suburban bills and was also alleged to have been carry saw the new "garden" apartments the Government had built for the working reople. They were charming in their outlook, modern in their design and equipment—but too expensive for any but the highest-paid workers to live

In New York the first new residential unit built as a "slum clear-ance" project, Knickerbocker Village, has been filled up with "white collar" workers; the poor people can't afford the rents, even though this was built as a private enterprise, with the aid of Government loans.

Whenever government itself buys or builds anything it always costs much more than when done by pravate enterprise. So I haven't much raith in the notion that is going to be of any real service to the ordinary working man for Covernment to build beautiful apartment houses.

PEOPLE . . . spread thinly

I do a good deal of motoring over country roads in the East, and once one Watsuga County school teachin 2 while I make an airpiane trip, or, laid the groundwork for an insan-which is the best way to really see ity defense as the young minister. the country, I am constantly being went on trial in Raleigh Federal her work and that she is managing land which is not used for anything time. land which is not used for anything, tion. Two doctors testified as to the compared with the small areas in defendant's nervousness, and one farms and cities.

Even in what we call the thickly- generations of his family. populated states, Southern New England, New York and Pennsylvania, people are spread out so thin that trand by demanding ransom for ins they can't make us of half of the own return when ne disappeared from home last August. Government witnesses testified that Askew confessed the square mile, even in such densely to faking his kidnap story in order.

Land Sale at Abingdon

Brings Owners \$70,000

Phillips, John Lentz, L. Cloyd Greene, municipal debt situation.

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Sweet Dotato growers. people are spread out so thin that fraud by demanding ransom for his populated states as Massachusetts to take a needed rest. A ransom let- west Virginia property, advertised in Smith, John E. Combs, Clay Hodges, populated states as Massachusetts to take a needed rest. A ransom let-and Rhode Island, than England has; ter was written, it is recalled, to his while New York and Pennsylvania, of Blowing Rock, saying "Get \$25,000 York and Philadelphia, are compar-at once or you will never see your atively deserted, by contrast with husband again." France and Germany.

I have a distinct belief that the (Continued on Page 4)

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The Innocent One



Additional terms of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., who are charged with the sensational kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Stell of Louisville for \$50,000 ransom.

## YATES CHILD IS STABBED; LIVING

Nine-Year-Old Son of Mr. and Mrs. Con Vates Stabbed Near Fatally by Eight-Year-Old Playmate, Living at Last Reports.

Rufus Gwyn Yates, nine-year-old sen of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Yates, forwas perhaps fatally stabbed Wednesday afternoon of last week by an eight-year-old playmate, as they attended a basket ball game at Bald-win schoolhouse in Ashe County.

Reports say that Gurney Church, son of Mr. and Mrs. Turner Church of Donation, entered into a scuffle with the Yates child and struck him ing a razor at the time.

According to medical authority at West Jefferson, where the injured boy was taken, there was little chance for his recovery, due to internal bleed-ing. However, The Democrat learned the first of the week that the knife had punctured a lung rather than the heart, that the child was still living, and that hopes for his recovery were growing brighter.

### SANITY ANGLE IN TRIAL OF ASKEW

Four Square Gespel Preacher Goes on Trial for Attempted Extortion at Raleigh. Attorneys Lay Foundation for Insanity Plea.

Counsel for Rev. R. H. Askew, for-

supposed kidnaping.

#### JUDGE J.H.BINGHAM FOLLOWS BIBLE IN **DECISION TUESDAY**

Recorder Asks Audience to Read the Tenth Chapter of Luke as He Quashes Case Brought Against Miss Florence Boyd, Complaint Alleged that Worker Was Operating Home for Cripples Without License.

Holy Writ, and more specifically the tenth chapter of the Gospel ac-cording to St. Luke, superceded the statutes of the State of North Caro-lua in Recorders Court this week, when Judge John H. Bingham cited the story of the Good Samaritan as he literally quashed an indictment hrought against Miss Florence Boyd of Lenoir, for operating a home for the care of crippled children without

license from the State. Miss Boyd, who has devoted her ife and means to the care of indigent children of the mountains, was hailed before the tribunal as a result of charges brought through the Wel-fare Department of the State, head-ed by Mrs. Tom Bost. The State charged that Roense hadn't been granted to Miss Boyd for practically en-slaving herself in the following of the practices of the lowly Nazarene, and witnesses described as "swift" took the stand from both Caldwell and Avery Counties, but they couldn't make the court believe there was any thing wrong in doing right.

Governor Newland Appears Governor W. C. Newland, voteran Lenoir barrister, traveled key high-ways to plead the cause of Miss Boyd, without fee or without price; the forensic talents of William R. Lovill were tendered free gratis; and T. E. Bingham whom Miss Boyd did not know) was in the case in a twinkling -all throwing their massed legal abilities together not for money but just because they thought they were doing right. Following the evidence, Newland, Lovill and Bingham delivery ered themselves of oratory, which ran close to preaching, and which would have made a verdict against their client well nigh impossible. Mr. Lovill, in contributing a crisp greenback to Miss Boyd following his plea, sug-gested that every man in the court oom follow suite.

Then Judge Bingham took charge to pounds. Of this, twenty cents goes to pay for transportation, giving the law of God, the veteran jurie pointed an accusing finger at each of the State of of the State's witnesses, and as the hand trembled slightly with right-pous indignation, said "Go! Go! And when you have reached home, take time enough to carefully read the tenth chapter of the Gespel of St. Luke. There you will find this case." And thus ended one of the most interesting cases to be heard before the county court.

Miss Boyd tells The Democrat that in the conduct of her home for crip-pled children, she has used all her personal means, that contributions to carry on for the good of the little ones, in spite of the handicaps she Askew was charged with using the mails, telephone and telegraph to deher at Lenoir, N. C.

brought \$40,730 and one of 210 acres Johnson. Mrs Askew took the stand and told brought \$13,465, thus indicating that of the occurrences incidental to the real estate values are beginning to

#### "One of Our Babies"



Red Cross public health nurse proudly displays one of the infants under her uare. In the past five years Red Cross nurses have aided at the birth of more than 19,000 bables and have given care to mothers of many others, in their work to save lives of mothers and bables.

# Ready Market Is Created For Balance Cabbage Crop

A market for the surplus cabbage of Watauga has been opened through the Emergency Relief Administration. The cabbage is being bought from the grower for cash, and being made into sauerkraut by

hand labor methods.

This not only gives the farmer a cash sale for his crop, but also gives profitable employment to a good number of people, and at the same time converts an otherwise wasted product into a valuable

At the present time the sauerkraut is being made at Winston-Salem, N. C. The price paid there is seventy-five cents per hundred pounds. Of this, twenty cents goes makes it available to the trucks. The cabbage is being hauled by various truckers of Watanga, thus getting the entire proceeds within the county.

It is not necessary for one form to make out an entire load in order to get it on this market. group of neighborhood farmers may co-operate in loading a truck. The purpose of the plan is to make a market available to any and every grower, regardless of size.

Cabbage is already being moved at a rapid rate, and due to weather conditions, it is obvious that whatever part of the crop is to go must be moved at once. All firm heads will be taken, the only requirement being that all cabbage must be in sound condition.

Anyone wishing to market cab-bage by this method should get in touch at once with Newton Cook, County Farm Supervisor, at Boone.

URGED TO MEE'S

#### NORTH CAROLINA ROUTE IS CHOSEN FOR PARK ROAD

Secretary Ickes Puts Aside Findings of Special Committee and Decides in Favor of Carolina, Park Service Will Start Work Immediately. Cost of Project \$16,000,000 or More. Governors Notified of Decision.

Washington, D. C -Setting aside the conclusions of the special Rad-cliffe committee, Harold L. Ickes, secretarior of the laterior. Monday formally announced his decision in favor of the North Carolina route to connect by scenic highway the Shenan-doah and the Great Smoky Mountains National parks, a project the cost of which is now estimated at \$16,000,000 but which will probably call, eventuplly, for a greater outlay.

The announcement of Secretary Ickes took the form of a press memoranchum, to which was attached copies of letters scheduled to reach the governors of North Carolina and Ten-nessee, Monday, the press notice and letters presenting the Skyway project comprehensively, and providing for North Carolina and excellent and wholly adequate brief.

Course of Route

The route selected runs west from Blowing Rock, south of Linville City, along the Blue Ridge and Mount Mit-chell and Craggy ranges, which lie east of Asheville, thence into the Mount Pisgah range, bending sharply northwest on a line along that range west of Waynesville, with an entrance nto the park at a point where it will connect with the Newfound Gap highway near Cherokee, N. C.

Arno B. Cramerer, director of the National Park Service, said Tuesday the Park Service would begin immediately to carry out the instructions of Secretary of the Interior Ick s. The first work to be done will be to put surveying crews in the field to stake the actual location of the parkway. This work is already under way on the portion of the parkway running from the Shenandoah National Park to Blowing Rock.

Mr. Cramerer said North Carolina

was to be congratulated on the vic-tory it had won at the hands of Secretary Ickes and the National Park Service would move as rapidly as possible in making available to the pubhe the "wonderland of scenery" along the route of the perkway.

#### Local Power Company Opens Electric Shop

One of the town's most attractive husiness places is the new store of the New River Light and Power Company, which is located in the building next to the upper Carolina store. Ra-dios, refrigerators, and dozens of other electric appliances are featured, and the establishment is gaining pop-plarity right along. Fitted out in manner more like a parlor than an and others interested in the welfare ordinary store, its attractiveness is of the community are asked to meet with the Board of Aldermen and the lounges add to the pleasure of cus

#### LAFFERTY-NORRIS

Norris, by the Rev. P. L. Smith of Todd.

for curing the crop now being stored. Mr. Lafferty is an instructor in Lees-

Side-dressing corn with nitrate of soda in Caldwell County increased ports the county agent.

#### JURORS DRAWN CITY TAXPAYERS FOR CIVIL TERM

Judge Clayton Moore Will Preside at Special Term Which Begins on De-cember 3rd and Continues Two Weeks, Only Civil Cases.

Jurors have been drawn for the special civil term of Watauga Superior Court, which will convene on Deones, in spite of the handicaps she cember 3rd for a two-weeks session must surmount. She believes she is at which only civil cases will be tried. entitled to the co-operation of the The term was called in an effort to people and would appreciate any do-nation which might be forwarded to docket. Judge Clayton Moore of Williangeton will preside and the follow-

Jeff Hampton, Andy Greer, A.

Town Officials Wish to Discuss Important Fiscal Matters with Populace Friday Evening at the Town Hall, All Interested Are Invited

All taxpayers of the town of Boone Mayor in the City Hall on Friday tomers, ght of this week While the exact purpose of the

meeting has not been given out, it is Married on the ninth, Miss Nancy stated by those in authority that the Salone Norris of the Meat Camp secfiscal affairs of the town will be ta- tion to Mr. Ernest Lafferty of Banor jury service:

ken up, and plans discussed which ner Elk, the ceremony having been First Week, December 3rd: Vester might lead to the easement of the performed at the home of the bride's

Sweet potato growers in Martin The newly-weds will establish their County have purchased 28,000 crates permanent home at Banner Elk where

Vannoy, J. C. Cook, J. S. Lyon, H. L. Hodges, S. B. Adams, G. W. Moody, Second Week, December 10th: John J. A. Hurtley, W. H. Mast, L. D. Har-soda in Caldwell County increased Hagaman, Grady Greer, W. C. Payne, mon. Alex South, R. L. Masten, W. the yield by 27 bushels an acre, re-

# OFFICIAL VOTE OF WATAUGA COUNTY IN THE NOVEMBER 6th ELECTION

		Senate		Solicitor		Legislatur		Recorder		Clerk		Sheriff		Register		Coroner		yor !		County	ty Commissioners				Congress		State	
TOWNSHIPS:	Dalton Warren (D)	George Cheek (3)	L. S. Spuriing (D)	No G. O. P. Candidate	Dean Swift (D)	Walter Greene (R)	J. H. Bingham (D)	No G. O. P. Candidate	A. E. South (D)	Grace S. Bingham (R)	A. Y. Howell (D)	Fred Hatley (R)	Helen Underdown (D)	Maud Powell (R)	fack Love (D)	f, C. Brookshire (R)	Roby Vines (D)	. A. Bumgamer (R)	Eller MoNeil (D)	V. F. Miller (D)	Noy I. Billings (D)	V. A. Profritt (R)	Ufred Thomas (R)	orthur Moody (R)	L. Doughton (D)	os. M. Prevette (R)	. C. State Democratic	. C. State Republican
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