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Reaganomics Working In Boiling Springs?



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At The Cross Roads

"Reaganomics," the term coined for the President's economic policy of reduced spending for social services, a July tax cut, and an increase in defense is on the minds of people in Boiling Springs as well as Washington.

Tom Webster, general manager of Ab's, Inc., believes President Reagan's economic program is working, but thinks "a tougher policy is needed on imports," including foreign manufactured fabrics. Webster doesn't think such imports are over-taxed.

"There will be a psychological help for the lower wage earners on tax cuts" in July, Webster said, and he is willing to accept higher unemployment as a trade-off for reduced inflation and economic recovery:

"With everyone hollaring about

unemployment," Webster declares, "there's no law that says everyone has to be employed."

Virginia Harris, owner of Boiling Springs Drug Co., also is "willing to bite the bullet" with reduced government services, but thinks some of the

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President's cuts in social service budgets went too far. "But of course I'm a Democrat," Mrs. Harris adds.

Catherine Sneed, bookkeeper for Ole South Ham & Biscuit, also has qualifications, but is more pronouncedly

pro-Reagan.

"By the end of summer," she says, "things will look a little rosier on the outlook of all businesses. I hope."

In other news At The Cross Roads:

An all-game horse show will be sponsored by the Boiling Springs rural fire department March 28, Sunday, at 1 p.m.

The show will be held between Boiling Springs and Gaffney, South Carolina, on the Camps Creek Church Road off Highway 150. Children under six will be admitted free, and tickets for adults are \$6.00. Refreshments will be sold on the showgrounds, and spectators are asked to bring their own chairs.

For more information, call the rural department at 434-6881.

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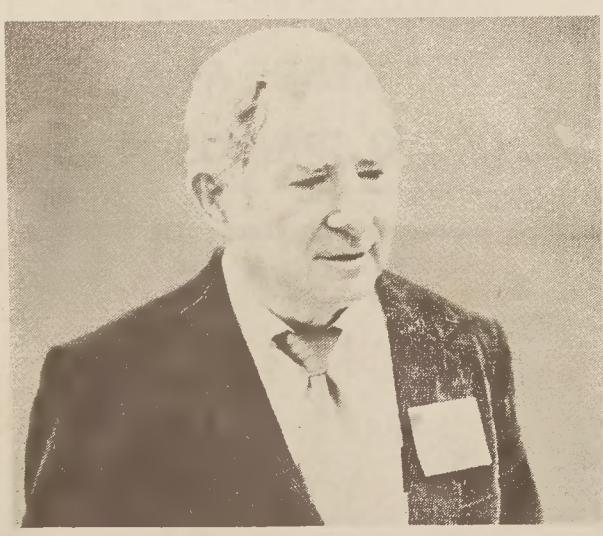
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"My ancestors were brought from Africa, they were sold in Virginia, from Virginia they came to this area. Here is where I have my roots and I am proud of it."

Thus Miss Ezra Bridges, retired Shelby school teacher, began her "Personal Storehouses of Memory," an oral history panel held Thursday afternoon in the seminar room of the John R. Dover Memorial Library at Gardner-Webb College.

Miss Hamrick talked briefly on her ancestry which in Cleveland County dates back to 1725. "The Indians were terrible back then in Cleveland," she said, and told of her great-great-grandfather William Holland, who one day propped his gun against the bottom of a fruit tree and climbed it to pick its fruit. Indians came by, grabbed the gun, shot and killed him.

"That sounds fancy, but that's fact," she said. Dr. John Hamrick spoke of the significant changes



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PHOTO BY LISA PETTUS.

About 50-60 people heard panel members Brooks Piercy, Miss Ollie Hamrick, Dr. John Hamrick, Miss Bridges, and Dr. Wyan Washburn relate personal accounts of Boiling Springs' past. Lansford Jolley, professor of social science at the college, moderated the panel.

Brooks, a retired agricultural teacher, recalled tractors were rare when he came to Boiling Springs in 1937.

"Miss Ollie," as Dr. Jolley introduced Miss Hamrick, "has probably seen more history in the making than anyone else in Cleveland County." Miss Hamrick, 107, is Boiling Springs' oldest resident.

"She doesn't dwell on ancestry because (she believes) it's what you do yourself that counts," Dr. Jolley said.

he had seen concerning health care, such as industrial plants taking out hospitalization insurance on their employees.

Dr. Wyan Washburn, a chief founder of the Cleveland County Historical Museum and a physician in Boiling Springs since 1946 called these songs and legends the "wonderful tradition in this county of oral history," that will "determine the color and vitality of our civilization."

Following the panel, a town meeting was held that night in the Dover Chapel. The speaker was Dr. Horace Traylor, vice-president for development at Miami-Dade Junior College.

The project next will meet at Kings Mountain on April 20.

Winn Funeral Set Thursday

Tuesday morning Evelyn Lovelace blinked back tears as she handed starched shirts and pressed dresses over the counter of the Nu Way Cleaners. The usually cheery Mrs. Lovelace just had learned that her former employer and long-time friend, Mrs. Rebecca Bridges Winn, died that morning.

Mrs. Winn, 68, will be buried Thursday at Cleveland Memorial Park after services conducted at Boiling Springs Baptist Church at 3:30 p.m. She had died after a short illness at Crawley Memorial Hospital.

"She loved to work," Mrs. Lovelace said, recalling how she and Mrs. Winn operated Winn's Cleaners in Boiling Springs, located where Ab's Inc. now stands.

"After she went home from the cleaners she'd sit up half the night if it pleased her working on draperies and quilts," Mrs. Lovelace said. "I used to get after her sometimes for doing so much."

Mrs. Winn retired after operating Winn's Cleaners for almost 25 years. But with her love of work she soon took up another vocation: she became a nurse's aide.

Mrs. Winn worked several years at Shelby Convalescent Center, Mrs. Lovelace said, partially fulfilling a girlhood ambition to be a nurse.

"She used to tell me when she was a girl after she had finished high school she had always wanted to go on to nursing school."

Her parents were the late Everett and Clementine Bridges.

Mrs. Winn was a member of the Flint Hills Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Boiling Springs Baptist Church, and the Gardner-Webb College Womens' Club.

Survivors include her husband, James Odus Winn; a son, James L. Winn of Boiling Springs; a brother, Norman Bridges of Shelby; and two grandchildren.

Hit-And-Run Reported Here

Police are looking for a "silver colored" car that reportedly struck another vehicle and then drove away on Main Street early Sunday.

No one was hurt, according to police, but damages to a 1977 Volkswagon totaled \$225.

The driver of the Volkswagon told police she was turning left into Varsity Square apartments about 10

a.m. Sunday when she was struck by another car passing on the right. The second car then continued down North Main, she said.

She described the second car as "about the size of a Vega" with three male occupants.

Boiling Springs police officer Dan Ledbetter is investigating.