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"AMERICAN LIBERTY"

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This great nation of ours, the United States of America, one of the most powerful and glorious nations of the world, the home of the brave and the land of the free, owes its magnificence and its honor to the fact that it gave birth and growth to a government in freedom.

Why did the Huguenots and the Pilgrims and other such companies flee from lands of religious oppression to seek refuge on the shores of America, but to obtain the freedom to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience.

God's hand was in the forming of this great nation, which was "conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." The God-fearing men who formed the constitution of our nation recognized the rights and liberties of Americans and upon that wholesome and sound foundation is built the strength and harness of the American people of today.

Yet the attempt is now being made by organized bodies of churches throughout our land known as the "Lord's Day Alliance" and the "International Reform Movement," through Congressional legislation to enact a law in the District of Columbia and if possible throughout the United States forcing all to observe Sunday as a national Sabbath or rest day on which no trains shall be run, no mail carried, no work or sports engaged in, etc.

James Madison, the author of the first amendment, says: "Religion is not in the purview of human government and exempt from its cognizance. A connection between them would be injurious to both."

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11 o'clock: Sermon by the pastor, subject, "The Power of Principle." 6:45 o'clock: The Senior League will meet. 7:30 o'clock: Sermon by the pastor, subject, "Ingratitude."

LOST—On February 5, a bunch of keys between Boone and Vilas on No. 60. Finder return to Democrat and receive \$5 reward.

LOCAL AFFAIRS

Mrs. Fred C. Hedges is spending a few days in Winston-Salem, the guest of her parents.

Mr. Carl Beach who has a position with the William T. Ritter Lumber Company at Tiny, Va., is spending a few days in Boone.

Prospects are now fine for the largest crowd of summer tourists in Boone this year that has ever visited the town.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Council of Belva, N. C., were over-Sunday visitors at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Council.

Attorneys F. A. Lindsey, Brown & Bingham, W. E. Couper and probably others of the local bar are attending court at Wilkesboro, the most of them being employed in the Hub Wagner murder case which went to trial Tuesday.

Dr. Fred Hodges of Boone has broken dirt for a handsome new residence on Highway No. 17 near the home of Prof. A. V. Howell. W. H. Gragg has the contract and work on the building will begin in the very near future.

J. V. Bryant, county fish warden, requests that all members of the newly-formed Watauga Game and Fish Club to meet at the Daniel Boone hotel Saturday evening at 7:30 at which time some important matters of conservation and development are to be discussed.

Relatives and friends will be pained to learn of the death of Mr. Joseph Groene, which occurred at Kubana, Ky., January 18th last. He was a former Watauga county man, and has many relatives and friends in the county.

An error last week in the ad of the Carolina Stores, caused a little difficulty among the patrons as soon as the papers were delivered to subscribers. The price of an 8-pound pile of yard was made to read \$1.00 when it should have been \$1.09.

The Boone Drug Company's store has been undergoing a remodeling for the past few days and the appearance of the establishment has been greatly improved. The partition formerly cutting off the prescription department and office has been removed allowing about ten feet additional room.

Mr. Ed Minton of Mt. Pleasant, Cabarrus county, with his daughter, Miss Fizie, passed through town yesterday on his return from a brief visit to his aged mother, Mrs. Richard Minton, of Vilas R. F. D. Mr. Minton has been gone from Watauga for many years, but his heart still yearns for his native county, and if he could dispose of his property in Cabarrus he would come back.

Mrs. M. B. Blackburn was right, but not seriously, hurt Monday night by falling down a flight of stairs in her home. A slight fracture of the bones in one of her wrists was the worst injury, but she sustained many bruises about her face and body.

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On Monday a consignment of 12 pairs, or 24 Mexican partridges were

released by County Game Warden J. W. Bryan, shipped by the state commission from San Antonio, Texas. This was Watauga's quota of 4,000 birds bought for the state. They were divided in pairs and given their freedom Tuesday morning. It might be well to say again that we have a very strict game law and it is the purpose of the county and district wardens to enforce it to the fullest.

The Republican county convention, called by Chairman W. H. Gragg and Secretary J. C. Ray, for the purpose of electing delegates to the state, congressional and senatorial conventions, will meet in the courthouse here Saturday, March 24. The township conventions will meet on Friday, March 23rd, for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention.

Mr. Homer Brown, who ten years ago as a mere boy, left his home in Boone to fight the battles of life alone, is home now for a few days' visit to his mother, Mrs. Mary Brown and brothers, sister and many friends residing in Watauga. Soon after leaving here, young Brown enlisted in the U. S. navy and for four and a half years sailed the high seas, entirely girdling the globe while in the service.

Miss Edna Lyon and Mr. James D. Phillips were married at Mountain City, Tenn., on March 10th.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lyon of Boone. She is charming and pretty and is one of Boone's most admired and popular young ladies.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS Page 2—Reynolds Tobacco Co.; Graham Bros. Trucks. Page 3—Chevrolet and used cars; American Tobacco Co.; W. R. Winkler & Co. Page 4—McConnell Motor Co.; Farmers Hardware & Supply Co. Page 5—Hodges Drug Co.; Watauga County Bank. Page 5—Spahn's, Inc.; W. R. Winkler & Co.; Blue Ridge Lumber Co.

NOT ALL FOR HOOVER There are a few Republicans in Watauga county who are supporting Governor Lowden for the presidential nomination, said W. H. Gragg, chairman of the county Republican executive committee, following reports from this section, that the Northwest was solidly behind Secretary Hoover.

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MISS ESSIE GOODNIGHT HONORED AT RANLO, N. C. Miss Essie Goodnight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Goodnight of Boone, was honored at a delightful party on March 1 at Ranlo, where she is a teacher in the Ranlo school.

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Superintendent A. C. Warlick then entered and announced that he had just received a telegram advising him that he would have to secure a

new third grade teacher for next year, since Miss Goodnight would be married in the summer to the Rev. Ervin White. This announcement came as a surprise to the assembled guests. Miss Goodnight is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Goodnight of Boone. She is a graduate of the Appalachian State Normal and has been very popular as a teacher and an active church worker.

Following the cards the tables were cleared for refreshments. Each was laid with a dainty tea cover and centered with a crystal candlestick holding a green and yellow candle. The hostesses, assisted by Miss Blanche Craig served an ice course. Miss Goodnight was presented with a lovely bride's book and the prize-winners at hearts also presented to her their prizes. There were about forty guests present.

BIRTHDAY PARTY Little Miss Helen Gragg gave a lovely party to a number of her little friends and school mates at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gragg on Thursday evening of last week, from 3:30 to 6:30, in celebration of her ninth birthday anniversary.

Many lively games, music and contests were enjoyed, the most exciting being the donkey game, which never grows old. For attaching the most important appendage in the proper place, Virginia South was given a prize. Carrying peanuts on a knife and throwing a ball into a box, three contests which proved thoroughly delightful. Ruby Trivett won the prize in the peanut contest and Ruby Dore South proved to be the best ball player.

At the close of the games the dining room doors were opened, a beautiful birthday scene greeted the eyes of the party. The handsome birthday cake with its nine gleaming candles which each child had a chance to blow out. Proceeding to the living room, the little hostess opened many useful and attractive gifts from her little friends. At 5 o'clock all returned again to the dining room where refreshments were served. A color scheme of yellow and white was carried out in detail. Ice cream, birthday cake, orange crush and apple were served. Little yellow baskets filled with nuts and mints were given as favors. The following guests enjoyed the party: Ruby Trivett, Martha Hardin, Anabel Rivers, Edna Moody, Allie Norris, Virginia Cook, Mabel Wilson, Virginia and Elizabeth South, Ruby Dore South, Helen Hodges, Louise Serzer, Lydia Clay, Martha Moore, Louise Taylor, Annette Beach, Louise Adams, Meta Steete, Daisy Lyons and Clarisse White.

NORMAL NOTES

On the 10th, Rev. P. A. Hicks of the Baptist church and Miss Joy Beaman, student worker, were at the chapel exercises of the Normal, and Mr. Hicks conducted the devotional service and Miss Beaman made a talk to the student body.

On Saturday night a number of young ladies of the Phila. Retian, designating themselves as the "Old Maids' Club," gave a comic entertainment, consisting of song, reading, society history, piano solo, and comic dialogue given by the designated club. The dialogue was originated by the young ladies themselves to entertain the other societies and showed remarkable skill and originality on the part of the young ladies. A large crowd of the student body and people from the town were present and appreciated and enjoyed the skill displayed by the ladies.

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. C. H. Meser, who was holding services at Blowing Rock, Dr. J. D. Rankin of the Normal, preached at the 11 o'clock service at the Methodist church. At night the young people of the Epworth League gave a missionary pageant compiled from a missionary book which they have been studying. It was well presented by the young people and all present enjoyed the pageant.

On Sunday afternoon the voice pupils of Miss Christina Henkel gave a sacred concert in the auditorium of the Normal, consisting of songs and readings. Miss Rosemary Bumgarner read the numbers. Miss Beaman made a short talk. Then the young ladies gave a number of solos and readings in a most pleasing and effective manner. Miss Henkel's dramatic class gave a play at the Normal Monday evening that was very attractive to the large audience present. It was a combination that was varied in its nature, being amusing, pleasing and pure and was well presented by these talented young ladies.

HUNDREDS PERISH WHEN DAM BURSTS IN CALIFORNIA

Newhall, Calif., March 13.—A rapidly mounting death toll from the great torrent that swept into San Francisco canyon from the huge St. Francis dam tonight showed a death list of 274 while upwards of 700 more persons were reported missing. In the wake of the tremendous flood of water loosed upon the sleeping residents of the fertile valley, property damage was variously estimated at from \$10,000,000 to \$30,000,000. The breaking of the giant dam under the pressure of 12 billion gallons of water at 12:30 a. m., re-

leased a 75-foot wall of water on the inhabitants. The dam gave way this morning, the east and west wings collapsing and down the beautiful canyon dotted with citrus groves, rushed the devastation barrage.



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Think Of Your Duty HAVE MONEY! Have you got enough MONEY safe in the bank to keep your wife and children from having a hard time of it if you should be taken suddenly away from them? This is enough to think of at one time. START SAVING REGULARLY NOW WE INVITE YOUR BANKING BUSINESS WATAUGA COUNTY BANK "Home of the Thrifty" Boone, N. C. Let's DEVELOP Our County