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"The basis of our government being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right, and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to choose the latter. But I should mean that every man should receive those papers, and be capable of reading them."
Thomas Jefferson.

THURSDAY, DEC. 7, 1939

CONGRATULATIONS TO BOONE

(Skyland Post)
One of the most successful civic enterprises and one of the biggest assets to this section of North Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee is the recent establishment of a burley tobacco market in Boone.

Starting in 1930, the production of tobacco in the northwestern part of this state has increased each year until now nearly 1,000 farmers in Ashe alone raise burley. In Watauga, as well as in other counties, it has also become one of the leading crops in a comparatively short time.

Along with this growth in production the marketing problem has become more acute each year. The nearest markets have been too far and season after season it has been more difficult for farmers to sell their tobacco after they took it to the warehouses because of blocked sales.

Being in the center of a burley producing area and realizing the need for better marketing facilities, the progressive and public-spirited business and professional men of Boone went to work in earnest last spring and labored diligently and faithfully until they secured a full set of buyers, raised the necessary amount of money to construct a modern, \$25,000 warehouse. Not a stone was left unturned and we congratulate the fine citizens of Boone and Watauga county in the establishment of the Mountain Burley Market, which will open on December 12th.

This paper advocated the establishment of a tobacco market here long before Boone launched their movement. Some effort was made to obtain one, but the program lagged, partly because of several other activities, including the fair and hospital projects which required a lot of time and money.

Again we wish to congratulate Boone and also the Watauga Democrat, which issued last Thursday one of the finest special market opening editions that we have ever seen.

KEEPER OF THE SEAL

(Winston-Salem Journal)
The British government has turned over to the United States for safe-keeping one of the four original copies of the Magna Charta signed and sealed by King John at Runnymede in 1215 A. D.

The gesture is of great symbolical suggestiveness. The free society of English-speaking races dates from Magna Charta. The United States has been made a keeper of the seal of ancient liberties.

The keeper of the ark of the ancient laws has great responsibilities thrust upon his shoulders. With what jealous zeal did the leaders of Israel guard the ark of the covenant! How sincerely they believed that it must be carried along with them when they engaged in warfare with the tribes which threatened their independence!

America has been made a guardian of the covenant of freedom. Its destiny depends upon the jealous care it gives to the performance of its task.

This much do we read in the sign and symbol. From the brutally practical standpoint it might be said that the acceptance for safe-keeping of a musty old waxed parchment adds little to the sacred duty already resting upon the United States to preserve democracy.

Perhaps this is so, but the symbolism is beautiful and to a degree inspiring. Hence, like the Statue of Liberty, gift of the French, the British gift or loan of the Magna Charta has the power to evoke memories, to recall to mind the fundamentals upon which our society rests.

DECEMBER—AGAIN

(Christian Science Monitor)
Come in, December! We're glad to see you. You never come until the year is nearly over, but you're always welcome. You are bringing us something, you say? Your eleven brothers and sisters who have been here before you this year did, too. There's something nice about them all.

And now you are here! What have you in store for us? Oh, you have something besides crops and everyday things? You have stary nights and snow, and frozen ponds for boys and girls to play on up north, and sunny southern beaches when the rest of the country is frozen. Good! Also, shorter days

and long, pleasant evenings—but plenty of time to work and study and play, and to ponder what the rest of the year has been and meant. You are especially for children? Splendid! Then you surely remember this:

And children's faces looking up holding wonder like a cup.

You bring Christmas? Well, that is best of all! No other month ever brings that, even in these days. Blessings on you, December, and on Christmas; and on all boys and girls, fathers and mothers, grandmothers, uncles, aunts, cousins, friends and firesides—on home holidays and happiness.

LIKES BURLEY EDITION

Mr. R. C. Rivers, Watauga Democrat, Boone, N. C. Dear Bob: Your special edition of the "Democrat" not only has the appearance of a "big city daily," but it exceeds anything I have ever seen for a city the size of Boone. Congratulations to you and Jim (since I read that he helped you with the edition), and I know that these lines will be only a starter for the hundreds of letters you will get praising your efforts.

With this new tobacco warehouse, your livestock market, and other improvements, your father, Uncle Dick and other "old timers" would not believe their eyes were they to return to this earth again. All those things almost seem impossible to Boone—formerly considered a "backwoods" town without a railroad (wide gauge!).

Really, I have seen many "special editions" from the New York Times to those of a small semi-weekly in Texas which I used to publish, but yours takes the cake!

It is my hope that the expectations of the merchants, the stockholders, and the citizenship will be far more than realized on your opening day. Wish I could be there to help "paint the town red." Please tell Bill Lovill that I'll just have to buy him a quarter cigar when I see him for putting that one over.

With kindest regards, HARVEY B. CARLTON, Chicago, Ill., Nov. 30, 1939.

LAUDS NEWSPAPER

Editor Democrat: Congratulations to the Watauga Democrat and staff for the splendid piece of work they did in putting over the special tobacco edition. Very few people realize the responsibility of an editor—expense, worry, news, etc. It has been said that the New York Times requires \$30,000 per day for operating expenses. So you may see it takes money as well as intellect. Schools are a great asset to our county, but a newspaper can go much further in the upbuilding of a county than most people realize. What our newspaper advocates usually goes over. It stands by with a helping hand and mourns or rejoices as it shares the lives of the people. We depend on the newspapers—they blaze our way. We find out about our neighbors through them. Churches, society, merchants, men, women, in all walks of life depend on them. Why? They are our great institutions, our teachers. They come to us, rich and poor alike, we don't need to go to them. If you have something to sell or are hunting bargains consult your local newspaper.

A Watauga farmer, L. A. HENSON.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH High School Library Rev. John Rhea, Pastor Sunday school at 9:45, Starr Stacy, superintendent. Morning worship service at 10:50. Sermon by the pastor.

BRUSHY FORK BAPTIST The regular meeting time at Brushy Fork Baptist church has been changed to the second Saturday of each month at 2 o'clock, and the second Sunday at 11 o'clock. Rev. G. A. Hamby, the pastor, asks the congregation to take note of this change.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN "The Rock Church" Services each Sunday as follows: 10:00 a. m.—Sunday school. 11:00 a. m.—Worship service and sermon. 6:00 p. m.—Senior Loyal Workers meeting; Junior Loyal Workers meeting; and prayer meeting for older people. 7:00 p. m.—Preaching service.

FIRST BAPTIST Rev. J. C. Canipe, Pastor We can stay out of the war. But whether we will or not, I do not know. Things do not look favorable now. High pressure is being brought on our government to drag us into it. Propaganda is rampant and the war mongers are alert. One of the best ways to stay the tide and push back the enemies is to attend upon the worship and service of God and humility. We invite you to join us next Sunday in true spiritual worship in God's house on God's day.

BOONE METHODIST Sunday morning preaching service 10:50. Sermon by the pastor. Sunday night at 7 o'clock, Rev. J. S. Hiatt, district superintendent for the Elkin district, will preach and hold the first quarterly conference for the year 1939-40. Everybody is cordially invited. All stewards and officials of the church school are urged to be present.

Friday night, December 9 at 7 o'clock, a teachers' council will be held at the parsonage under the di-

DECEMBER HOME WORK

Math word problems: ADD 35 TO 487, SUBTRACT 69 FROM MOM'S STOCKINGS, MINUS 37 FOR PERFUME, etc. Includes an illustration of a boy and girl at a desk.



CONVERSATION

From the Writings of DR. FRANK CRANE

Grenville Kleiser, well-known author and writer, gives some good advice about talking.

An immense amount of time and energy is constantly wasted, he says, by useless talking.

Some of these essentials that he mentions for a good conversationalist are as follows:

The first condition of good talking is clear, well-ordered thinking. If your thoughts are in confusion your speech is liable to be non-effective.

Talking should not be a verbal nor vocal contest, but a mutual exchange of ideas. Monologues are tiresome. Don't give advice. Advice costs nothing and is usually worth what it costs.

Don't exaggerate. It is easy to let your desires and feelings overcolor your views. Give the impression of under statement rather than overstatement and what you say will have more effect.

Keep your voice low. A low voice is not only an excellent thing in a woman, as Shakespeare says, but it is good for anybody. Many people are trying to talk to, because they constantly bawl so loud. They draw out their opponent with sound.

Don't tell unduly long stories. Don't make a reputation for being a "funny" man. This will put you in the class of lightweight. Stories are like seasoning or salt. They should be very judiciously intermingled and it is easy to get too many of them.

Do not interrupt another. Wait quietly for your turn to speak. Don't relate lengthy personal experiences. A thing may be interesting to you because it is about yourself, but it is usually boring to other people. Don't be impatient. When you observe that your listener does not wish to be convinced change the subject.

Do not argue. Argument never convinced anybody. Suggest. Sedulously avoid controversial debate about religion or politics. People have made up their minds about these questions beforehand and do not welcome your attempt to charge their opinions.

Be careful about ridicule. People who are not sensitive about anything else are very quick to resent this.

Speak clearly. Do not mumble. Conversation is more than idle exercise or ornamental superfluity. Its purpose is to keep the other party amused and interested. It is the wire upon which runs the current of your electric personality.

Everybody should know how to keep up these wires and to gently stimulate another's interest.

If you don't know how to talk, rection of Mr. R. L. Clay, superintendent of the church school. All workers of the church school are urged to be present.

learn. Devote a certain part of your time to intelligent and diligent practice in the art of small talk. It pays.

DEWEY ENTERS GOP RACE FOR PRESIDENCY

Washington, Dec. 1.—Announcement by Thomas E. Dewey of his candidacy for the 1940 Republican presidential nomination clarified the political picture tonight, but experts withheld opinions, pending his "keynote" speech next week at Minneapolis.

Dewey's formal entry into the race brought to four the number actively seeking the Republican nomination. The others are Senators Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan, Robert A. Taft of Ohio, and H. S. Bridges of New Hampshire.

Because moths fly at night and are usually not seen, few people realize that there are nine times as many moth species as butterflies.

NORTHWESTERN AREA TO HAVE NEW TRUCK SERVICE

The Southeastern Motor Lines, of Bristol, Va., has bought an intrastate franchise from the Boone Transfer Company, and will operate as a freight carrier in the northwestern section of North Carolina.

Announcement of the sale was made by Stanley Winborne, State Utilities Commissioner, Tuesday. The company will operate in the vicinity of Boone, West Jefferson, Jefferson, North Wilkesboro and into Winston-Salem.

Practical criminology is being offered as a regular course at Washington College by the biology department.

Harvard University scientists have discovered a new earthquake wave that may be used in locating enemy artillery.

A new method of storing heat from the sun has been devised by a Massachusetts Institute of Technology scientist.

The only island resort in Europe which is uninhabited is the Scottish Island of Staffa. Thousands visit it annually but no one lives there.

YOUR JEWELER R. L. SHULL

now working across the street in front of Smithey's. Watches, clocks, glasses, rings and most anything repaired. Diamond Setting a specialty.

Wanted WILD CHERRY BARK, thin, natural— 2 1/2 c Per Pound. Get our price on Balm of Gilead Buds before selling. Bring us your Galax and and Furs. C. A. WILCOX Boone, N. C.

PASTIME

Boone, N. C. Tuesday and Wednesday SPECIAL SELECTED PROGRAM! Celebrating Opening of MOUNTAIN BURLEY TOBACCO MARKET! Johnny Mack Brown Western Feature with Bob Baker - Fuzzy Knight also 2-REEL COMEDY & CARTOON Welcome, Tobacco Growers!

Wanted-Parachute At Once FOR ANYTHING YOU NEED TRY OUR WANT ADS

Appalachian Western Carolina's Finest Theatre Phone 170 Boone, N. C.

Today (Thursday) Only "BAD LANDS" with ROBERT BARRAT - ANDY CLYDE - GUINN "BIG BOY" WILLIAMS, NOAH BEERY, Jr.

SPECIAL BARGAIN! This Coupon and 25c will admit 2 Persons to the Appalachian Theatre Thursday, December 7, to see "BAD LANDS"

Friday—Bargain Day THE ALL-AMERICAN LAFF SHOW! More fun than tearing down the goal posts!

Joe E. Brown - Martha Raye \$1000 A TOUCHDOWN Matinee 10c - Nite 15c

SATURDAY Cattleman vs. Railroad... Smashing action! GEORGE O'BRIEN 'TAMPER STAMPER' CHILL WILLS MARGARITE REYNOLDS RKO RADIO Picture Plus Our Gang Comedy - Cartoon and 5th chapter "Oregon T"

OWL SHOW SATURDAY 10:30 Timely as Today's Headlines! BU-BOAT 29X INSIDE STORY OF SUBMARINE ATROCITIES!

Monday and Tuesday THE PROMISE IS FULFILLED! Greatest since "Snow White." Everything you've heard about it is true! The BIGGEST song-dance-laugh-spectacle triumph.

The WIZARD OF OZ with JUDY GARLAND - FRANK MORGAN - RAY BOLGER BERT LARR JACK HALEY Directed by VICTOR FLEMING Produced by MERVYN LASKY A METRO-GOLDWYN-MAYER PICTURE

Wednesday MIGHTY DRAMA OF THE TIMBER COUNTRY! 'COME AND GET IT' with JOEL McCREA - FRANCES FARMER - EDWARD ARNOLD

Coming Soon— "NINOTCHKA" "RULERS OF THE SEA" "JEEPERS CREEPERS" "ETERNALLY YOURS"