

# BRISBANE THIS WEEK

One Human Shipload  
A Floating Microcosm  
Intelligent Mrs. Widener  
Mrs. Astor and Dr. Carrel

On Board the Normandie.—The ancient writer made this admission: There be three things which are too wonderful for me, yea, four which I know not:

The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a Rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maid.

What would that inspired writer say of this modern ship in the midst of the sea? The biggest ship he ever saw could be hung from the ceiling of the dining salon on this boat or tucked away in a corner of the sun deck, disturbing no one.

A modern ocean liner, Queen Mary, Normandie, Rex or Europa, as it crosses the ocean indifferent to waves and winds, is a small world in itself, a microcosm, with this little earth playing the role of "Cosmos." If this ship should sail to some new, uninhabited island of Utopia, it might supply everything necessary to start a new civilization better than the one invented by Sir Thomas More, who has been made a saint since he wrote "Utopia" to amuse himself and had his head cut off for his Catholic faith.

On board, with his friend, George Bacon, is Myron Taylor, head of the United States Steel company, biggest industrial unit on earth. He would supply the material for skyscrapers, ships, railroads and machinery, plus organization.

Simon Guggenheim would tell them how to make corporations profitable, by "holding on."

Various newspaper workers on the boat would be ready to start "the New Utopia Gazette." Floyd Gibbons for war correspondent, plus members of the Edward H. Butler family, that own the Buffalo News, and the able Abraham Cahan, known to more New Yorkers than any editor in America, with one exception. And, most important to newspaper prosperity, the ship carries Mrs. George D. Widener of Philadelphia, who has traveled up and down in every corner of the earth and says to your narrator:

"Mr. Brisbane, I have always wanted to meet you, because I read your articles every day."

There spoke the nucleus of a highly intelligent reading public.

Mrs. Vincent Astor, her way back from a grouse moor in Scotland, would resume her real job of promoting deep music, finding cooperators in the passenger list—Madame Flagstad, the admirable Norwegian singer, a deep soprano able to make inside more impressive than Wagner ever imagined her. On board also is Arthur Bodanzky, ready to conduct the "New Utopia orchestra." Mayor LaGuardia of New York will tell you how earnestly Mrs. Astor talks to him about her plans for a great musical center. But Mr. LaGuardia will never know what shudders would sweep from Ward McAllister's pineal gland to his Achilles tendon if he could hear Mayor LaGuardia say of the young lady in question: "That Mrs. Astor is a nice, serious girl, thoroughly in earnest."

To make this list complete, P. G. Wodehouse is on board, one who could and should describe this shipload of "important humanity" going nowhere in particular, for no reason in particular, some in the steerage, some "tourist" and some, with cabins on the sundeck, whose names break up passenger list continuity to make room for the magic words "maid, valet and chauffeur."

The contest between modern ships for the "Atlantic blue ribbon," or ocean championship, held at this moment by the British Queen Mary, supplies most amazing proof of modern engineering efficiency. Consider that, in a race across 3,000 miles of water, the Queen Mary, after being beaten several times by the French liner Normandie, beat the latter and took the Atlantic blue ribbon by a margin of less than half a mile, across 3,000 miles of ocean.

The oftener you cross, the more clearly you realize that the ocean is a great deal too big for our small planet. It is all one ocean—Atlantic, Pacific, Arctic, Antarctic, all touching—water covering three-quarters of the earth's surface.

Consider the Pacific; take your world map, Mercator's projection, fold it over from Asia toward New York and beyond. It will cover the United States, the Atlantic ocean and all Europe to the Bosphorus.

## Nutrition Specialist Will Be Here Today

Miss Sallie Brooks, assistant nutrition specialist from State College, will be in Boone Thursday, October 8th and will hold a Leaders' school for Home Demonstration Club food leaders.

All Food Leaders are urged by Miss Cieta Jones, county home demonstration agent, to attend the meeting which will be held at the College Home Economics laboratory.

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## Heads New Program



Coach Watkins, of Appalachian College, who is head of the recreational program recently instituted for the entertainment and benefit of the children of Boone.

## BOONE CHILDREN ENTER CONTESTS

### Scooter Race is Next Event on New Recreational Program For Local Kiddies

Coach Watkins, head of the recreation program for the Demonstration School children of Boone, reports that steady progress is being made in this field of work. Daily a more extensive program of athletics for this group is being added to the curriculum and much enthusiasm is being shown by the participants.

The latest plans include a scooter race which will be an event from twelve thirty to one-thirty Thursday of this week and a bicycle race which will take place next week at the same period. Just as the contests held heretofore, all under fourteen years of age will be allowed to take part.

Daily lectures are being given to the students on highway conduct. By means of these talks the children of Boone are being taught how, when and where to cross the road and the correct place for pedestrians to walk on the highway.

Constantly more members are being added to the large number already under instruction. The swimming class conducted every week has an enrollment of approximately 30 children who are being taught to swim. Others have let it be known that they are planning to join the class.

At present workers of the college are building a playground field just above the football ground which will be used exclusively by the students of the Demonstration and High Schools.

## Edward Snyder Dies In Mining Region

Edward Snyder, 32, member of a prominent Beaver Dam family, died in the coal fields of Virginia Saturday, meager information indicates and funeral services were conducted from Beaver Dam church, in this county Monday by Rev. Ed Hodges. A delegation from the local union of the United Mine Workers of America was present for the services and conducted the ritual at the graveside in the community cemetery.

Surviving are a widow and four children.

Deceased was a son of Mr. J. S. Snyder of Beaver Dam and had been working in the coal mines for the past 12 years, it is said.

## Town To Be Decorated For Homecoming Event

The business men of the town have planned to decorate their store fronts in carnival attire for the Homecoming Day exercises at Appalachian College Saturday, when hundreds of former students and graduates will converge upon the campus to enjoy the program prepared and witness the clash of the Appalachian and Guilford College football squads.

At a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held Tuesday it was decided to place two large banners across the streets of the town calling attention to the Homecoming, which is the high spot in the year's activities at Appalachian.

## STORE BEING REMODELED

Spainhour's store is undergoing a thorough remodeling this week, carpenters, painters and paper hangers taking over the establishment in the evenings, when the day's business is done, and the management promises the public an interior of much greater beauty and convenience. The work is being done in such a way that the regular business of the firm is not being interfered with.

## HUGH EGGERS DIES; RITES MT. GILEAD

Prominent Citizen of Beech Creek Succumbs; Other News Of That Section.

By Regular Correspondence

Hugh Eggers, who had been ill for some time, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George Lawrence, September 24. Funeral services were conducted from Mt. Gilead church by Rev. Ed Farthing, who was assisted in the rites by Rev. Ashley and the interment was in the Mt. Gilead cemetery.

Pallbearers were Marion Younce, Hugh Reece, Elmer Warren, Arthur Stauber, Clyde Bunton and Jack Bryant.

The floral offering was in charge of a group of young ladies of the community.

Surviving are eight children: George and Henry Eggers, Jackson, Ohio; Filmore Eggers, Derby, Iowa; Mrs. Gertrude Smith, Meherrin, Va.; Mrs. Mollie Lambert, Bidwell, Ohio; Mrs. Etta Stanberry, Johnson City, Tenn.; and Mrs. Jennie Lawrence and Joe Eggers, Beech Creek, N. C. Also four brothers, Solomon, Mabel, N. C.; Smith, Trade, Tenn.; George, Sugar Grove, N. C.; and Monroe, Hickory, N. C.

Mr. Eggers was born November 18, 1857. He was the son of Joel and Ann Younce Eggers. He was married to Eliza Lawrence in 1876. She preceded him in death several years ago. He professed faith in Christ at an early age and united with the Zionville Baptist church. He lived up to the faith he professed throughout his life and was a good citizen in any community. He had a wide circle of friends who will greatly miss him. But the will of God should be the will of men and from the life Mr. Eggers lived we feel that all is well.

Mrs. Grant Reece who has been ill for some time is no better.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Edmisten, a baby girl, Mildred Lee.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Reese, a baby girl, Peggy Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Farthing from Butler, Tenn., spent the week-end with their daughter, Mrs. Carrol Younce.

Mr. Henry Eggers of Jackson, Ohio, is spending some time with relatives in the community.

Mr. Bill Trivette, who is working in Kentucky, spent Saturday night with his family here.

Mrs. Conley Warren and Mrs. Will Jones of Elizabethton are visiting their sick mother, Mrs. W. G. Reece, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bunton, of Elizabethton, are spending some time with friends and relatives here.

The revival meeting at Mt. Gilead church which was in charge of Rev. Ed Farthing and Rev. Ashley closed last Wednesday with ten additions to the church.

## Several Cases Are Heard By Recorder

Eight cases were tried before Judge Bingham in Recorder's court Tuesday.

Graham Teague charged with public drunkenness. Prayer for judgment continued until December 1, during good behavior.

Spencer Trivett, larceny. One-half the costs.

Nellie Trivett, public drunkenness. One-half the costs.

Frank Trivett, violation of prohibition laws. Suspended sentence of 8 months on the roads placed in effect.

Dean Adams, assault with deadly weapon. One-half the costs.

Paul Cheeks, reckless driving. \$25 and the costs.

Will Dougherty, public drunkenness. One-half the costs.

Willis Swift, passing school bus. No intent found to violate the law. Assessed with one-half the costs.

## Estes Receives Serious Injuries

Mr. Ray Estes, an employee of the New River Light & Power Co., received serious injuries when he fell a distance of about twelve feet from the side of a building at Appalachian College. The accident occurred Friday, Mr. Estes was attempting to transfer a heavy lead cable over the top of the building, when the anchor broke, pitching him off the building to a heavy timber on the ground.

He suffered severe cuts about the body but physicians at the Hagaman Clinic, where the electrician was carried for treatment, state that he is steadily improving and should completely recover. He will remain at the clinic for perhaps another week, and will be at his home here until fully recovered and able to return to work.

## Jim Says to John . . . and John Says to Jim



New York.—Here are the two master-minds of the political battle between Democrats and Republicans for the Presidency. In this corner (left) Jim Farley, Democrat, and in this corner (right) John Hamilton, Republican. The woman audience which listened to their talks here, got a great kick out of seeing the two friendly enemies in action. The respective national chairmen are reported to have said: "Good speech, Jim." "Didn't do so badly yourself, John."

## R.F.C. SENDS LARGE SUM TO WATAUGA

\$121,435.35 of Emergency Fund is Distributed in County, Report Shows.

Durham, October 5.—The Reconstruction Finance Corporation during the period February 2, 1932 to June 30, 1936 distributed the sum of \$121,435.35 in Watauga County, according to information received by Robert M. Gantt, State Director for the National Emergency Council for North Carolina.

Disbursements in North Carolina aggregated \$40,892,167.76, not including amounts that went to various government agencies or relief grants to the state of North Carolina as authorized under the Federal Emergency Relief Act of 1933.

The principal purposes for which the money was disbursed were as follows: loans to banks and trust companies, including receivers, liquidating agents and conservators, \$27,652,528.96; subscriptions to preferred stocks of banks and trust companies \$7,188,500.00; loans to insurance companies, \$1,932,387.50; loans to building and loan associations \$3,504,149.45; loans to mortgage loan companies \$3,105,806.53; and an additional amount of \$711,156.12 to joint stock land banks.

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation gave assistance to industrial and commercial businesses in North Carolina totaling \$1,824,911.48. Self-liquidating projects were aided in the sum of \$528,000. A further amount of \$67,722.92 was furnished to agricultural commodities and livestock and the state received a disbursement of \$6,545,722.92 for relief and work relief.

## REGISTRATION OF VOTERS BEGINS

Books Will Be Open For First Time Saturday For New Voters.

The registration books will be opened by the registrars in the various precincts of the county next Saturday, for the convenience of first-time voters and for those who have moved into the county since the last election, and will remain open until and including Saturday, October 24th. October 31st is to be observed as challenge day, states A. D. Wilson, chairman of the county board of elections.

Those who have voted in previous elections held here, of course, need not register, but those who have come of legal age since the last balloting should register, along with those who have since moved into this county. To vote in any county in the state one must have been a citizen of the commonwealth for 12 months, while those who have moved into the county from some other section of the state are entitled to vote after a local residence of four months.

Guilford farmers have made requests for over 200 acres of land to be sub-soiled by the terracing outfit.

Terraces recently constructed in Moore County will make good fields out of land that would have been worthless in a few years at the rate it was eroding.

## HOMECOMING DAY NEXT SATURDAY

Several Boone Players Feature Grid Encounter With Guilford College

Homecoming Day will be observed at Appalachian College next Saturday and a highspot of the day's activities will be the clash of the Mountaineer varsity football team with the Guilford College squad in the season's second conference game. Of local interest is the fact that several of the players scheduled to see action are citizens of Boone: Cline Farthing, captain of the Mountaineers; Hal Farthing, brother to the captain and Les Wilson, fighting fullback.

"The Impatience of Job," a three-act comedy will be presented by the Appalachian Playcrafters in the college chapel Saturday evening and will begin at 8:15.

According to the schedule worked out by those in charge of the program's details, Dr. George Sherrill, native Wataugan and faculty member of Clemson College, will be the principal speaker, Eugene Byrd, a former student, will also speak.

An added attraction will be an exhibition staged by two bantam weight football teams from Barium Springs orphanage. These midget acrobats will put on several entertaining acts between periods of the regular varsity game.

Special invitations are being sent to alumni and other citizens of Boone to attend the homecoming day activities.

Officers of the Alumni Association who also constitute the program committee are: Professor A. J. Greene, Boone, president; Mrs. D. J. Whittener, Boone, vice-president; Starr Stacey, Boone, secretary; George Passage, Charlotte, assistant secretary.

## ROAD CONTRACT EXCEEDS \$55,000

Blythe Brothers Low Bidders On First Letting Of Laurel Creek Highway.

One and seventy-nine one-hundredths miles of grading, surfacing and structures are to be included in the original letting on the Laurel Creek road, bids for the completion of which were received by the State Highway Commission at their meeting held Friday.

Blythe Brothers submitted the low bid of \$40,635.50 on the road work, while the bridges involved go to Cobb and Homewood, Chapel Hill, their bid for the structures being \$14,822.

The lettings were included in a state-wide highway construction program involving more than eight hundred thousand dollars. It was said in Raleigh that the contracts with the low bidders would be drawn during the present week.

It is thought locally that the successful bidders on the first link of the Laurel Creek road, will begin operations as early as possible after the contract is awarded, with a view to getting a good portion of their work completed before cold weather usually stops such operations.

County agents report a greater use of ground limestone by North Carolina farmers this fall than in many years. The seedings of alfalfa also have been increased.

## REA PROJECT ASKS 300 MILES RURAL LINES IN COUNTY

Twenty-Four Hundred Homes Tentative Users Of Electricity To Be Dispensed By Cooperative—Olsen to Submit Project Monday.

Three hundred miles of electric transmission lines are being asked for in the completed REA project which is to be presented to the Rural Electrification Administration in Washington Monday, and twenty-four hundred homes are to receive the benefit of electricity for lighting and for household appliances, if the proposal meets with the approval of the proper authorities.

Mr. Richard Olsen, civil engineer of Valle Crucis, who had been named chairman of the temporary local organization, will take the project to Washington Monday, where he and Congressman Robert L. Doughton will present the request of Watauga County to the REA authorities, and it is freely predicted by the local organization that the project will find a ready approval.

The project, which has been in process of preparation for almost a month, includes detailed maps of the county, indicating the location of the homes along the proposed transmission lines, the number which have indicated their willingness to use the current provided, and also tentative figures as to the number of radios and various kinds of electrically-propelled household and farm conveniences may be purchased by the consumers.

County Agent Collins and Mr. Olsen, who have borne the brunt of the actual preparation of the project desire to express a full appreciation to the people in the various sections of the county, who have laid aside their usual duties and gone into the field in order to secure the detailed information required. The type of cooperation shown is of the most unselfish and valuable kind, they said.

## Local Republicans To Hear Col. Knox

Motorcades are planning to organize in all parts of North Carolina to go to Asheville next Tuesday on the occasion of the visit of Col. Frank Knox, and a crowd of more than 25,000 is expected to hear the address of the Republican vice presidential candidate.

Leading Republicans in every western county of the state were notified Tuesday concerning the places at which the motorcade will originate, and many local Republicans are expected to go to Asheville. Republicans from the western tier of counties will gather at Hendersonville, Bryson City, Barnsville, Marion, Hickory, Statesville and Salisbury and from these points will journey to Asheville for the address. The event, it is said, will be the occasion for the greatest gathering of Republicans ever known in the South.

(Later information indicates that Watauga Republicans will leave Boone Tuesday at one o'clock, and will meet Col. Knox's train at Marion at 4 o'clock, as will delegations from Caldwell, Burke, Ashe and Alleghany. W. H. Gragg, Republican congressional candidate, will journey from Chapel Hill to Asheville on Col. Knox's train and rear platform appearances will be made at Salisbury and Statesville. The address at Asheville is to begin at 8 o'clock.)

## County-Wide Rally Of Democrats Is Planned

A rally of the Democratic voters of Watauga County is announced for Thursday evening, October 15th, at the courthouse at 7:30, at which time there is a prospect of Senator Reynolds addressing the gathering. In the event that the Senator finds it impossible to be here, another leader in state Democratic political circles, will address the gathering. The announcement comes from Wade E. Brown, president of the local Young Democratic club, which organization is sponsoring the rally. A genuine good time is promised and a full attendance is being urged.

Mr. Brown also states that there will be political speakers in other townships of the county next week as follows:

Green Valley, Monday night; Blowing Rock, Tuesday night; Cove Creek, Wednesday night.

## HINSON SELLS FARM

Prof. Van Hinson has sold his New River farm, the E. C. Norris place, to Mr. J. W. Byers of Boone, and the latter will move on the premises soon. Mr. Wilson Norris, meantime has purchased the Byers place west of town. The transactions were made through S. C. Eggers & Co., local realtors.