

World's Chemists Busy  
The New Hell Broth  
Our Huge Gold Pile

The great fighters in Asia and Europe in the days of Frederick the Great and Napoleon had little idea of war's future. But marvelous things, some of the greatest Napoleon especially, might have done with today's inventions.

Frederick the Great's father selected the tallest men he could find for his guard, probably kept them away from the firing line. In battle they would have been killed first, hit by the bullets that go over the heads of shorter men.

The wholesale killers of the old days prepared their killings by marching men up and down, drilling them, encouraging them with titles, brass bands to lead them, fancy uniforms. All that means little now.

About 100 miles from Berlin there is a station called Leuna. There most useful work is done, in theory and through study of the manufacture of synthetic petroleum; and there most important, learned men with big heads, spectacles and an amount of education that would make you dizzy if you could imagine it, concentrate their brains on the preparation of better, more efficient poison gases and high explosives.

Every country has its similar death laboratory; men perhaps as efficient as those of Germany, though Germany is the kingdom of chemistry, the teacher of other nations.

Henry Irving, on the stage of his theater in London, prepared an impressive presentation of the witches in "Macbeth," old, toothless hags, preparing their hell-broth, with power to summon spirits from the dead and make them foretell the future.

Far more efficient are those solemn German chemists, physicists and other professors, preparing the real hell-broth of poison gas, upon which the future of civilization and the domination of the earth may depend for many centuries.

We had our periods of universal barbarism and cannibalism, our ages of flint, bronze and iron, our many interesting forms of rulership, planned to give one or a few control over all the others. We had the age of military feudalism, and many think that we are now seeing the end of "industrial feudalism." There may be in the centuries ahead of us a period of airplane-poison gas rule, which will make the peoples of the world as completely subject to a single dictatorship as were the ancient galley-slaves, swinging their oars under the lash.

There are a good many things we haven't seen and many to which we devote too little thought, including perhaps the fact that it is dangerous to be too rich if you are not prepared to defend yourself against burglars.

Those thousands of millions in gold that we are hiding away in a hole in the ground, as ingeniously as any squirrel hiding his hickory nuts, may bring us trouble some day.

The thought of those ten thousand millions' worth of gold bars and dollars, hidden not very far below the surface, might cause some ingenious Asiatic or European to say to himself:

"For one or two billions I could prepare the necessary machinery, flying ships and poison gas included, to conquer the necessary areas of the United States and frighten the others into submission. Having laid down my layer of gas, I would descend and take the ten thousand millions and go home with a clean profit of eight billions in gold."

Mussolini races his big Italian built automobile, the engine burning alcohol, made of Italian farm products—no gasoline. Some lawmakers in America suggest compelling the use of 10 per cent alcohol in all fuel for American automobiles. Fuel alcohol can be made from corn, and the law, it is said, would give work to 2,000,000 men on 30,000,000 acres of farm land.

It seems impossible to believe the hideous accounts of the maltreatment and cruel deaths inflicted upon women in the civil war now raging in Spain.

That men should fight and murder each other is to be expected, since they are at best "half tiger, half monkey," and often the monkey gives way to the tiger. But that they should inflict shameful ill treatment and hideous death on defenseless women seems utterly unbelievable, even when you know what men are, in a mob.

### Watauga Pays \$25,000 In Retail Sales Tax

Watauga County paid into the state treasury the sum of \$25,379.88, in the form of sales tax collections for the fiscal year ending June 30th, according to figures which have been made public by Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell.

Among the counties of the state the following, led in order, named in amount of sales tax returns: Guilford, Mecklenburg, Forsyth, Buncombe and Wake.

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### Thomas in Pa.



Pittsburgh, Pa.—Norman Thomas (above), Socialist Presidential candidate, donned a miner's cap at Hazleton as he swung through the Pennsylvania coal fields on a campaign tour.

### RIVERS IS OUT AS DIRECTOR OF WPA

Boone Man Does Not Make Clarifying Statement; Says He Will Talk Later.

Jim Rivers, director of the Sixth District of the Works Progress Administration in North Carolina, with headquarters in Winston-Salem, has been succeeded by E. W. Cole, former assistant director it was learned Saturday. State Administrator Coan said Mr. Cole would serve as acting director until further notice.

When Mr. Rivers was shown the Associated Press story which stated that "announcement of the change was made after city court records revealed Rivers had been arrested for drunkenness" he declined to comment, other than say that he would have a statement to make shortly. Mr. Rivers accepted the appointment as WPA official September 15, 1935, and had planned during the summer to finish out the year before resuming his duties with the Watauga Democrat. Today Mr. Rivers returns to Winston-Salem on business matters and declined to state whether or not he would be engaged soon with the local newspaper, pending his decision as to whether or not he will accept a position tendered him down state.

### FLOWER SHOW IS GRAND SUCCESS

Garden Club Well Pleased With First Showing; A List Of the Prize-Winners.

The Annual Flower Show of the Garden Club which was held September 11th in the Sunday School room of the M. E. Church was in every way a decided success. One wondered at the beauty, variety and quantity of the display.

The club wants to urge every one to begin to plan now for next year's show. This was good but it is our purpose to make each show better each year.

Mrs. Underdown of Blowing Rock, Miss Smith, Valle Crucis, Mrs. Dr. Bingham, Cove Creek and Mrs. Mary Bullock, Charlotte, were the gracious judges.

Those who won ribbons were as follows:

Blue Ribbons—Miss Helen Underdown, Mrs. Van Henson 4, Mrs. W. C. Greer 2, Mrs. D. E. Benfield, Dr. Widenhook, Miss Cora Jercoat, Mrs. R. S. Swift, Mrs. T. Len Cook, Mrs. A. E. Hamby 2, Mrs. Gaither, Mrs. Herman Eggers, Mrs. A. E. South 2, Mrs. Frank Miller, Mrs. Dr. Perry, Miller's Floral Shoppe.

Red Ribbons  
Mrs. Albert Watson, Mrs. Rosa Allen, Mrs. Edgar Cook, Mrs. L. B. Hardin, Mrs. A. E. Hamby, Mrs. W. E. Hoishouser, Mrs. G. K. Moore, Rivers Printing Co.

White Ribbon  
Boone Steam Laundry, Mrs. D. J. Cottrell, Mrs. J. A. Williams, Mrs. Watt Gragg, Mrs. R. K. Bingham, Novelty Shop.

The club greatly appreciates the cooperation of all that had a part in making this show a success; the kindness of the M. E. Church in allowing us the use of their Sunday School department; the merchants and citizens who responded so nicely, the able judges who were so kind to do this for us, to all we are indeed grateful and we trust one and all will join the club and together we can accomplish much that will improve our town and county.

Mr. Bob Campbell, manager of Parks-Bell store in Pulaski, Va., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Benfield.

### LINNEY GREENE RITES ATTENDED BY HUGE THROG

One Of County's Most Prominent Citizens Succumbs In Winston-Salem Hospital Saturday; Good Citizen and Devout Churchman.

Impressive funeral services were conducted Monday morning from the Meat Camp Baptist Church for David Linney Greene, 59 years old, one of that section's most outstanding citizens, who died in a Winston-Salem hospital Saturday, following an illness which had been critical for only a short time.

The services were in charge of Rev. J. C. Canipe of the Boone Baptist Church, who was assisted in the obsequies by Revs. R. C. Eggers and W. C. Payne. The esteem in which deceased was held was evidenced by the unusually large concourse of friends which packed every available portion of the church building and some hundreds occupied the churchyard during the services. Literally scores of floral pieces were in evidence.

Interment was in the Meat Camp cemetery, the arrangements being by Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Bessie Wilson Greene and four sons, Verne, Frank, Woodrow and Burl Greene of Zionville, N. C.; a sister, Mrs. Emma Selzer, Boone and the father, Mr. Manley Greene, of Meat Camp.

Deceased was a native of the section in which he died and had spent his life in Watauga County. Mr. Greene was a farmer by occupation, and had succeeded well. He was a devout churchman, and had been one of the leading figures in the church in his community for a greater portion of his life. He was an active exponent of all those things calculated to be for the benefit of his section and county. In his death Watauga county loses one of her most valuable and upstanding citizens.

### High School Students Are Offered Prizes For County Facts

Winston-Salem.—High school students in ten counties in this section are being invited by the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce to participate in a County Fact-Finding Contest, with a cash prize for the winner in each county. President J. Harry White has announced. He said:

"Many opportunities come to us in the course of our service to give publicity to the counties in the Winston-Salem trading area. Hitherto, we have had no literature available in distributable form. For this reason we are seeking to collect the desired data, and in doing so, to give the high school students a part in the project."

The material is to be submitted in the form of compositions telling the story of the county. This includes history, agricultural products, industries, points of interest, and other details of importance. The winning composition from each county will be published in mimeographed bulletin form for general distribution.

In conducting the contest, the Chamber of Commerce is inviting the cooperation of school officials and teachers in developing the project in the various schools, and the assistance of newspapers, parents and other interested adults in supplying the data.

It is felt that with proper interest and cooperation, the contest will produce valuable information that will aid the students in appreciating their home counties more. It will also be useful in bringing tourists, high school students in the following counties are eligible to take part in the contest: Alleghany, Ashe, Davidson, Davie, Randolph, Stokes, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes and Yadkin.

Full details regarding the contest have been sent to superintendents and high school principals throughout the area.

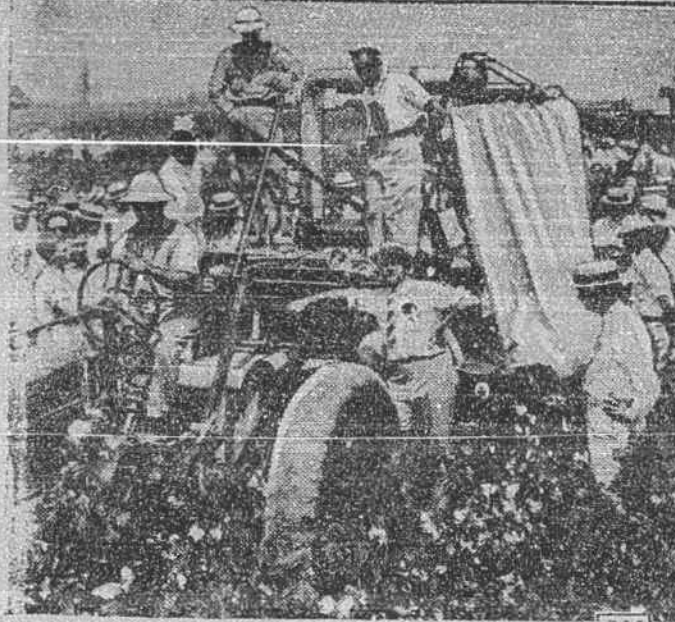
Contest rules are as follows:

1. The dates of the contest shall be from the opening of school in the fall of 1936 until December 1, 1936.
2. All entries must be in composition form, limited to 1500 words.
3. All compositions are required to contain the following basic information: Name of county and origin, population, county seat, agricultural products, mineral products, industries, transportation, history, points of interest. Any other information of interest may be included.

A cash award of \$5 will be given for the winning composition from each county. Honorable mention will be given to the second best composition, from each county.

Mrs. W. H. Gragg is spending the week visiting at the home of a son, Mr. Horton Gragg in Shelby.

### Cotton Picking Machine in Impressive Tryout



Jackson, Miss.—Deeply concerned with the future of cotton, many cotton men of importance were at Stoneville, Miss., last week to witness the performance of John and Mack Rust's cotton picking machine in operation. In less than an hour the machine picked more cotton than a handpicker could gather in a day. The principal shortcoming of the machine was that it gathered twigs and unripe cotton and also stained some of the cotton. Nor is it as yet adapted to hilly and uneven fields.

### REA Project Is Likely To Be Submitted in Few Days

The work of preparing the data for submission to Washington preliminary to the inclusion of Watauga County in the Federal Government's Rural Electrification program, is nearing the home-stretch, according to Mr. W. B. Collins, county agent, who with a large corps of workers in various sections of the county, has been making all possible haste in working out the project.

Mr. Post Jones, Lenoir draughtsman, expects to have the maps completed by Friday and ready for blue-priming. At the same

time the data required will be complete and Mr. Collins believes that the project will be before the proper authorities in Washington by the end of next week. The project will be prepared with such accurateness of detail, that it is considered quite unlikely any changes will be required, pending its approval or rejection.

In discussing the work, Mr. Collins states that the cooperation of the people of the county in this work has been wholehearted, and has been largely responsible for the success of the undertaking up to the present time.

### SEEKS WORKERS ON SCENIC ROAD

Representative Of Employment Service Will Be In Boone Friday 25th.

Director Wooten of the district employment office in North Wilkesboro was in town Friday and states that a representative of the N. C. State Employment Service will be in this city Friday the 25th and every other Friday until further notice for the purpose of contacting those desiring work, particularly in regard to the construction of the Scenic highway.

Mr. Wooten states that none but strong, able-bodied men of mature age and well seasoned need apply for the jobs.

It is stated that the demands of the contractors have been quite active for certain kinds of skilled workers, and that at present there is demand for qualified jack-hammer men. Diesel tractor operators, experienced on the "RD-7" are also needed and some drivers for Friggs and Euclid trucks may be placed. Those experienced in driving the light commercial trucks only, could not qualify for these jobs it is said.

### FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE BLOWING ROCK CLINIC

The Blowing Rock Clinic is a small five-roomed hospital to care for the sick and to teach the prevention of disease. It has a medical director and a resident nurse. The building was built during the winter of 1934-'35, and was incorporated in the spring of 1936. The Board of Trustees own the property and the business is carried on by a board of managers. The work, however, has been going on since 1930. The report there covers the whole period from 1930 to June, 1936. In the 15 months of hospital activity 112 patients have been cared for. This represents 350 bed days.

The income has been from patients' fees, \$369.25, and from gifts, \$8,593.33; a total in the six years of \$8,963.58. This has been spent in the following manner: for drugs and treatments before the Clinic was built \$1,401.67; for building and equipment of the building \$3,150.45; for the nurse's salary, \$1,500; maintenance, drugs and service \$2,224.91. This makes a total of \$8,277.03 and left a balance June first of \$576.55.

### MRS. AMANDA LOVE CLAIMED BY DEATH

91-Year-Old Vilas Citizen Succumbs Monday—Funeral Held Wednesday.

Mrs. Celia Amanda Love died Monday at the home of a son, Mr. D. S. Love at Vilas, following a long illness. Mrs. Love suffered a badly fractured hip several months ago, from which she never recovered, but other ailments, it was said, brought about her demise. Mrs. Love was 91 years old.

Funeral services were conducted from the Brushy Fork Baptist Church Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock and interment was in the Adams cemetery.

Mrs. Love was well known throughout this section and was one of the oldest residents. During her long life she had endeared herself to the people through her sterling qualities, and left a host of friends.

Surviving are six sons and three daughters: D. S. Love, Vilas; Francis Love, Virginia; Joe H. Love, Ferndale, Mich.; James W. Love, Springfield, Mo.; T. G. and E. C. Love, Detroit, Mich.; Mesdames Lee Greer, Neva, Tenn.; N. E. Wilkerson, Roanoke, Va.; Betty Short, Plastic, Va.; 49 grandchildren and a large number of great and great great grandchildren survive.

### Week-End Brings a Minimum Of Arrests

From the viewpoint of local police officers the past week-end was the quietest experienced here during the past four months. City officers took two into custody while the sheriff's forces arrested one.

On an average this summer the police department has taken about twelve prisoners each week-end.

### R. D. HODGES IMPROVES

R. D. Hodges, Jr., who suffered serious injury when he was accidentally struck by a rock near the Boone High School last Wednesday, is now showing a rapid improvement and it is believed that within a few days the popular youth will have recovered. Young Mr. Hodges suffered a concussion of the brain as the missile struck him on the head and he was unconscious for several hours. A temporary paralysis condition of one arm resulted from the injury.

The Surry County sub-soiler used by the local conservation committee will subsoil an acre an hour

### SUPERIOR COURT SESSION TO OPEN IN BOONE MONDAY

Judge W. F. Harding to Preside One Week Mixed Term; Fifteen Cases On State Docket; May Not Reach Civil Calendar.

The regular fall term of Watauga Superior Court will convene next Monday with Judge W. F. Harding presiding. The court is for one week, and is for the trial of both criminal and civil actions, but because of a rather heavy state docket, Austin E. South, Clerk of the Court, believes it unlikely that many cases will be disposed of on the civil calendar.

Included on the state docket is one homicide case, that against Allen Mast, held on charges growing out of the fatal shooting of Lloyd Pressnell, a companion on a hunting trip. Mast was said to have confessed the shooting, but claimed self-defense. Preliminary hearing was waived.

George Thornhill and Manuel Patterson will be tried for burglary, growing out of the robbery of the Smythe Store, of which the two are accused. Since persons were using the building for sleeping quarters at the time of the robbery, it is said that the State will likely ask for a first degree burglary verdict. A verdict of this kind carries the death penalty.

There are two cases of breaking and entering. One against Will Folk, Boone negro, charged with burglarizing a Boone barber shop, while George Cornett is to be tried on a similar charge growing out of the robbery of a mercantile establishment in the Beaver Dam section.

The remainder of the fifteen or so cases on the state docket are for violations of the prohibition laws, some of them coming to the Superior Court on appeal from the judgment of the Recorder.

### Maine G. O. P. Counts Election Percentages

Political interest centers this week on the voting in Maine Tuesday, and the analysis of almost complete returns Tuesday indicated that the balometer states had given the Republicans 50.8 per cent of the United States Senate vote and 56.1 per cent of the gubernatorial vote.

The percentages were based on senate and governor totals of 310,878 and 306,485, respectively, each well above the previous record in this state.

To the personal popularity of two-term Democratic Governor Louis J. Brann, who polled 152,915 votes to Republican United States Senator Wallace H. White's 157,963 was ascribed the senator's failure to run even with his ticketmate, Governor-Elect Lewis O. Barrows.

Barrows, in a three-cornered race, polled 172,196 votes to 129,097 for F. Harold Dubord, Democrat, and 5,332 for Independent Benjamin C. Bubar.

### Dr. Grover To Speak At Chamber Commerce

Dr. E. O. Grover, president of the Blowing Rock School of English will address a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, according to Wade E. Brown, president of the Chamber, who urges all members to be present, as well as others interested.

The School of English has been a marked success this season, attracting students from 17 states and lectures by persons of notable literary achievements, among whom have been Herschell Brickell, literary editor of the New York Evening Post and Margaret Mitchell, author of "Gone With the Wind," now the best selling novel in the United States.

It is the present hope and plan of Dr. Grover to make the school a permanent institution and there is a strong probability of its becoming affiliated with Duke University, which in itself would be a great asset to this section.

### WORK PROGRESSES

Work on the Mabel school building is progressing, according to Wilfred Davis, foreman of construction, who states that plasterers have been engaged this week on the interior of the structure, and that only a few yards of native stone remains to be placed in the walls. He believes some parts of the building will be available for use by the end of thirty days.

### RECORDER'S COURT

Three cases were tried before Judge Bingham's Recorder's Court Tuesday, as follows:

W. E. Buchanan, violation prohibition laws. One-half the costs.

D. F. Church, reckless driving, one-half the cost.

Carl Beach, driving while intoxicated, \$50 and one-half the cost.