

# The Watauga Democrat.

ISSUED EVERY THURSDAY

ONLY NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN WATAUGA COUNTY

ESTABLISHED IN 1888

VOLUME XXXIII

BOONE, WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY AUG. 10, 1922

NUMBER 41

## DR. BELL INVENTOR OF TELEPHONE DEAD

THE SCOTCHMAN ENDURED MANY HARDSHIPS AND PRIVATIONS IN HIS EARLY LIFE.

### EXPERIMENTS 50 YEARS AGO

Body Will Be Buried on Top of Beinn Breagh, a Spot Selected by Himself For Grave.

Sydney, N. S.—Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, died at Beinn-Breagh, his estate, near Braedale, after a short illness.

Although the inventor had been in failing health for several months, he had not been confined to bed and the end was unexpected.

With Mr. Bell when he died were Mrs. Bell; a daughter, Mrs. Marian Hubbard Fairchild, and her husband, David G. Fairchild, of Washington. The inventor leaves another daughter, Mrs. Elsie M. Grosvenor, wife of a Washington magazine editor.

Dr. Bell will be buried on the top of Mount Beinn Breagh, a spot chosen by himself.

Alexander Graham Bell lived to see experiments which he began with a dead man's ear less than 50 years ago result in a means of communication for millions of long distance telephone conversations daily in all parts of the world. The possibility of talking over a wire, ridiculed then as a dream by almost everybody except Bell, became during his lifetime a reality commonplace and marvellous.

The Bell basic patent, known in the records at Washington as No. 174,465, has been called the most valuable single patent ever issued in the whole history of invention. There are today over thirteen million telephone instruments through which billions of telephone conversations are carried on each year.

Means of communication had been a hobby in the Bell family long before the inventor of the telephone was born. Two generations back Alexander Bell became noted for inventing a system for overcoming stammering speech, while his son, Alexander Melville Bell, father of the inventor of the telephone, perfected a system of visible speech.

With this heritage, the son, born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1847, undertook similar experiments while still a lad. He constructed an artificial skull of gutta-percha and India rubber that would pronounce several words in a weird tone, when blown into by a hand bellows. At the age of 16, he became, like his father, a teacher of elocution, and an instructor of deaf mutes.

Bell reached the crisis of his life at the age of 22, when he was threatened with tuberculosis. The white plague caused the death of his two brothers and the Bell family migrated to Brantford, Canada.

### Cheng's Men Are Defeated.

Canton.—Chen Ching Ming's forces who are favorable to the Peking Republic, have defeated the forces of Sun Yat Sen, the deposed president of the Canton Republic and driven them from Shichow, 130 miles north of Canton, to a point beyond Ching, more than 40 miles northeast of Shichow, according to a bulletin given out at General Chen's Canton headquarters.

The bulletin says the Chen Ching Ming army captured 2,000 rifles, 21 machine guns and nine cannons. Sun Yat Sen's losses are placed at 3,000 killed, wounded or captured. Chen's losses are not reported.

Another bulletin claims a victory for Chen near Yungun, about 40 miles southeast of Shichow, with the capture of 800 rifles.

Sun Yat Sen announced that he had received no advices from the battle front.

### Ten Reported Killed.

New York.—Ten men were reported killed in an explosion on a tug boat at the foot of Gold street, Brooklyn.

The tug, which was owned by a local towing company, sank almost immediately after the explosion.

The force of the explosion shattered windows in nearby buildings. Police and fire boats immediately started to search for the bodies.

### To Hurry Final Vote on Tariff.

Washington.—Passage of the administration tariff bill by the senate this month seemed to be almost certain as a result of an agreement that was reached separately by republican and democratic leaders.

## URGE ACCEPTANCE OF FORD'S OFFER

FOR PURCHASE AND LEASE OF GOVERNMENT'S PROJECTS AT MUSCLE SHOALS.

### REPORT PRESENTED BY LADD

Is Estimated That Country Has Lost \$30,000,000 by Failure to Start Operation.

Washington.—Acceptance of Henry Ford's offer for purchase and lease of the government's vast nitrate and water power projects at Muscle Shoals Ala., was urged by republican and democratic senators comprising a minority of the senate agricultural committee in a report submitted to the senate. Strong protest was entered by the senators against the acceptance of the government ownership and operation plan proposed by Senator Norris of Nebraska, the committee chairman.

The report was presented by Senator Ladd, republican, North Dakota, and was signed by Senator Capper, republican, Kansas, and Harrison, Mississippi; Carraway, Arkansas; Ransdell, Louisiana; Smith, South Carolina, and Heflin, Alabama, democrats. It is estimated that the government had lost \$3,000,000 at Muscle Shoals since the armistice, by failure to develop and operate the project, and declared the quickest way to stop these losses is to accept the Ford offer for the purchase and lease of the government's Muscle Shoals property.

"Certain objections to the Ford offer seem apparent," the report said, "but we insist without fear of successful contradiction, that none of the objections to the Ford offer can be remedied or solved by government ownership and operation, by the government going into the power business and entering the uncharted and hazardous field of operating nitrate plants at Muscle Shoals in the production of nitrogenous and other commercial fertilizers using electro-chemical processes, the commercial success of which is as yet controversial.

"For congress to admit such a policy when Henry Ford's offer makes it unnecessary for the government to do so," it continued, "would subject congress to the just condemnation and reproach of all sober-minded people."

The belief was expressed that every member of the senate would agree with the committee minority with reference to the acceptance of Mr. Ford's proposal when they consider the "present fuel and transportation emergency" in the light of "development of such great hydro-electric power as is found at Muscle Shoals, adding that it is the only certain and permanent relief in the future, from the present paralysis of American industry."

The report called attention to charges that the acceptance of Mr. Ford's tender would give him a government subsidy in the development of power and the manufacture of fertilizer, and said:

"It has been claimed that the Ford offer constitutes a subsidy to Mr. Ford. If it is a subsidy, it is not such a subsidy as is proposed by the administration in the ship subsidy bill."

Thousands Battle Forest Fires. Spokane, Wash.—From the Rocky Mountains in Montana to the Columbia river in Washington and up to 100 miles from the Canadian border, thousands of men are fighting forest fires which, with nature apparently siding with them, have, according to Theodore Goodyear, assistant state forester, rendered Washington virtually helpless before them.

Calls for help are going unheeded in many instances, he said, with the fire wardens fighting the worst fires and leaving the others to burn themselves out. One fire fighter on Foehl creek, Idaho, was killed when a burning tree fell on him.

Many hundred acres of government or private stands of timber have been burned over or are on fire.

### New Speed Mark for Plane.

Detroit.—The greatest speed yet recorded by aircraft is likely to be developed in the national airplane races to be held here in October, in the opinion of Brigadier General William A. Mitchell, assistant chief of the army air service, who has just completed an inspection of Selfridge Field, near Mount Clemens. This belief, General Mitchell said, was based on the fact that several new type planes, powered by an entirely new airplane motor, would be entered in the Pulitzer trophy race, one of the chief events of the meet.

## RUSSIAN GRAIN YIELD IS LARGE

TOTAL EXPECTED TO BE ONE THIRD LARGER THAN IN 1921; ACREAGE SMALLER.

### POTATOES ARE FLOURISHING

Rye Fields Higher Than Man's Head, With Ears Fairly Drooping With Kernels.

Moscow.—Mother Nature appears to be trying to make up to Russia for what she did to her last year. Accurate estimates of the grain crop of 1922 still are lacking, but from nearly every province reports pour in to Moscow that not in many years have such growing crops been seen.

When rains were needed they came this spring in a profusion that made up for last year's drought. When the sunshine was necessary it was on hand. Unless some unprecedented weather conditions develop between now and the time of the harvest, practically every bushel of seed that was planted last autumn and this spring seems sure to bear fruit.

Rye fields higher than a man's head with ears fairly drooping with kernels are waving and browning throughout the Volga and central Russia, while the wheat is coming up in good shape in Siberia and the Ukraine. Potatoes and other vegetables are flourishing. Cattle which looked like skeletons in the winter are fattening on rich green pasture land.

In some localities stricken last year by the drought an unusual phenomenon has been noticed. Grain sown in the spring of 1921 which failed to sprout last summer has come up this year to swell the small sowings which were available in the spring of 1922. In other places, where the grain was so short and underworked last autumn as to be unworthy of harvesting, these dwarf plants dropped their seed and this has sprouted under the rains and sunshine.

Generally speaking the ground seems to have gained strength during the famine year, and the rich nitrates which a big 1921 crop would have exhausted were left in the soil to fatten the kernels and strengthen the stalks. The areas sown this year perhaps were less than last in many provinces but the crop itself is so good that the yield is expected to be more than three and a half billion peods of grain for all Russia, a billion more than last year. (A peod is 36 pounds.)

If the surplus of fruitful regions can be transported to the cities and the non-productive localities, and if the peasants do not hoard it, Russian officials express the conviction that the famine will be practically dead and that after October full stomachs will succeed hunger for most of the Russian population.

### Name Board to Extend U. S. Trade.

Washington.—The Southern Commercial Congress announced the personnel of a commission, members of which were named by governors of the states, which will sail for Europe to investigate the possibilities of extension of American trade.

The commission includes Clarence J. Owens, director general of the organization; John T. Brownlee, Knoxville, Tenn.; James F. McCracken, of Valdosta, Ga.; Emmett E. Gans, Hagerstown, Md.; James C. Harris, Sheffield, Ala.; John King, Suffolk, Va.; Ralph Metcalf, Tacoma, Wash.; N. B. Kelly, Philadelphia; W. R. Craven, Dayton, Ohio; George M. Cheney, South Bridge, Mass.; H. L. Wright, Florence, Ala.; Mrs. M. H. Wright, Ironton, Ohio; Mrs. George D. Hope, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Charles C. Krichbaum, Canton, Ohio; Dr. B. H. Minchew, Atlanta; A. T. Simonds, Fitchburg, Mass.; Arthur Bolling Johnson, Chicago, and Dr. J. C. Cooper, Hawaii.

### Auto Plants Fear Coal Shortage.

Lansing, Mich.—A number of industries in Michigan face a fuel shortage that may compel shut-downs within the next few days, according to reports to the state public utilities commission.

The Ford Motor Company at Detroit reported it had only a 14-day supply of coal and that unless fresh supplies come from unlooked for quarters it might be forced to cease operations. Other automobile companies throughout the state reported they were in a critical condition.

According to indirect advices from Washington it appears problematic whether enough coal can be sent to Michigan to keep even the vital utilities in operation.

## GRAVEN FARMERS PLAN MOTOR TRIP

FARMERS AND SONS TO GO TO RALEIGH AND PINEHURST ON AUGUST 10.

### MORE THAN 50 AUTOMOBILES

Practically Every Community in the County Will Be Represented on Tour.

New Bern.—At an enthusiastic meeting of farmers and their sons here recently, more than 150 expressed their intention of joining the Raleigh-Pinehurst agricultural tour being arranged by the Craven Agricultural Committee, directed by Secretary C. C. Kirkpatrick, which is to leave New Bern by motor on the morning of August 16.

More than fifty automobiles, the use of which is to be contributed by the farmers and business men of the county and of New Bern, are counted on to make the trip. With the expedition a local garage is sending a service car equipped to handle any repair work on the road and manned by experienced garagemen. The machines will bear banners advertising Craven county and the motto of the tourists: "We come to learn."

The party expects to leave New Bern at 6 o'clock on the morning of August 16 for Goldsboro. A short stop will be made at the request of the chamber of commerce of that town, and then the run to Raleigh will be made. A picnic lunch will be served along the road. Arriving at Raleigh at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon visits will be made to the State Department of Agriculture and State College under the direction of officials. The night will be spent in the college dormitories, and on the following morning, Thursday, the party will leave for Pinehurst.

The trip to Pinehurst will be made at the invitation of Leonard Tufts, head of the corporation, who, in a letter to Mr. Kirkpatrick has outlined a very attractive program for the Craven tourists. Mr. Tufts and his manager will take charge of the delegation on their arrival and conduct the visit to the peach orchards, the dairy and the swine houses. A barbecue dinner will be served at noon, and in the afternoon cattle and swine judging contests for boys will be held. Prizes are to be given for these, Mr. Tufts writes.

One of the Pinehurst hotels will house the party that night, and on Friday morning the expedition will turn homeward, coming via Fayetteville, Dunn and Smithfield. Six o'clock that night is the hour set for the arrival here.

The trip is considered one of the notable things that has been planned in the interest of agriculture in Craven county, and farmers and business men are taking a keen interest in its success. Practically every community in the county will be represented by its most influential farmer and a number of boys. At the invitation of the committee several North Carolina newspapers have agreed to send representatives.

### University Offers New Courses.

Chapel Hill.—Instruction in practically all courses in the curriculum leading to college or normal credit will be offered by correspondence, according to an announcement by the extension division of the university, beginning next fall.

Correspondence courses in a few special courses were offered by the university for the first time last summer and a large number of students took advantage of that opportunity. The work, which is a part of the program of the extension division, will be enlarged to cover instruction in commerce, economics, education, English, French, geology, German, history, Latin, mathematics, music, physics, psychology, rural social science, and sociology.

### Four Syrians Hurt in Auto Smash-Up.

New Bern.—John Simon sustained lacerations on the face and two women and a baby were bruised and scratched when Solomon David lost control of the sedan in which they were riding and crashed into a fire hydrant at the post-office corner. The machine was practically demolished, and but for the hydrant it would have turned over. All in the party were Syrians. Richard David, a brother of the driver of the sedan, figured in an identical accident at the corner of George and Pollock streets a month ago, the car being a coupe.

## COMMISSIONERS WILL MEET

State Association of County Commissioners to Meet in Annual Session at Chapel Hill.

Chapel Hill.—The State Association of County Commissioners will meet its annual session here August 15, 16 and 17, the guest of the University of North Carolina. All the meetings will be held at Girard hall, and the Young Men's Christian association will be the general headquarters. Full arrangements have been made by these locally in charge of entertaining the association.

Governor Morrison's commission on improved county government has been invited to meet in joint session with the county commissioners on Wednesday, the second day of the program. The entire morning will be devoted to "Improved County Government," and will be featured by an address by Governor Morrison on this subject. A full discussion of all the phases of county government will be held by the two groups here.

The meeting will open Tuesday night, when President A. B. Patton, of Asheville, will call the association to order, to be followed by an address of welcome by Dr. Harry Chase, president of the University, and Dr. E. S. Branson, head of the department of rural social economics. C. W. Morgan, of Hertford, vice-president of the association, will respond to these addresses.

The last day will be turned over for a discussion of agriculture in North Carolina, with Frank Parker, state agricultural statistician, delivering the principal address. After a report of committees, the meeting will adjourn Thursday afternoon, August 17.

Mrs. Clarence Johnson, state commissioner of public welfare, and Dr. E. C. Brooks, state superintendent of public instruction, will both speak here on the program for Wednesday afternoon. Rev. M. Brown, state department of public welfare, will also talk on "The County Home." Dr. Brooks' address will be on the subject of "County Government and Public Education."

### Wake Forest Summer Sessions Ends.

Wake Forest.—Wake Forest's summer session came to a close with the termination of the final examinations and the three hundred students that constituted the second vacation session of Wake Forest began to leave.

According to the records of the school and Dr. D. B. Bryan, director, the second session of Wake Forest's activities in summer training has met with much success and points to a continuation of the growth of summer school at Wake Forest.

### Preparing For Big Celebration.

Burlington.—The office of the local Chamber of Commerce is the busiest place in the city, and the clerical force of the office has been increased on account of the extra work in preparing for the big event. Alamance Day, which will be celebrated here on August 17. Extensive advertising has been carried on during the past week in the interest of the celebration. Various committees are busy making the preparations belonging to their respective committees.

Over 50 floats will be in the big parade that is being planned for the day. Photographers of note will make pictures of the event. It is expected that thousands of people from Alamance and adjoining counties and from various sections of the state will be in Burlington for the event. Some of the most prominent people of the state will attend the festivities of the day and witness the great pageant which will reproduce the battle of Alamance, the first battle of the American Revolution.

### Waits Thirty Years For Wife.

New Bern.—After thirty years, in which time he has not seen so much as a picture of her, S. Monson, a local Greek, is on his way to Sparta, Greece, to his wife. "Monty," as he is known by New Bernians, has gone to New York, where he will take ship for his old home sometime this week.

"We'd never know a single care," Said Mrs. William Flowers, "If other people's children were As well brought up as ours."

### NOTICE.

North Carolina, Watauga County, in the Superior Court. Roxie Bowles vs. Clarence Bowles.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Watauga county for divorce from the bonds of matrimony, and the defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Watauga county, on the 8th day of Sept., 1922, and answer or demur to said complaint; or the relief demanded in the complaint will be granted. This July 31, 1922.

A. W. SMITH, Clerk Superior Court

### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of Alice A. Eller, deceased, all persons indebted to said estate will please come forward and make immediate settlement. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned administrator within 12 months from the date of this notice or it will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 1st day of Aug. 1922.

LUCRETIA GREER, Admrx. of Alice A. Eller, dec. T. E. Bingham, Atty.

### NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to the public that, on Dec. 12, 1921, I gave A. A. Johnson three (3) notes, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, the first having been paid, the second and third I have since paid and hold counter claims against the above notes as per agreement, signed Dec. 12, 1921. I hereby give notice to any and all not to discount or trade for the above notes. This July 10, 1922.

(Signed) D. P. WYKE, Shulls Mills, N. C.

### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of James W. Vines, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to present the same for payment within twelve months from the date of this notice, or it will be pleaded in bar of their recovery, and all persons indebted to said estate will please make payment of the same immediately. This July 20, 1922.

W. R. VINES, Administrator.

### EXECUTRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as the executrix of the last will and testament of J. J. L. Church, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to present the same for payment within 12 months from this date or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery, and all persons indebted to said estate will please make payment of the same immediately. This 25th day of June 1922.

Martha Main, Executrix

### NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE UNDER MORTGAGE

Under and by virtue of the powers contained in a certain mortgage deed executed by D. L. Setzer and Lula Setzer, his wife, on April 21st, 1921, to secure the sum of \$1500.00, which mortgage is duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Watauga county, and default having been made in the payment of the notes secured by said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in front of the Court house door in Boone, Watauga county, N. C., on Monday, August 28th, 1922, at 1 o'clock p. m., the following described real estate lying in Boone Township, Watauga county, North Carolina.

BEGINNING on a stake in the branch in B. R. Brown's line also L. F. Cottrell's corner runs N. 36 W. 48 poles to a Spanish oak; then near North 59 poles to a Cucumber; then North 12 1/2 East with W. H. Green's line 54 poles to a stake, W. H. Greene and W. P. Norris' corner; then North 41 1/2 East with W. P. Norris' line 21 poles to a Spruce pine on the bank of Howard's creek; then down and with the meanders of said Howard's creek 63 poles to a Maple, W. P. Jones' and T. C. Norris' corner; then near South with the Public road 117 poles to a stake at ford of a branch; then up and with said branch 30 poles to the beginning. Containing 30 acres, more or less. This July 24th, 1922.

JOHN LEWIS, Mortgagee.

3rd COPY AND/OR LIGHT P.