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A Good Example
It Sold for \$700

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The Pacific states should interest themselves in air defense, apart from the national government.

When a committee of rich men from New York called on Abraham Lincoln, told him how much money they had, and urged that he send a good battleship to do nothing but protect New York City, his reply was that if he had as much money as they said they had, he would build a battleship for himself.

The west coast states, California, Oregon, Washington, cooperating perhaps with their vigorous neighbors of Vancouver, and other points above the Canadian border, might well have a few flying ships of their own, a sort of air militia.

San Francisco, where they combine patriotism with plenty of money, and great civic pride and energy, might well start the idea of a Pacific coast flying force. That need not be very expensive. A hundred machines to begin with, a hundred ducky young fliers, practicing the gentle art of flying at night, and dropping bombs, practicing especially mimic warfare against other flying machines, would constitute an admirable object lesson to the rest of the country.

And if California, in San Francisco for instance, should start a little flock of one hundred machines, Los Angeles could be relied upon to hurry in with two hundred, Seattle and other coast cities also.

Such machines need not be a total loss.

In the first place, many young gentlemen with rich fathers, not knowing exactly what to do with themselves, extremely anxious to find work worth while, and preferably dangerous, would delight in each equipping his individual machine, for the service of the Pacific coast and of Uncle Sam, as the nobles in the old days delighted in equipping each his regiment, or his fighting ship, for the service of the king.

Two hundred or three hundred high-powered, swift flying machines, directed by quick and courageous American brains, would be worth more to the safety of the Pacific coast than a hundred battleships. For the fighters that come, if they do come, will fly miles above the battleships.

They would come less gaily, less confidently, if they knew that trained fliers awaited them.

Hideyo Noguchi, who gave his life to fight yellow fever in Africa, will inspire many men. He was born of a proud, warlike race, intensely self-centered, for 2,000 years a hermit people. The loyalty of a Japanese was to family, clan, above all to the emperor representing his race. The rest of the world was nothing to him.

Born one generation after Japan opened her doors to the world, Noguchi felt the new spirit of the times. He was loyal to family, clan, emperor, race; but he was devoted chiefly to all human kind.

From boyhood to the last, through poverty and many perils, he studied how to wipe out disease. He discovered the germ of yellow fever, developed serums to prevent the fever or cure it, led in the work that has driven it out of America and will soon put an end to it throughout the world.

Yellow fever killed countless millions of all peoples. Noguchi's skill and devotion have saved the lives of millions, too many to estimate, most of them foreigners to whom his forefathers would have paid no attention, calling them he-min, or no-folks.

Noguchi's self-sacrifice to human welfare sets an example that is sure to be followed. Perhaps, in time, most men will see that it is better to help one another than to kill or even rob one another.

It is said the Hackensack Indians sold to the white men for 30 many bars of lead, and some finery, worth altogether \$700, land on which now stands the entire city of Newark, N. J., and a great deal of land beyond.

The poor Hackensack chief, with his \$700, couldn't buy today enough land for a tight grave at the corner of Broad and Market streets in Newark. Land goes up wonderfully.

Doctors at Kansas City report that birth control information so much discussed these little good to the poor, and has caused an "alarming slump in child bearing among educated families."

That is how reform works, usually. But since 90 per cent of human beings worth while come from poor families, providence may be working in its usual mysterious way.

AMERICAN LEGION FALL FESTIVAL NEXT WEEK

Officials of the American Legion have announced the presentation of the Bullock Amusement Enterprises as a part of the Fall Festival which gets underway here next week and continues through Saturday.

A ferris wheel, merry-go-round and chairplane are included in the riding devices which will be presented, and clean high-class entertainment both for old and young is promised.

Defeated Talmadge



Atlanta, Ga.—Senator Richard B. Russell, Jr., (above), led the ticket in the 2 to 1 defeat of Governor Eugene Talmadge, who sought nomination for a Senate seat in the Democratic primary election. The entire Talmadge endorsed slate also trailed far behind.

GRAND JURY ENDS SESSION TUESDAY

Annual Report On County Property Is Heard By Judge Harding; Jury Dismissed.

The grand jury for the regular fall term of Watauga Superior Court ended its duties Tuesday afternoon, with the submission of the annual report to Judge W. F. Harding, on the condition of public properties in the county. Mr. E. B. Hagaman was foreman of the Grand Jury and following is the text of the report submitted to the Court:

"We find the courthouse and offices well kept.

"We visited the jail and found it well kept and prisoners properly taken care of. We found that the following repairs are needed: Three new commodes and a new floor in the reception room.

"We visited the county home and found everything very neat and clean and all the inmates well pleased with their treatment. We found the heating plant out of order and recommend that it be repaired at once. We also recommend that electric lights be installed for the convenience of the inmates and the safety of the building.

"We visited the State prison camp and found everything unusually neat and clean. The prisoners spoke highly of their superintendent. The food was prepared exceptionally well. We commend Mr. Brown for his excellent management of the camp."

The following citizens composed the Grand Jury: E. B. Hagaman, J. L. Fox, Spencer Dishman, W. D. Lookabill, G. W. Lookabill, W. H. Wagner, W. M. Hodges, I. N. Minion, Conley Glenn, J. E. Norris, Collis Greene, W. S. Davis, W. P. Mast, J. J. Mast, L. T. Tatum, J. W. McConnel, George W. Caudell.

CALDWELL REA SURVEY STARTED

Engineer Cochrane Sees Possibility Of Contracts Being Let Within 60 Days.

Actual construction of transmission lines in connection with the Caldwell county Rural Electrification project, is visualized within the next sixty days by Engineer W. W. Cochrane, who, in company with Mr. G. D. Messick, of Lenoir, was a visitor in Boone Monday.

Mr. Cochrane starts this week on the actual surveying of the project, which will, when completed, bring electric current to the residents along the projected 400 mile transmission line. The engineer states that he is making the surveys in 100-mile sections, and that the first of these surveys will be forwarded to Washington within the next few weeks, and that following approval there, bids will be asked for the actual construction of the lines. He thinks it entirely possible that this work will begin within the next thirty days. Tentative agreements, it is understood, have already been reached between the Caldwell REA organization and the Duke Power Company for furnishing the current at a satisfactorily low rate for energizing the new lines.

AMATEUR HOUR

A presentation of amateur talent throughout the county will be held in the auditorium of the Cove Creek High School the first evening of the Fair, Friday, September 25, at eight o'clock. The program will consist of classical, semi-classical, popular numbers, mountain music and readings. The master of ceremonies (Major Bowes) will be Mr. Richard Olsen of Valle Crucis. A cash prize of \$5.00 will be presented for the best amateur performance. Admission charges are 15, 20, and 25 cents.

MRS. BARNES DIES; STRUCK BY TRUCK ON HIGHWAY HERE

Funeral Services for Boone Woman Were Held At Oak Grove Church Sunday; Ralph Critcher Accused In Fatal Accident.

Mrs. Gurdy Barnes, aged 35 years, died in a North Wilkesboro hospital Saturday morning where she had been a patient for the past thirty days, having received the fatal injuries when struck by a motor truck, as she walked along the highway near her home in Perkinsville, just outside the city limits of Boone.

Mrs. Barnes suffered a broken arm, crushed hip and serious abdominal lacerations, when a machine, which it is alleged was driven by Ralph Critcher struck her. The accused man was arrested and is being held for trial. However as this is written, the court hadn't determined whether or not the trial would be entered into during the present court term. From the first, physicians held out practically no hope for Mrs. Barnes' recovery.

Funeral rites were conducted from the Oak Grove Baptist Church Sunday afternoon in the presence of a large gathering of friends from throughout this section. Rev. Finley C. Watts of Purlier, was in charge of the services. Interment was in the Hine cemetery, Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home being in charge of the arrangements.

Surviving are the husband and three sons: Homer, Howard and Harold Barnes; the mother, Mrs. Eliza Hodges Adams; sister, Mrs. Alice Hodges and brother, B. A. Hodges, both of Adams.

Mrs. Barnes was a daughter of the late Benjamin Hodges and Mrs. Hodges and was born and reared at Adams, near Boone. She was well known throughout this section where she was held in uniform esteem, and her tragic death is cause for deep sorrow among her wide circle of friends.

YOUNG DEMOCRAT CLUB ORGANIZED

Wade E. Brown Heads Revamped Organization; Chas. Zimmerman, Secretary.

The Young Democratic Club was reorganized at an enthusiastic gathering of party workers held in the courthouse Monday evening and Wade E. Brown was named president of the organization. Jewell Hagaman, vice president and Charles T. Zimmerman, secretary.

Carl Matheson, state Young Democratic Club organizer, was present and helped in forming the new organization, stressed the importance of team-work in political endeavor, and urged united support for the national state and county Democratic candidates. Messrs. Brown and Zimmerman spoke briefly as did County Chairman Cleve Gross.

The officials of the club state that an active organization will be formed in each section of the county, as an adjunct to the regular Democratic organization, and that a vigorous campaign will be waged during the ensuing few weeks.

Deaths Mount As Births Decrease

Pulmonary Tuberculosis Principal Cause of Deaths During Month Of August.

Raleigh.—An increase in North Carolina's death rate and a decrease in the birth rate is shown in the August report of the bureau of vital statistics, made public today.

A total of 2,591 deaths during August, pushed the mortality rate up to 9.3 per thousand, compared to 8.5 in August last year, while 6,771 births gave a rate of 24.2, against 24.6 one year ago. The number of deaths of infants under one year of age increased from 372 to 408.

The maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live births declined from 7.7 in August, 1935 to 5.8 last month, when there were only 39 child-birth deaths in the state.

Pulmonary tuberculosis again was the principal cause of death, taking 149 lives in the month both years. Influenza deaths rose from seven to 18, while whooping cough fatalities dropped from 21 to six.

Automobile deaths dropped from 76 to 72, but fatalities from preventable accidents rose from 115 to 123. There were 25 suicides, compared to 19 in August, 1935. Homicides dropped from 44 to 33.

Two community buildings and an agricultural building are being constructed in Hertford County by the Works Progress Administration.

Miss America Shuns Marriage for Year



Atlantic City, N. J.—Her mother dared her to enter the contest so Miss Rose V. Coyle, 22, college graduate of Philadelphia went "into it" . . . to emerge "Miss America of 1936" in national competition. Rose has brown eyes, black hair and weighs 114. "Marriage? Not this year, but later, maybe yes," says Rose. "If he's six feet or over, manly and kind, he need not be handsome . . . because handsome men are vain," concludes the new beauty queen. Top, the queen on the throne. Below, in her working clothes.

Thornhill, Patterson Get 5 Years For Burglary; Mast Is Sent To Reform School

CRITCHER TO SERVE SIX YEARS IN PEN

Ralph Critcher was sentenced to serve a term of six years in the state penitentiary by Judge Harding at noon Wednesday, on a manslaughter charge growing out of the fatal injury of Mrs. Gurdy Barnes, who was struck by a motor truck, admittedly operated by the defendant.

Critcher plead guilty to a charge of involuntary manslaughter, but a number of witnesses were examined in order that the court might determine whether or not it was a case of hit and run driving.

TO ASK BIDS ON RIVER HIGHWAY

Section Of Laurel Creek Highway to Be Included In State Letting October 1.

The road down the river from Sugar Grove to the Tennessee line, which has been at the center of highway agitation in this county for many years, is on the way to construction it was indicated Monday, when Vance Baise, chief highway engineer, made it known that bids would be received October 1, on grading, surfacing and structures on this project. Although the official announcement did not so state, it is understood that perhaps four miles leading from Sugar Grove will be included in the first letting.

Belief locally is that the highway will now be rushed to completion, and that other sections will be let from time to time as location work progresses. The initial allotment to the project was \$50,000.

Stewardship Meeting At Boone Baptist Church

Rev. J. C. Pipes of Asheville is conducting a Stewardship Revival at the Boone Baptist Church this week and services are being held each evening at 7:30. While the services are primarily for members of the Baptist church, all Christians would derive benefit from attendance, it is stated.

The pastor, Rev. J. C. Canipe, states that the regular evangelistic services for his church will begin next Sunday, and that he will conduct the series of meetings. Prof. J. T. C. Wright will be in charge of the special revival music.

Others Get Sentences As Fall Term Superior Court Moves Toward Completion Of The State Docket; One Week Term Is Not Expected To Try Very Many Civil Actions.

George Thornhill and Manuel Patterson were sentenced by Judge Harding in Superior Court Tuesday to terms of five years each in the state prison on charges of having burglarized the Smithey Store in Boone and taken miscellaneous merchandise to the value of more than one hundred dollars.

Since two employees of the establishment were sleeping in the building when the window to a front door was smashed and the merchandise removed, it had been intimated that the State would ask for a verdict of burglary in the first degree. Solicitor Spurling however, accepted the plea of second degree burglary, which removed the offense from the category of capital crimes.

Mast To Reformatory

Allen Mast, youthful Laurel Creek defendant was remanded to the East Carolina Training School for an indefinite period on a charge of involuntary manslaughter, growing out of the fatal shooting of Lloyd Pressnell, a neighbor boy, while the two were on a hunting expedition.

George Cornett, Beaver Dam youth, convicted of breaking and entering a store in his community, was sentenced to the roads for 12 months, the sentence being suspended by the court for a period of ten years, during the good behavior of the defendant.

Will D. Folk, Boone negro, was sentenced to a term of six months on the roads on a conviction of breaking and entering a local barber shop and removing about six dollars from the cash register.

Paul Kluttz, assault with deadly weapon and driving while intoxicated. Four months suspended sentence passed in 1933, was placed in effect.

Tom Bumgarner, reckless driving, \$50 and the costs.

Minnie Jestes, assault with a deadly weapon, not guilty.

Charles Waiser, assault on female, 12 months on roads.

Doughton Greene, forgery, six months on roads.

Robert Garren, larceny of two pistols, \$50 and the cost.

Critcher Case Today
The case of the State against Ralph Critcher, who is charged with being the driver of the motor truck which struck Mrs. Gurdy Barnes four weeks ago, inflicting fatal injuries, is expected to come up for trial today (Wednesday) and some legal opinion is that the trial cannot be completed before sometime Thursday. Besides this only two or three cases of lesser importance remain for trial and be-

D. A. SWIFT IS CLAIMED BY DEATH AT AGE FIFTY-NINE

Member Of Prominent Watauga Family Dies at Home Of Sister After Brief Illness; Funeral Services At Home and Interment in Family Cemetery.

An illness which had been considered serious for only a few days ended fatally Sunday for Dr. David A. Swift, of Butler, popular physician and member of one of the county's most prominent families. Death came at the home of a sister, Mrs. Mary A. Harris at Amantha, where Dr. Swift had been for several days, following a course of treatment taken at an Elizabethton hospital. Dr. Swift had suffered a paralytic stroke several years ago, which is believed to have brought about the fatal illness. He was 59 years old.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Monday afternoon, by Rev. James Sherwood of Butler, Tenn., who was assisted in the rites by Rev. J. C. Canipe of the Boone Baptist Church and interment was in the Swift cemetery, not far from the ancestral home. Rev. Mr. Fletcher also assisted in the services.

Palbearers included five nephews of the deceased and one cousin: Robert Swift, Albert Swift, Dudley Swift, David Swift, Wiley Swift, Jr., and Clarence Swift. An elaborate floral offering was in charge of a group of lady friends of the family. A large crowd gathered for the funeral, many coming from the physician's home in Butler, Tenn.

The widow survives and besides there are a number of brothers and sisters, as follows: W. H. Swift, Montezuma, Mrs. Selma Fuller, Mountain City; Robert S. Swift, Boone; Clark Swift, Mrs. Stanley Harris, Don Swift, Mrs. Chas. Lewis and Scott Swift of Cove Creek. One brother, Max Swift, died several years ago. The aged mother survives.

Dr. Swift was born in Watauga county the son of the late lamented Enoch Swift and Mrs. Swift, and the early years of his life were spent in this county. He graduated from the medical college of the University of Tennessee in 1904 and practiced medicine for 32 years, principally in the vicinity of Butler, Tenn., where his home was located. He was married in 1924 to Miss Beas Crosswhite of Butler.

Dr. Swift was recognized as an able physician, and an upright and esteemed citizen, and was exceptionally popular throughout this mountain section.

Preparations Made For Homecoming Day

The Alumni Association of Appalachian State Teachers College has just completed a survey of the students in attendance, and has classified the alumni of the college in preparation for the annual Homecoming Day to be held October 10, 1936. Invitations are being mailed to all of the graduates, and plans are going forward rapidly toward completion of the entertainment of the three thousand visitors who are expected to attend the Homecoming game with Guilford College. The Alumni Association has secured Dr. George Sherrill as the speaker of the occasion. President A. J. Greene has announced that the Alumni dinner will be served in Appalachian's new cafeteria.

Prof. Eggers Goes To Duke University

Prof. Graydon Eggers, of the Appalachian English department, spent the latter part of the week on the campus, visiting friends and relatives before leaving for Duke University to complete the work for his Doctor's degree in English. For the past three weeks Mr. Eggers has been in Washington, D. C., doing research work toward his degree, in the Congressional library, where the more advanced material for his dissertation can be found. He has been engaged in reading rare copies of Victorian novels, and now has investigated over 175 novels in search of material for his thesis. Prof. Eggers will contribute, as part of his doctoral requirements, his work on "The Victorian Novel of Purpose."

Having been awarded a fellowship in the English department of Duke University, Mr. Eggers has secured a leave of absence from Appalachian State Teachers College and will spend the next scholastic year at Duke. He will return to Appalachian to take over his professorial duties in the English Faculty in September, 1937.

It is believed that the criminal docket will certainly have been disposed of by Friday.

The court lasts only during this week and attorneys do not expect to make any considerable headway on civil calendar.