

HEALTH . . . and age.

Worrying about one's health is, usually, a sign of advancing age. I used to do a lot of it, until I got old enough to realize that the human machine, like any other machine, needs only regular, normal care to keep it in good running order until it wears out.

The best way to keep well, after one reaches middle age, is to be lazy. I make it a rule now, in the sixties, never to indulge in any physical exertion that I can avoid. Of course, when you're not running the engine at full speed, it doesn't take as much fuel. It's surprising how fit a man can keep on half the food he used to consume, if he doesn't throw his weight about and burn up his muscular energy.

Chouinsey Depew, who lived to be 93, remarked once that all the exercise he ever took was walking to the funerals of his golf-playing friends. I gave up golf ten years ago. Five men that I used to play with, all younger than I, have since dropped dead on the golf course.

PICTURES . . . they improve

I am not the world's most enthusiastic motion picture fan, but I find myself going to the pictures oftener than I used to, and getting more satisfaction out of them.

It seems perfectly clear to me that there has been a great improvement in the films in the past year or so. Better stories, better acting, better stage effects, better sound reproductions. I find much less that is offensive to my sense of good taste and decency than I used to, less of the sort of thing that is apparently aimed at the lowest mental and moral types.

No greater mistake can be made by anybody who seeks to entertain or instruct people than to underestimate their capacity for discriminating between good and bad. No newspaper ever succeeded where editor thought it necessary to "play down" to the supposed low level of his readers' intelligence.

It looks to me as if the motion picture people had discovered that the best they can offer is not too good for their audience. They have also discovered that it is not necessary to be dull to be decent.

HISTORY . . . good teacher

A friend who is in charge of the historical collection in a great library tells me that more young folk are coming in for information about the things that have happened in the past than ever before.

That is a good sign. Once one understands that nothing that occurs today is without its parallel in the past, the better he is able to judge of the value of new experiments to change the social order. The realization that human nature is unchangeable is the chief lesson of history.

I have been reading lately the accounts of the great speculative era in England and France in 1720 and thereafter. A precise parallel to the speculative era in the United States from 1926 to 1929 is found in the history of the South Sea Bubble in England and the Mississippi Bubble in France. Everybody was speculating, everybody lost, tens of thousands were ruined and the bottom seemed to have dropped out of everything.

But somehow, civilization continued to develop and the world kept on running.

COTTON . . . and Calico

Two hundred years ago the flax-growers and sheep herders of England were greatly concerned for the future of the wool and linen industries. Gaily printed cotton cloth was being imported from India—from "Calicut," whence we get the word "calico." Women were discarding wool and linen to wear the new fabric.

Laws were passed forbidding the importation of calicoes. They resulted only in extensive smuggling. Finally Parliament passed a law prohibiting the wearing of cotton garments. That didn't work, for it was impossible to send to prison all the women-folk who persisted in flaunting their calicoes in public.

The outcome was that England began to import raw cotton and spin and weave it in its own factories, and encouraged the growing of cotton in its American colonies.

Now we grow more cotton than the world will consume. A lot of other people have found out that they can grow and weave cotton. Women are wearing more rayon, made from wood pulp, and less cotton. The English cotton mills are in distress and so are our cotton growers. No man-made laws will cure the situation.

Yet, somehow, the world will wag on. It always has.

Mrs. J. F. Hardin went to Asheville Sunday where she will take treatment at Biltmore Hospital for an ailment which has kept her confined for some time. Friends of the popular lady will be pleased to note that her condition is showing great improvement. Accompanying Mrs. Hardin to Asheville were, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Council, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Council and Mayor Tracy Council.

ASSEMBLY GETS BUSY AS BILLS ARE THROWN IN

Various Laws Are Proposed as Solons Get Down to Second Week's Work. Wataugans Accompany Local Representative to Raleigh. Swift Is Name Member of Five Committees. Governor's Message Outlined.

The legislative mills are beginning to grind at Raleigh, where representatives from the one hundred counties and half as many senatorial districts enter into their second week of what prognosticators now believe may be a greatly shortened session of the lawmakers.

Thus far few measures of State-wide interest have found their way into the hoppers, but local bills are flowing in at the usual rate.

A large number of Wataugans went down to see Representative Dean Swift pass over his credentials and to be present when the gavel fell in the Capitol.

Representative Swift has been named a member of the following committees: Education, Salaries and Fees, Engrossed Bills, Health, The Journal, and Penal Institutions.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Raleigh, N. C.—Increased salaries for all State employees, including salaries, was recommended Thursday night by Governor Ehringhaus in his biennial message to the General Assembly, House and Senate meeting together, in which he painted a vivid picture of the emergencies of this State from the darkness of early 1933, from bank closings, farm and home foreclosures and depressed spirits, into a condition of security and a long step along the road to a reasonable prosperity.

He gave an accounting of his stewardship, mentioning outside activities, such as work for increased prices for tobacco, cotton, potatoes, peanuts and other farm products. Rigid economy was necessary two years ago, requiring salary cutting which in the face of the recovery progress is distressing, and this must be remedied in a long forward step toward pre-depression levels, but with caution.

Governor Ehringhaus lauded the 1933 session for its forward step in taking over schools and providing a State-wide eight-months term to all children, rural and urban, black and white, increasing the term even though every other State reduced it. He dissented from the view that school sentiment prevailed to raid the highway fund and reaffirmed his opposition to diversion. He expressed the hope that school book rentals could be adopted sooner, and later free textbooks.

Saying he would have later recommendations on specific problems, he suggested legislation at this time, briefly stated, as follows:

Highways: Funds for construction of rural roads, in addition to matching Federal funds, complete maintenance funds, and taking over the Cape Fear and Chowan river bridges, making them toll free.

Safety: Drivers' license, not for revenue; increase in highway patrol, with co-operation from municipal and county officers, and especially the public.

Election Laws: Drastic changes in absentee ballot law or its repeal; separate primary registrations to prevent breaking over of party lines.

Child Labor: Adoption of proposed amendment to U. S. Constitution, placing all states on even basis in eliminating this social evil.

Unemployment Insurance: Enactment of laws conforming to Federal legislation to be enacted by Congress and study of plans for old age pensions.

Workmen's Compensation: Extending law to cover occupational diseases, including teachers, within the law, and State insurance fund, if necessary.

Employment: Provision for continuing on 50-50 basis Federal employment plans, and legal machinery to adjust labor and industrial disputes.

Veterans Loan Fund: Laws for the proper administration and protection of fund and interests of all veterans.

Amendments: Provision for adopting some, if not all, of constitutional changes embraced in plan not submitted last fall, due to a court decision, especially liberalizing the tax structure, reforming the judicial system, protecting against excessive debt, promoting home-building and ownership, the latter, because ownership of humble homes is really penalized. A study is urged.

Charities and Welfare: Commends recommendations of the commissioner.

REV. SHERWOOD TO PREACH

Rev. James C. Sherwood of Erwin, Tenn., will preach at Cove Creek Baptist Church on Sunday, January 20th, at 11 o'clock a. m. The public is cordially invited to hear him.

AROUND THEM SWIRLS THE DRAMA OF THE LINDBERGH CASE



Hauptmann



PAS



The Judge

Flemington, N. J.—Around these characters swirls the most dramatic court scenes this nation has witnessed in years. It is the trial of Bruno Hauptmann on the charge of murdering the Lindbergh baby. Upper left are character studies of the accused man. Upper right is Justice Thomas W. Trenchard, Jr., who is presiding at the trial. Below is the Hauptmann jury.



The Jury

The trial of Richard Bruno Hauptmann, charged with the slaying of the Lindbergh baby in March, 1932, continues, with the State weaving what appears to be a constantly strengthened net around the German carpenter. The last few days have been spent largely in the testimony of handwriting experts, who were positive in their identification of the writing found on the

ransom notes as that of Hauptmann. Meantime, no hint is given as to the line of defense which will be offered. Chief counsel for Hauptmann does state, however, that it is probable his evidence will require three weeks. Hauptmann has been positively identified three or four times during the trial by State witnesses, who declare he is the man who negotiated the huge ransom.

INJURED IN CRASH; ONE SERIOUSLY ILL

Lee Teague, Local Taxi Operator, Battles Pneumonia Following Injury in Car Wreck. Mrs. Jack Baird Also Hurt.

Lee Teague, local taxi operator, is gravely ill with pneumonia at Hagan Clinic, the malady having developed immediately after he had suffered a broken arm, fractured ribs and other injuries when an automobile which he was driving crashed into a bridge abutment near Asheville. His condition has been considered extremely serious, but physicians state Wednesday that he is showing improvement.

Mrs. Jack Baird, an occupant of the car, also suffered a broken arm and minor injuries, while Henry and Ed Yates received minor cuts and bruises. The accident is said to have occurred when the taxi attempted to pass another car and swung into a bridge abutment. The machine was badly wrecked.

Railway Is Now a Link In Trucking System

The East Tennessee and Western North Carolina Railway Company, which besides operating the narrow-gauge railway into Boone, has a fleet of motor trucks traveling daily between points in Tennessee and North Carolina, has combined the two into a very satisfactory rail-truck service, it is learned. Shipments coming into North Carolina are now routed via rail to Boone and by motor to points below the mountain. In turn, Western shipments are transferred from trucks to rails in Boone. The new arrangement is causing a pick up in business on the railway, and furthermore many of the large trucks cannot carry a full load into Tennessee on account of that State having a low weight maximum, as compared to North Carolina.

Messrs. Burl Norris and Virgil Smith left Thursday of last week for Montana, after an extensive visit with relatives and friends in Watauga.

Attorney General Dennis Brummitt Passes After Illness With Pneumonia

Death of Prominent State Figure a Shock to Carolinians. Body Taken to Oxford for Interment. An Outspoken Official.

Raleigh, N. C.—Death of Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt, 54, Saturday afternoon at 12:10, from pneumonia, following influenza, was a shock to the entire State, in which he had been a prominent figure so long. The body lay in State in the State Capitol from 12 to 2 o'clock Sunday and was taken to his home at Oxford for funeral and interment Monday afternoon.

A graduate of Wake Forest, and one of its official family, Mr. Brummitt served as secretary and chairman of the Granville County Democratic organization, was mayor of Oxford and twice representative in the General Assembly, in which he was Speaker of the House in 1919. He was State Democratic chairman, becoming Attorney General ten years ago, in January, 1925. He had been a fearless and outspoken State official and was held in high esteem.

Surviving are his widow, formerly Miss Kate Fleming, two sisters and three brothers. State Capitol flags flew at half mast and a holiday for all departments Monday was given in his honor.

Tolbert Is Partner in Watauga Hardware

Mr. J. R. Tolbert of Lenoir this week closed a deal whereby he becomes a partner in the Watauga Hardware Company, having bought the interest of C. Brantley Duncan in that enterprise. Mr. Tolbert is now on the job and will move his family here within the next few days. Mr. Duncan has not indicated what he will do, but it is thought he will enter other business activities.

Mr. Tolbert has been engaged in the automobile accessory business in Lenoir for several years, and established a branch store here a few years ago. He is known as a most capable business man and his advent into the local field is welcomed.

NOVELTY COMPANY IS IN RECEIVERSHIP

Gragg and Woodard Named Temporary Receivers for Local Manufacturing Plant. Laborers and Creditors Join in Petition.

Messrs. W. H. Gragg and L. D. Woodard were named temporary receivers for the Woodcraft Novelty Company of Boone by Judge Don Phillips at Newton Superior Court the first of the week, the judicial action having been taken as a result of petitions filed by employees and other creditors. It is announced that a second hearing will be held February 6th, at which time it will be determined whether or not the receivership is made permanent.

The Woodcraft Novelty Company has manufactured wood novelties and toys for several years, and prior to the seasonal shut-down before the holidays had been employing from 20 to 40 men.

WANT FARM FOR REHABILITATION

Government Agency Would Like to Get Farm for Use of Some Able-bodied Man. Share of Crops or Repairs for Rent.

Mr. Newton D. Cook, Federal farm supervisor for Watauga County, wishes to get in touch with some farmer who would let his plantation for rural rehabilitation work. If such a farm can be secured, it is planned to place thereon an able-bodied man and his family, and set him up in the farming business. Tools would be furnished as well as seed, and he would be aided in growing and marketing a crop.

While no cash rentals are in prospect for this work, it is stated that the landowner may secure a share of the crop for his rent or take it in the form of repairs to the property, fencing, etc. Anyone who would be interested in such a proposition is asked to get in touch with Mr. Cook at the Relief Office.

PIONEER BOONE WOMAN, AGE 102 DIES THURSDAY

Mrs. Alice Council Succumbs at Hickory Home. Body Interred in Local Cemetery. Native of South Carolina and Widow of Late Dr. William Council of Boone. Two Sons and One Daughter Survive.

Mrs. Alice M. Council, pioneer resident of Boone, died at her home in Hickory last Thursday evening, at the remarkable age of 102 years. Mrs. Council had been ill for several weeks and a constantly weakened condition brought about her demise.

Mrs. Council on last December 1st observed her 102nd anniversary and the day was spent with only members of the immediate family present. Until recent weeks she had been in remarkably good health and returned to Hickory in the late fall from Blowing Rock, where for many years she had spent the summers with her grandson, Mr. Donald J. Boyden. During the past summer many of the older residents of the county called on the esteemed lady, and were greeted with the same cheery smile and ready conversation, which had been theirs in the association of many years ago. Until the end, it is said, Mrs. Council retained her mental faculties, her keen recollection was not dimmed, and through newspaper reading she enjoyed keeping informed of the events in the rapidly changing world.

Funeral services for Mrs. Council were conducted at the residence of Mrs. Taylor Saturday morning at 11 by Rev. E. F. Heald and Rev. Sam B. Stroup, and at 2 o'clock the body was laid to rest in the Boone cemetery, where the deceased had resided for many years.

Native of South Carolina

Mrs. Council was born in Sumter, S. C. December 31st, 1832, the former Alice Martin Bostwick. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Bostwick, prominent members of old Southern families. Andrew Jackson occupied the White House at the time of her birth. She lived through four wars, the Mexican War, the Civil War, the Spanish-American and World wars, and to each conflict she contributed members of her family.

Mrs. Bostwick began her schooling in a little schoolhouse on a South Carolina plantation, later attended school at Sumter and at the age of 14 entered Salem College, Winston-Salem, being at the time of her death the oldest alumna of that institution. While at Salem she pursued the regular course of study with music and voice training. She was regarded as an outstanding musician and kept up with her music during her entire life. At Salem Mrs. Council became a close friend of Anna Morrison, who later became the wife of Stonewall Jackson.

On June 7, 1852, Alice Martin Bostwick became the bride of Dr. William Bowers Council of Boone. After living here for a few years, they moved back to their plantation where they located at the outbreak of the War Between the States. Dr. Council organized his own company and entered the service of the Confederacy as a captain.

Located in Boone at End of War. When hostilities ceased Dr. and Mrs. Council returned to Boone where Dr. Council resumed his practice of medicine, which took him into the remote sections of the mountain regions. Mrs. Council was a vital factor in her husband's work, and often made medicines in his office, according to his instructions, and administered them to the sick. At the same time Mrs. Council adjusted herself in an admirable fashion to life in the mountains, became an integral and useful part of the community, and was loved by the mountain people throughout her long life.

Surviving are three children: Mrs. Emma A. Taylor, Hickory; Judge W. B. Council, Hickory; L. L. Council, Waynesville. A number of grandchildren and several great-grandchildren also survive.

Meetings for Vegetable Farmers of Watauga Being Held This Week

Field Supervisor of TVAC to Discuss Growing of Cannery Products At Deep Gap, Boone and Cove Creek. Meetings Public.

L. D. Staples, TVAC cannery field supervisor, will meet farmers in Watauga County who are interested in producing vegetables for the green market and also for the TVAC cannery at Cranberry, at the following places this week:

Deep Gap, Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock; Cove Creek School on Friday night at 7:30; and Boone courthouse Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Minimum rates paid for various truck crops will be explained, and contracts for the coming growing season signed. All farmers are invited to attend these meetings.