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THE LAW BITETH

Judge John H. Bingham, who for the past several months has presided kindly and mercifully over the County Recorders Court, last week changed his tactics...

QUESTION AND ANSWER

There's a little eight-year-old girl up at our house who's "quite the berries" at asking questions...

LOCAL OBSERVATIONS

A simple-sweet little girl of fourteen, seated in a local "dawg" establishment, blows smoke-rings ceilingward as she knowingly discusses the merits of "Camels," "Lucky Strikes" and "Chesterfields."

Gangling "olester" slinks away from Relief Office with "bedamned if I ask them folks for any more food orders" unconsciously trickling from his lips.

Police officer accompanies local man to calaboose for umpteenth time on a charge of public drunkenness, as Sheriff Howell hauls in his forty-seventh still. And an observer casually remarks that "the supply apparently hasn't diminished."

Kind-hearted citizen makes round of business houses soliciting funds for the sustenance of impoverished family, while thousands and thousands of dollars in Federal "relief" funds are distributed amongst able-bodied men-folks.

Well-dressed matron of thirty-nine summers escorts nineteen-year-old husband along the streets, as punster softly sings "It's June and January."

Forty or fifty of Professor Dougherty's A. S. T. C. girls besieging postal employees for "Sunday packages" from home.

A gentleman reads aloud to a group of loafers the story of a certain night club entertainer who executed a gentle dance on the trap-door of a Louisiana galloway just before an obliging executioner snuffed out his life...

THE BELSHAZZAR INCIDENT

Away back yonder, many hundreds of years ago, a king of Babylon... one Belshazzar by name... pitched a royal party for his princes, their wives and concubines...

The Forerunner, a journal published at Somerset, Ky., in the interest of direct Chinese missions, and edited by our old friend Wagner Reese, carried in a recent issue an article condemning "Presidential Balls"...

"We read that the President will again encourage 'Birthday Balls' in (Continued on Page 4)

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Hoover Pays His First Visit to East

Former President Addresses Lincoln Dinner in New York and Attends Directors Meeting.



New York—Former President Herbert Hoover (above) came to New York this week, the first time since he left the White House in 1933.

He also came East to attend a meeting of the board of directors of the New York Life Insurance Company of which he is now a member.

DAIRY MEETING IS ANNOUNCED

Bright Outlook for Dairy Farming and Cheese Making Brings Government Experts to Cove Creek Saturday.

All farmers who are interested in the dairy business, especially as applied to the making of cheese, are asked to gather at the Cove Creek School next Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock when officials from State College as well as the Federal Government will speak on the outlook as regards this phase of the agricultural situation.

Outlook for Dairying Bright The outlook at the present time for dairy farmers producing milk and cream for cheese plants and creameries occupies the most favorable position in over four years.

Realizing the prevailing favorable conditions, we have decided to hold a meeting of all farmers who may be interested at the Cove Creek Consolidated School, Sugar Grove, on February 16, 2 o'clock p. m.

At this meeting the advisability of centralizing all milk from the Beaver Dam, Silverstone and adjoining milk producing sections will be discussed.

Mr. J. A. Arey, in charge of dairy extension work in the State; H. I. Wilson, cheese manufacturing specialist, Bureau of Dairying, Washington, D. C., and C. Allen Grant, cheese plant operator of Rochester, N. Y., will be present.

"We urge you and your neighbors to attend this important meeting in order to decide if Watauga will go ahead with revived effort and develop a great cheese manufacturing industry for which this county is so naturally adapted. Don't forget the date, February 16th."

Disposition of Excess Tobacco Is Explained

It has been determined that no arrangement will be made for the disposition of any excess Burley tobacco to manufacturers of tobacco products, says W. H. Walker, secretary of the Watauga Tobacco Association, who further states that those producers who have completed their sales should return their cards to the county office immediately.

Arrangements have been made for an examination of these cards to ascertain who have sold their allotted amount of tobacco. An inspector is to inspect such forms to witness the disposition of all tobacco in excess of the amount permitted. Any method of disposition of excess tobacco will be satisfactory which renders the tobacco unquestionably unfit for sale as leaf tobacco. However, the disposition of the excess is strictly a part of the contract.

WAR ON BOOTLEG RUM PUTS SUGAR SALES IN LIGHT

Special Investigator Here Last Week Checking Up on All Who Bought More Than One Hundred Pounds of Sugar. A Follow-up of Sale Recently Caused Huge Capture.

Those who go to their favorite grocery store and purchase more than one hundred pounds of sugar at a time, are subject to the close scrutiny of agents of the Federal government, who have just begun an increasingly intensive drive against the manufacturers of illicit booze, commonly known in these parts as "sugar-head."

This information comes through Charles Feltz, special investigator of the Department of Justice, who was in town Friday, taking reports from local grocers as to the volume of their sugar sales. Sugar being a principal ingredient of the local brand of fire-water, the Government has found that by checking the sales of large quantities of the commodity, and by looking into the general character and reputation of the buyer of excessive poundage, an excellent lead on the distilling operations of a community bars itself.

Cuts Down Manufacture Mr. Feltz states that the Federal investigators are notified immediately when shipments of sugar go out from the refineries, and that the consignees are required to report holdings at intervals all along. He states that due to the new procedure, manufacture of whiskey has been cut down measurably, and points out that a capture of 600 gallons of liquor last week came from the tracing of a sugar shipment. So wary have the blockaders become at the diligence of the Federal authorities, he says, that stills are very hard to find nowadays. Since it requires considerably more time and skill to distill spirits from the pure grain than with sugar, it is believed that many have desisted altogether. However, Mr. Feltz thinks that such liquor as is manufactured from now on will likely be "pure corn."

APPROPRIATION OF A. S. T. C. ENLARGED

President Dougherty Learns Local College Is to Receive \$70,000 This Year as Against \$53,000 Last Year.

The Appalachian State Teachers College will receive \$70,000 this year from the State of North Carolina, for expenses incidental to its operation, it was learned Wednesday morning, the information coming by wire from a member of the Appropriations Committee of the State Legislature to Dr. B. B. Dougherty.

The new allotment of public money represents an increase of \$17,000 over last year, when Appalachian received \$53,000.

Gragg Named Receiver of Woodcraft Company

W. H. Gragg was named as permanent receiver for the Woodcraft Novelty Company last week by Judge Phillips of the Superior Court and has taken over the conduct of the concern.

While Mr. Gragg cannot at present give out any information as to the future policies of the receivership, he believes it will be possible for the plant to reopen and function to the considerable advantage of the wage-earners of this section.

CARL RAGAN PAINFULLY INJURED IN AUTO CRASH

Carl Ragan received severe cuts about the face, and other sprains and bruises when an automobile in which he was riding, and which was driven by Kelley Osborne, collided with a truck near the S. S. Norris store on Tuesday evening. Mr. Osborne was uninjured, but the Ford car was badly damaged.

Blinding lights of an automobile parked on one side of the street prevented the driver from seeing a darkened truck parked opposite, Mr. Ragan said, and a terrific impact followed. But for the fact that the auto was making a low rate of speed, it is thought the crash would have undoubtedly proven fatal.

HOME OF BEECH CREEK MAN IS DESTROYED BY FLAMES

John Oaks, resident of the Beech Creek section, lost his home and the entire contents thereof on Tuesday of last week, when a flame thought to have originated from a faulty flue, swept through the structure. All furnishings, food supplies and clothing were destroyed, the loss of which is estimated at one thousand dollars. No insurance was in force.

Bruno's Fate in Hands of Jury

State and Defense Finish Their Summations in Trial of Alleged Kidnap-Murderer.



Edward J. Keilly (above) is pictured in a final conference with his client, Richard Bruno Hauptmann, whom he is trying to save from the electric chair as the slayer of Baby Lindbergh. The State and defense finished their summations of the evidence Tuesday evening, and Judge Trenchard delivered his charge to the jury Wednesday morning, the case going to the jury at noon. Just when a verdict will be returned is problematical, but it is believed at Flemington that a few hours' deliberation will decide the fate of the accused German-American carpenter.

College Students on Strike; Demand Social Privileges

Hundreds of Students Desert the Classroom in Demonstration Against Regulations. Parade Streets of Town. Official Use of Blackjack Blamed.

LATE BULLETIN At 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon President Dougherty of the College was in conference with members of the Senior Class, looking to a settlement of the students' grievances. Although the matter had not been disposed of as The Democrat goes to press, unofficial information is that students are to be allowed to return to their work, and that Dr. Dougherty is submitting a proposal which would result in some further concessions along social lines. Belief is that the trouble will be amicably adjusted this afternoon.

Drums beating and banners flying, several hundred students of Appalachian State Teachers College paraded through the business section of the city Tuesday afternoon, as a demonstration growing out of a strike for a laxity of social restrictions at the co-educational institution.

Leaving their classes at noon, the great majority of the more than nine hundred students on the campus joined in the demand for freer social conditions, specifically that which would allow the men and women to sit together at athletic contests and to mingle at social functions.

The strike was preceded by an outburst at a basketball game Monday night between the Freshmen of Appalachian and Rutherford Junior College when a group of men students sat with the women, remonstrations from faculty members failing to dislodge them. Rules of the college require the women to sit on one side of the gymnasium and the men on the other.

After the game, some fifty students went to the women's dormitories and are said to have resisted when a police officer went to disperse them. Page Vannoy, one of the students, is alleged to have been struck with a black-jack wielded by an officer. Afterwards they marched to the home of Dean Rankin where they sought to present objections to the social restrictions and there clashed a second time with the police. At this time, students say, officers drew their pistols.

Graybeal Announces Walk-out

Harold Graybeal, popular Senior and editor of The Appalachian, announced the strike Tuesday at chapel period, stating that men and women were demanding to sit together and mingle at social functions and athletic meets, that the policeman who struck Vannoy offer a public apology and that no action be taken against those participating in the disturbances of Monday evening. Graybeal said President Dougherty and Prof. J. M. Downum, registrar, were present when the aims of the strikers were announced Tuesday. Perhaps 90 per cent of the students, Graybeal states, are backing the strike.

The parade through the streets of (Turn to Page 4, Column 1)

TWO ARE CHARGED WITH BURGLARY AS SAFE IS LOCATED

Ralph Gilley and Grady Hartley in Jail on Charge of Burglarizing T. L. Critcher Store. Safe Found on South Side of Mountain Where Robbers Had Failed to Open It.

Ralph Gilley and Grady Hartley, residents of the Bamboo section, are in jail for trial at Superior Court on burglary charges growing out of the robbery of the T. L. Critcher store in their home neighborhood two weeks ago. The arrests were made after the Sheriff's office had recovered a large iron safe which had been taken from the store building and which remained unopened.

The safe was found in the neighborhood of Bailey's Camp on the Le-noir-Blowing Rock highway, and Sheriff Tolbert of Caldwell County notified. He immediately notified Sheriff Howell at Boone and he went to the scene. The safe was considerably battered and some of the fixtures had been knocked off with a hammer or other instrument.

Contents Intact Mr. Critcher was able to work the combination and the safe was opened. About five hundred dollars in money and some thousands of dollars in notes and other securities were found intact.

When the robbery occurred, and the safe was taken from the building, Mr. Critcher, who lives nearby, was not disturbed, and the marauders left no clues as to their identity other than the tracks of the motor truck on which they huffed away their loot. Since then the Sheriff's office has been working incessantly in trying to locate the truck which it was felt certain had been hauled to no great distance.

VISIONS CHANCE FOR GOP VICTORY

Speaker at Lincoln Day Dinner Criticizes New Deal and Forecasts Change in 1936. Many Wataugans Attend.

Congressman Christianson of Minnesota sounded a note of victory to the Republicans gathered in Greensboro Tuesday evening at the Lincoln Day dinner, as he heaped criticism upon the New Deal, and asked for a rallying about the standard of Republicanism.

"We can win again in 1936 if we have a sound and progressive platform," the speaker declared, "furnishing a rallying point for those who do not wish to go either to Rome or Moscow, but believe that the necessary economic readjustment can be reached without compromising with either Fascism or Communism."

The speaker was roundly cheered by the enthusiastic assemblage, as was Baxter Linney, of Boone and Lenoir, who spoke briefly as chairman of the Young Republican organization.

Those attending from Watauga County include: John W. Hodges, John W. Hodges Jr., S. C. Eggers, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Russell, J. E. Houshouser, Roy Keller, W. H. Gragg, Russell D. Hodges and Clyde R. Greene.

TWO CASES ARE TRIED TUESDAY BY RECORDER

Only two cases were heard by Judge Bingham in Recorders Court Tuesday. Charles Carroll, charged with violation of the prohibition laws, was fined \$10 and assessed with the costs of the action.

Richard Long, arraigned for the larceny of tires and gasoline, was charged with the cost and given a six months sentence, which was suspended.

DEMOCRAT ACQUIRES LATEST TYPE FACE

This paragraph is printed from the new Linotype Excelsior type, installed as a part of the equipment of The Democrat the first of the week, and which like other type cast on the publication, is of the latest and most pleasing design. This new equipment enables the local paper to furnish its advertisers and job printing patrons a wider diversity of machine-cast display, and greatly increases the opportunity for creating favorable typographical effects. Thirteen distinctly different faces of type are now cast in endless quantity on The Democrat's composing machine.

A. S. T. C. STUDENT DIES OF INJURIES

Robert Reeves, 18-year-old student at Appalachian State Teachers College, died Monday at a Lenoir Hospital, where he was taken Saturday for treatment for a broken neck.

Reeves, whose home was near Mount Airy, suffered a fracture of the seventh vertebrae, as he attempted to execute some sort of tumbling act at the college gymnasium. The injury resulted in complete paralysis below the shoulders, it is said, and consciousness only returned at intervals prior to his death.

Funeral services were to have been conducted Tuesday from the home of his parents, Coach Stone and several other of the intimate friends of the deceased in this locality attending.

Mr. Reeves was in his first year's college work here, but had acquired considerable popularity among his fellow students. He was married during the Christmas holidays to a Mount Airy girl, it is said.

Mrs. Moretz Brings Down Big Gray Fox

Mrs. Poly Moretz, resident of the Rich Mountain section, qualified as a Nimrod of rare ability last week when she brought down an extra-large gray fox with one charge from a double-barreled shotgun. Mrs. Moretz had heard the noise of a chase in which a number of dogs and huntsmen took part, and in going about her usual work happened to see Reynard near her home.

Unused to firearms, Mrs. Moretz succeeded in figuring out how to manipulate the hammerless weapon, which was kept in the house, and brought down the fox with one shot. When her husband returned home, she had skinned the animal, and has sent the pelt away for dressings so that a fur-piece may be a useful reminder of her prowess.

Junior Order Will Hold Meeting February 22nd

Daniel Boone Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., will hold a meeting with class initiations Friday, February 22, at 7:30 p. m., a similar kind of meeting being held in every district in the State at the same time, celebrating the birthday of George Washington. At the same time the meeting marks the end of the fiscal year, and it is stated that there will be candidates for initiation at this time. The Junior Hall, in the Peoples Bank Building will be equipped with a radio at the meeting mentioned, in order that members may hear an address broadcast from national sources of particular interest. Local officials especially request a full attendance.