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## TODAY and TOMORROW

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### FISH . . . . . for study

As long as men have been catching fish, little is really known about their life and habits. How do they behave under water? We can't see much more than a few inches below the surface of the sea. Who eats who in the struggle for existence that goes on in the ocean's depths? Nobody knows for sure, but a great scientific laboratory for the study of living fish of all kinds has been established in Florida, and we are on the way toward learning more about the hidden life under water.

At Marineand on Florida's East Coast half a million dollars has been spent to build a miniature ocean. Two great connected tanks holding nearly a million gallons of filtered sea-water have been built. They have windows along the sides and the bottom through which the behavior of marine animals can be studied and photographed at close range.

When I visited Marineand in April there were dozens of sharks of different kinds and sizes, a big sawfish, innumerable smaller fish, crabs, shrimps and other crustaceans, seals and porpoises all living together as they do in the sea.

### DOPE . . . . . catches fish

Catching big fish for an aquarium is a good deal like catching big animals for a zoo or a circus. In order to bring 'em in alive and in condition to keep on living, they have to be carefully handled after being trapped, else they will injure themselves in the struggle to get free. Big game hunters for zoos use "mercy bullets," shooting a quick-acting narcotic drug into the animal's hide. On the same principle the Marine Studios use a "hypodermic harpoon" to control big fish after they have been netted or trapped.

Invented by Count Ilya Tolstoy, grandson of the famous Russian novelist, who is in charge of collecting fish for the Marineand aquarium, the hypodermic harpoon injects an anesthetic drug into a fish. Even the largest sharks turn over and play dead when they get this "shot in the arm," but a few hours later they are lively as ever in the "miniature ocean."

I went out with one of the "bring 'em in alive" expeditions early in April. We set a big net a few miles out on the Atlantic and anchored over night to haul the net at sunrise, the feeding time for the big ones. But all we got was one five-foot hammerhead shark.

### SHARKS . . . . . soft

Whether sharks actually attack living persons in the water is still a matter of dispute. The fish experts I talked with in Florida said that some of the large sharks will seize an injured person, attracted by the smell of blood. All agreed that a far more dangerous fish is the barracuda, the "tiger of the sea," which comes into shallow waters and frequently hits an arm or a leg off a bather.

Sharks and the shark family, which includes sawfish and rays, are the most primitive type of fish. Fossil shark teeth estimated to be 100,000 years old are washed up by every storm on the coasts of the Gulf of Mexico. The shark has no bones. His spine is soft cartilage and he has no ribs at all. The shark does not survive rough handling well.

### DOLPHINS . . . . . warm blooded

Everybody who has been around the Atlantic seaboard much, from Nova Scotia to Florida, has seen schools of dolphins, which are usually called porpoises, leaping out of water in graceful curves. Most folk take them for fish, but they are warm-blooded mammals, little cousins of the whale. They make their brief excursions to the surface to fill their lungs with air, which they can do in a couple of seconds through the single nostril or "blowhole" in the tops of their heads.

While I was visiting the big aquarium at Marineand word came that porpoises were feeding in a nearby inlet. Half a dozen fishermen in rowboats went out after them. They set four nets across the mouth of the inlet. The first porpoise broke

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## Tries For Toga



Hailed as one of the most important political developments since 1930 was the Pennsylvania primary which gave the Democratic senatorial nomination to New Dealer Governor George H. Earl (above) and the nomination for the governorship to his running mate, anti-C.I.O. Charles A. Jones. Republicans, led by James J. Davis polled a greater total vote than did the Democrats.

## LOCAL VACATION SPOT VISUALIZED

### Chamber of Commerce Receives Requests for Summer Accommodations

"Inquiries coming to my desk daily for vacation living accommodations in Boone or the immediate vicinity convince me that Boone has an important future as a medium priced vacation spot." This is the opinion of Wade E. Brown, secretary of the Watauga County Chamber of Commerce, as a result of a survey of hundreds of inquiries received during the past several months.

"The tragedy is that I must always refer them elsewhere. That hurts! It hurts the community, the county and it hurts me as the community's representative. While it is true most of the available living accommodations in Boone are needed for summer school residents, I am convinced that with a little community planning we could discover a number of private homes to which to refer these people who do make inquiries. We must do that community planning as rapidly as possible if this source of prosperity to Boone is not to be lost."

"So that this can be done efficiently and effectively we have decided to establish a bureau of paid registration. Everyone with summer accommodations for rent will have this service available at a cost of one dollar for three months of the present season. The Watauga County Chamber of Commerce will keep a card catalogue of available accommodations and will use this registration data in referring inquiries to accommodations within the rate they specify. Monthly we will make available to each registrant a list of these inquiries."

"Of course," Mr. Brown concluded, "we have tried to get our folks to register before. They have not done pay for they value. Therefore, our new scheme. In all honesty I beseech you. I've decided that what people lieve such a system would result in the sure growth of a steady tourist business for Boone."

## Legion Post to Name New Officers Friday

At a regular meeting of the Watauga Post American Legion, to be held at the Legion hut Friday evening at 7:30, new officers will be elected, and at the same time a slate of delegates will be chosen to represent the local organization at the state Legion convention which will be held in Winston-Salem June 26, 27 and 28.

The officers elected will be installed as usual in October, but are named one month earlier due to the fact that the state gathering occurs this year thirty days prior to the usual date.

At the same time there will be an important meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary, to which all members are invited.

## HOYT BLACKWELL NAMED PRESIDENT OF MARS HILL

Mars Hill, May 29.—Hoyt Blackwell, a member of the faculty since 1928, was elected president of Mars Hill College by the board of trustees Thursday. He succeeds Dr. J. L. Moore, who resigned Wednesday after serving 41 years.

## HALF-HOLIDAY FOR CITY STORES WILL NOT BE OBSERVED

### Merchants Association Fails in Attempt to Institute Half-Holiday for Sales Forces in Town; Only One Dissenting Establishment

The movement which was instituted by the Boone Merchants Association to provide a half-holiday during the summer months for the merchants and sales organizations of the different business houses of the town, failed to materialize, it was said Wednesday morning by a special committee which had canvassed the town. There was only one dissenting establishment, it was reported, the association having gone on record as being unfavorable to the proposal, except upon the condition that it would have a 100 per cent endorsement of the business interests.

The committee, which was composed of Messrs. J. O. Cook, J. A. Mullins, L. L. McGill and Wade E. Brown, received the endorsement of every merchant with the exception of one, and when it was found that the half-holiday would not be observed, the committee asked for the publication of the following statement:

"We regret exceedingly that due to the failure of the Crest Stores to sign the agreement, we will not close Wednesday afternoon during the summer, as planned. In advocating the half-holiday we were following in the footsteps of some of the most progressive towns in the state, and we feel that could we have secured the one additional signature, our customers would have been glad to cooperate. We did not so much seek rest, as the opportunity to spend a half holiday during the hot months in mixing with each other and in fraternizing with our customers. In this respect alone, the indirect benefits would have been great to us all."

## Luther South Dies From Sudden Illness

Luther S. South, aged 40 years, died Tuesday evening at his home in the Beaver Dam section from an illness of only a few hours. The direct cause of his demise was undetermined.

Funeral services are to be conducted this (Wednesday) afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Forest Grove Baptist church and interment will be in the neighborhood cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, two sons and four daughters: Luther S., Jr., John, Ruby Dare, June, Courtney and Shirley South. Two brothers also survive: Austin E. South of Boone, and Blaine South of St. George, Utah. One sister, Mrs. S. C. Eggers, lives in Boone.

Mr. South, who was reared in Boone and lived here during his early adult life, was popular in the town and county and leaves a large number of friends.

## Mrs. Effie L. Pennell Dies at Blowing Rock

Mrs. Effie Leona Pennell, aged 34 years, died at Blowing Rock last Saturday and funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon from the Blowing Rock Baptist church by Rev. S. E. Gragg and Rev. Sexton Buchanan, interment being in the Shulls Mills cemetery.

Surviving are the husband, Cloy B. Pennell, two sons and one daughter, Bernard, Jack and Blanche Pennell. The mother, Mrs. John W. Lewis, of Blowing Rock, also survives, and one sister, Mrs. Gurney Holler, of Boone.

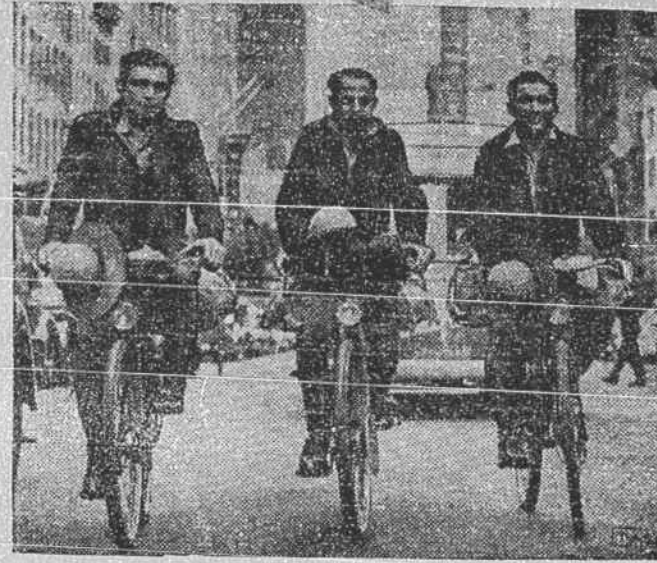
## Dixie Stores Now In New Building

The Dixie Stores, popular local grocery establishment, moved their stocks Monday into the new building adjacent to the Caro-Jean Inn, and their friends are congratulating them upon their elegantly furnished building, which was built expressly for the needs of their particular business. An advertisement in The Democrat today calls attention to special prices being offered in connection with their opening in the new location.

## Scouts To Meet On Next Monday Evening

Members of the local Boy Scout troop are asked to meet at the Scout hut next Monday at 7:30. All Scouts are urged to be present, and other youths interested in the Scout movement are invited to attend.

## Long Grind Over Five Continents



Three Indians—net from a reservation, but from Bombay—have cycled 35,000 miles, visiting 35 countries and pedaling over five continents, are shown here as they threaded their way through traffic on West 34th street, New York City, on the first lap of their hop to the Pacific coast. They are, left to right, Rutten Shroff, Kalkee Khares and Rustam Ghandi.

## NO JUNE COURT TO BE HELD THIS YEAR

The regular June term of Watauga superior court, which is solely for the purpose of disposing of civil actions, will not be held this year, according to word coming from A. E. South, the clerk.

Recent terms of court have disposed of so many civil cases, it is said, that attorneys did not believe the business in hand justified the expense of holding the term.

## MERCHANTS WILL NAME DIRECTORS

### Members of Merchants Association Will Gather in Banquet Meeting June 14th

The Boone Merchants Association will hold a banquet meeting at 7:30 on June 14, at which time the principal business to come before the membership will be the selection of a new board of directors, which in turn will name a slate of officers for the ensuing year. The place of the meeting, together with other details will be published next week.

The present directorate consists of J. A. Mullins, Frank Pearson, L. L. McGill, John Conway, C. C. Rogers, J. L. Qualls, M. I. Clark and R. D. Hodges. There are now three vacancies on the board.

## REORGANIZATION BILL DEFINITELY SHELVED

Washington, May 31.—Representative Lindsay Warren of North Carolina, and Senator Byrnes of South Carolina, chairmen of government reorganization committees, issued late this afternoon a formal joint statement saying no further attempt would be made at this session to revive the reorganization bill.

## TO PREACH AT BLOWING ROCK METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. John W. Moore, presiding elder of the Marion district, will preach at the Blowing Rock Methodist church Sunday afternoon, June 12, at 3:00 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to this service.

## DUGGER AT BANNER ELK

Banner Elk, May 31.—Shepherd M. Dugger, widely known author of the mountain region, arrived in Banner Elk last week and will spend the summer at his home here.

Mr. Dugger has spent the winter in Butler, Tenn., during recent years, but he has never failed to spend the summer in Banner Elk. He is the author of "War Trails of the Blue Ridge" and "Balsam Groves of Grandfather Mountain."

## COUNTY SINGING

June 5, at 10 o'clock at the courthouse in Boone. You are invited and expected, if you wish to help make this singing the greatest day of worship through song that we have yet had.

Bring the best sacred music that you can obtain and make everybody happy with the spirit of song.

Be on time to hear the welcome address by the mayor of the town. N. L. HARRISON, Chairman. Z. T. GREENE, Secretary.

## TWO ARE BOUND ON ROBBERY CHARGES

### Ward and Warren Remanded to Jail in Default of \$3,000 Bond; Hearing Held Monday

Frank Ward and Marvin Warren were given a preliminary hearing Monday before Magistrate Edwin N. Hahn and bound to Watauga superior court under bonds of \$3,000 each, on charges of having beaten and robbed P. R. Shull, well-known resident of Laurel Creek township. In default of bond the accused are being held in the county jail and will be tried at the September term of court.

Mr. Shull believes Ward and Warren to be the man who bludgeoned him in the darkened kitchen of his home on the evening of May 21 and took \$50 in currency from his person. His testimony is corroborated to an extent by fingerprints, allegedly those of Ward, which were found on the window pane, and by footprints on the outside of the building, which sheriff's officers found corresponded to the shoes being worn by the defendants when arrested.

In the preliminary hearing the state was represented by W. R. Lovill and the defense by J. E. Holshouser.

## N. C. Ranks 13th Among States In Value Farm Crops

Raleigh, May 30.—North Carolina ranks thirteenth in total cash income of its farmers, which reached \$271,132,000, the state department of agriculture's statistics division reports.

The state ranked as follows, in various phases, according to W. H. Rhoades, chief statistician:

First: Tobacco, with 674,000 acres harvested and 595,530,000 pounds, putting the state at the top in both acreage and production.

Third: Cash income from crops—\$232,850,000.

Third: Total number of farms—300,967 (1935 farm census).

Eighth: Acreage of all truck crops for market—52,720 acres.

Ninth: Cotton—growers harvested 1,101,000 acres producing 775,000 bales. Acres planted reached 1,109,000.

Eleventh: AAA or conservation payments, with \$12,282,000 paid to growers.

Seventeenth: Corn, both production and acreage with 45,357,000 bushels from 2,326,000 acres.

Seventeenth: Acreage of all truck crops—59,390 acres.

Twentieth: Acreage in cultivation—6,592,000 acres.

Twentieth: Cash income from all truck crops—\$4,290,000.

Twenty-sixth: Acreage of all truck crops for canning and manufacture—6,670 acres.

Twenty-ninth: Hay—995,000 acres.

Thirty-eighth: Cash income from livestock and livestock products, with a total of \$26,000,000.

With a total of 2,360,429 people living "in the country," the state's rural population comprises 74.5 per cent of the total.

Mr. Spencer Miller returned Monday from Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., where he attended a three-day reunion of the Eighty-first (Wild Cat) division of which he was a member during the World war.

## VOTERS TO ENGAGE IN PRIMARY FIGHT NEXT SATURDAY

### Scant Local Interest in State-Wide Primary Race Bespeaks Light Vote; Only Senator and Utilities Commissioner Before Local Electorate

So far no intense general interest has developed in the Democratic primary election of next Saturday, in which Watauga voters will aid in the selection of a candidate for the United States senate and one for state utilities commissioner, and it is being predicted that the balloting in this area will be unusually light. Predictions of those whose political judgment has always been regarded as sound, indicate that Watauga's total vote may not be more than one thousand.

Watauga Democrats name their county candidates this year by the convention method, and this will account for a lessened turnout for the primary. Besides, no intensive campaign is being waged for the state ticket, so far as is known.

Senator Robert R. Reynolds is being opposed for re-nomination to the United States senate by Congressman Frank Hancock of Oxford, and while many are of the opinion that the junior senator will carry the county, there are supporters of Mr. Hancock who are equally certain that their candidate will come through victorious. State Utilities Commissioner Stanley Winborne is conceded a heavy majority locally over Paul Grady.

Polls to Open at 7

According to Mr. A. D. Wilson, chairman of the county board of elections, the polls will open at 7 a. m. and close at 7 p. m., the change from "sun to sun" having been made by the last legislature.

## TABERNACLE TO BE BUILT HERE

### Rev. Graham Expects to Start Meeting Second Sunday in Tabernacle Friends Erect

Rev. Dan Graham, Blountville, Tenn., evangelist, expects to start a series of revival services on the second Sunday in June in a tabernacle to be built by his friends in this locality on a portion of the Blackburn old hotel property. The tent which was to have been used was damaged to such an extent during the process of erection in a high wind, that it was temporarily abandoned, and the idea of constructing the tabernacle was conceived at a meeting of Rev. Graham's friends held in the courthouse last Thursday afternoon.

Lumber is being delivered for the erection of the temporary structure, which will be 75x90 feet, and on Friday of this week all the people of the county who will, are asked to meet for an old-time house-raising. It is believed that there will be no difficulty in completing the structure through the medium of voluntary labor. Those who can serve as carpenters and laborers as well as asked to gather Friday.

## DECOMPOSED BODY OF PETER LEVINE FOUND

New Rochelle, N. Y., May 29.—The wire-bound body of long-missing Peter Levine—head, hands and feet missing—was found and identified by detectives tonight on the shore of the estate of Louis Iselin on Davenport neck Long Island sound.

The body was hardly more than a mass of decomposed flesh and a few bones but Detectives Edwin Gleason and Michael Lynch said enough of the lad's clothing remained to make identification possible.

Helmer Strong, a yacht captain employed by Mrs. Iselin, was standing on the shore when, he said, a due east wind blew the body landward and lodged it against a rock. He immediately spread the news and officers were on the scene in a short while.

The boy, son of Murray Levine, a Fifth avenue, N. York, attorney, disappeared from his home here February 24, after leaving school.

## WPA WORKER INJURED

Mr. Henry Mast of Sugar Grove, while working on the WPA county-wide school repair project, was injured Tuesday when he was struck by a barrel of paint which slipped as it was being moved. Mr. Mast was considerably bruised and fearing that internal injuries might have been averted, he was taken to the Banner Elk hospital for further examination and treatment.