

DRY LAW DUTIES TO BE SHIFTED TO LOCAL UNITS

Washington, June 22.—Colonel Lincoln C. Andrews, new assistant secretary to the treasury and actual head of prohibition enforcement forces, is going to spring some surprises. He is going to transfer much of the responsibility from Washington to the federal agents in the states. In other words, the state dry officers will become a real force.

The prohibition unit will be shaken from bottom to top; this means the Washington force and the field agents. The system is to be decentralized and more power given to the group of state or zone representatives. Colonel Andrews, Commissioner of Internal Revenue David H. Blair and Prohibition Commissioner Roy A. Haynes are working on regulations to put into effect the new plan.

Carried to its logical conclusion the proposed program will put into the hands of divisional chiefs more authority than they ever had before and will break up the nest of attorneys that settled in Washington to act as go-betweens between the government agency and those seeking permits and other favors under the law.

Behind this purpose to distribute the power and responsibility for prohibition enforcement is a plan to inject new life into the dry forces. Instead of giving numerous small jobs to people with political pull, Colonel Andrews will try to pick men of ability to direct the various zones or divisions. A tentative program calls for 24 zones with a powerful man, with reputation for organization work at the head of each. Once the head of the division is selected he will be empowered to issue permits and carry on the business of his district without having to call on Washington for approval.

Colonel Andrews proposes to make it easier for legitimate business to function under the prohibition laws, and harder for violators to get by. He expects to have men in charge of the divisions that can be depended upon for straight work.

It is understood that the North Carolina chief will have North Carolina and Virginia for his territory. Druggists and other users of industrial alcohol and liquors can get directly to the head of the divisional group and not have to come to Washington. From the final decision of the chief of the division an appeal can be made to a board of review here.

Democrats here have a suspicion that this new plan will result in forming nuclei for political organizations in campaign issues they see dangerous as well as helpful possibilities in it.

After the regulations for the new plan have been promulgated, the personnel of the prohibition forces will be considered.

Many shifts are expected, and a number of men in authority now in federal organizations will be let out. The North Carolina contingent seems to be in a good position. Changes there are not likely as Mr. Blair is pretty well satisfied with their work.

DEEP GAP NEWS

Mrs. Cordia Wellborn became ill last Monday and collapsed and while in this state fell from a very high porch to the ground, striking on her shoulders and head. She was badly shaken up and bruised. At this writing she is in a very serious condition.

Mr. A. F. Hampton has purchased of Willie R. Welch a farm, it being a part of the estate of the late W. P. Welch. It is understood that she intends to purchase another farm for herself in Wilkes county.

Messrs I. W. Day and J. C. Church traveling salesmen for the R. J. Reynolds tobacco company in Pennsylvania territory are in this vicinity on their annual vacation. We are glad to have them with us and a pleasure to know that the country boys from Deep Gap can hold their own in any field of business.

Miss Ella Watson arrived home from the state of Ohio the first of the week. We are glad to have her back with us again.

Mr. A. G. Miller is again hitting the road in quest of business. He is very much interested in his automobile agency for the Oldsmobile car in this territory.

Mr. R. E. Day was in Deep Gap recently on business. Mr. Day is a good business man and has succeeded in life.

Business in Deep Gap is very good

BODY OF SENATOR LAFOLLETTE LAID TO REST

Madison Wis. June 22.—In an unmarked plot on a verdant hillside the body of Robert Marion LaFollette today found rest eternal. A sturdy oak stands sentinel at his grave.

The tender hands of friends of years laid it there after funeral services in the state house which were simple as the life he had led.

A plea that his life had not been in vain, formed the text of the funeral oration, delivered by Dr. A. E. Hayden of Chicago, former pastor of the First Unitarian church of Madison.

Picturing Senator LaFollette as "the embattled prophet of a new democracy," Dr. Hayden said that to remember him would be "to be true to his vision of that democracy," as he was true.

"And here in his presence still," he added "we may dedicate ourselves to that task."

Again at the grave, Dr. Hayden renewed his plea and promised in the final prayer that the senator's people would carry forward the fight where he had in death left it.

Although the funeral was one of state, the service was as simple as might have been that for the humblest citizen. It was opened by the singing of the familiar hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee," and was closed with "America" after the funeral procession and the choir in the balcony overhead had sung "Abide With Me."

During this service, the plain steel casket, covered by an American flag, reposed in a semi-circle of flowers and palms. At the right sat the members of the senator's family and at the left were senators and representatives forming the congressional committee of honor. Behind these in places around the well of the rotunda were members of the supreme court; the state legislature honorary pall bearers and members of the Dane county bar association of which Mr. LaFollette had been a member.

Bearing up bravely under her sorrow, Mrs. LaFollette entered the rotunda with her sons, Robert Jr. and Philip, on either side and maintained her composure throughout the service. Besides her sons she was accompanied by her two daughters and their husbands and a sister of the senator. It was not until she had turned to leave the grave that Mrs. LaFollette gave visible evidence of her grief, tears then filling her eyes.

Nearby where the senator was buried are the graves of his mother and father. These were flower covered, but without mark of identification.

Besides the oak only a small urn stands within the lot.

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Services held in the St. Luke's Episcopal church.

Preaching second and fourth Sundays 11 a. m.

Sunday School 10 a. m. every Sunday, J. M. Moretz, Supt.

Luther League 8:30 p. m. every Sunday, Vilas Moretz, Pres.

Rev. H. W. Jeffcoat pastor. Miss Cora Jeffcoat parish helper.

The farmers here now think that the crops will have a good chance to grow after the rain. They seem to cheer up more and more. That is the spirit that gets them there.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Steelman visited in this section recently. Mr. Steelman sold some property in Abingdon, Va. and had his deeds finished up while here making the transfer.

We are told that Mr. Z. T. Watson made a very interesting lecture upon the bible history at Laurel Springs Church last Sunday. Mr. Watson is a very learned man and has the will power to deliver a real message.

Mr. A. E. Wellborn recently made a business trip to North Wilkesboro.

The writer has built up a very good business in advertising, copy writing and sales literature. He now has client all over the United States who come back often for this kind of work. It is growing by leaps and bounds. A mimeograph machine duplicator will be installed soon to take care of some of the work turned out.

The Rocky Point Consolidated School building is now ready for the covering which will soon be put on. The contractors are rushing the work right along.

DEPUTY SHERIFF WOOTEN KILLS LEONARD TRIPLET IN WHISKEY RAID

Deputy Sheriff and Ex-Policeman Shoots After Luckless Whiskey Raid—Released Under a \$10,000 Bond—Reports of Act Conflict

D. W. Wooten, Ex-Chief of Police of Blowing Rock, has been released under a ten thousand dollar bond, after having been held in the county jail here since Saturday night for the killing of Leonard Triplett near Blowing Rock, Conn. for defendant waived preliminary trial before Judge Harding on Tuesday morning and the large bond was easily filled—telephone communications bringing news of others in Blowing Rock and even in other counties who were anxious to affix their signatures to the bond. It would appear from this that many of the reports of Mr. Wooten's act are absolutely unfounded, and that when the evidence is introduced, it may be found that there was more cause for the killing than present reports indicate.

The affair happened in the vicinity of Sandy Flat, about 2 miles from Blowing Rock, when Mr. Wooten, now a deputy sheriff, was watching for cars supposed to contain whiskey. He was accompanied by Policeman Bangus. They searched a car in which Leonard Triplett, age 20 with some companions, was riding, and finding no liquors, proceeded farther down the road

where the officers were preparing to search a second car. Trip left, it appears, became infuriated and followed Wooten, re-emphasizing with him over the search. According to the story of the defendant he was attacked by Triplett and six others, and had to shoot in self defense. No public statement has been made by Bangus. Triplett's death was almost instantaneous. He was unarmed as were the other youths in his company.

Many reports have been heard conflicting with this, but have been generally discounted. It is understood that witnesses for the State will testify that Triplett made no utterances calculated to cause shooting, while those for the defense will tell of much abuse heaped on the officers.

Probably owing to the great diversity of information, nothing will be definitely known until the trial in September, as no evidence has been heard.

Mr. Wooten is a Watauga man and has served in various police capacities around the Rock, and was at one time Federal prohibition agent. Triplett's home was near Blowing Rock, and he has been employed on a state highway project near that place

WEBSTER DAVIS, AGED MAN, INJURED BY AUTOMOBILE

On Saturday afternoon as Mr. Webster Davis was returning from his work, he was struck by the fender of a passing car on the street near the Barnett store, knocked down on the hard surface and badly hurt. Dr. Perry was called and the injured man was taken to the hospital where he still remains. His condition at first seemed right serious, the worst injury being in his head, but today, Wednesday, news reaches us that he is slowly improving.

The car was being driven by a young man from Lexington, N. C. who came up as we understand it, to call on a young lady at the Normal. He was given a hearing before Mayor Cottrell on Monday and from available evidence, it appeared that the accident was unavoidable, and he was released. He was distressed over the accident, and offered to do anything possible for the sufferer.

Mr. Davis is an old man, and no doubt his permanent recovery is some distance in the future. His only way of supporting his dependents is by days work, and his inability to provide further, places them in a rather helpless condition. Boone however, as is her custom in times of distress, is providing for them.

PAINT SLOGAN CONTEST CREATES MUCH INTEREST

The Farmers Hardware and Supply Company recently ran two ads in this paper announcing the paint demonstration conducted in connection with the Monarch \$1000 slogan contest.

The following report was received by the Monarch people from the local firm:

"A large interested crowd attended our paint demonstration June 6th and a great number of slogans were submitted. The slogan contest created so much enthusiasm and so many slogans were put in the barrel in our store that the committee appointed to select the best slogan had a man size job on their hands."

The lucky winner was Mr. Roy B. Greene, who submitted the slogan: "Wears Long—Looks Better, where Other Paints Have Faded."

The blank has been forwarded to the Martin-Senour Company, headquarters at Chicago where it will be given due consideration by impartial judges who will choose the winners of the contest at the end of the paint day season which will be the last of October.

Two can live on love and kisses if love has a job.

Advertisement for 'Bubble Boat' featuring an illustration of a boat and text describing its features and availability for summer use.

BUSINESS GETS HOPE FROM OLD TRADE RECORDS

New York, June 23.—In view of the unshaken stability of trade with the opening of summer operations the business world has derived encouragement from the favorable comparison of current activities with those of a year ago.

In nearly all lines of industry operations are proceeding at a faster and more regular pace than in the summer of 1924 and the outlook for quiet and orderly expansion later in the year is improved. The seasonal slowing down has been only moderate as reflected by the fact that steel operations in the Pittsburgh district have been averaging 50 per cent of capacity against 45 per cent at this time last year. Good crops and the maintenance of fair market prices, it is believed, quickly would stimulate a general revival of all commercial activities in the fall.

Railroad movements of freight continued to indicate a fair amount of activity in diversified business channels. Establishment of a new high record for the year by carloadings for the first week in June left little doubt that a broad demand existed for almost all classes of commodities and manufactured products. In this connection it has become apparent that the railroad loading statistics do not supply a complete measure of the traffic movement with the growing use of motor trucks for short hauls. Recent rate revisions ordered by the interstate commerce commission have intensified the belief that a general increase throughout the northwest where the carriers in the first four months of this year earned only 1.32 per cent on their property investment is a practical possibility.

The metal price situation last week was decidedly firmer. Iron steel and pig iron quotations, which have felt the effects of severe competition gave signs of stiffening. A noticeable improvement in the demand for copper was effective in lifting prices of the red metal.

The American sugar producing industry was benefitted by the administration's decision not to alter the present tariff on the Cuban raw product. Expanding sales of agricultural implements contributed to the better financial condition of farmers generally, and their confidence in the season's crop outlook.

The general consensus of opinion regarding the steel industry has been that the present moderate volume of buying would be continued through July and perhaps a slight drop in production since the output has been exceeding consumption requirements.

The prospect for fall and early winter was held to be promising.

LUTHERANS PURCHASE CHURCH LOT—DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Dr. A. D. E. Haucher of Richmond Virginia, Secretary Home Missions Southern district United Lutheran Church in America and Dr. Jacob L. Morgan of Salisbury, N. C. president of the United Lutheran Synod of North Carolina were here and in the county officially looking after the interests of the Lutheran church in this section. They came Saturday and remained until Monday.

On Sunday morning Dr. Morgan preached and officiated at the installation of Dr. W. A. Deaton at Mt. Pleasant church.

Dr. Haucher was with Pastor Jeffcoat and preached a forceful sermon at Holy Communion up on Clark's Creek Mountain.

In the evening both of these were present for the evening worship and installation service when Rev. H. W. Jeffcoat was installed pastor of the Watauga Lutheran Mission. Dr. Haucher preaching the sermon and Dr. Morgan installing the pastor.

These distinguished visitors expressed themselves as being delighted with the scenic beauty and exhilarating climate of this mountain section and with the rapid development in and around Boone.

While these men were here they purchased a choice site of six lots near the heart of the town on which to build a Lutheran church.

Some folks mistake desire for ambition. One is the attitude of the loafer, the other the attitude of the worker.

As soon as a man leaves the city for the country he proceeds to try to make the country like the city. Then he pays the bill.

NEWS ITEMS FROM THE APPALACHIAN NORMAL

The past week has been an unusually interesting one at the State Normal College on account of the number of distinguished visitors. On Tuesday a former graduate of the school in a splendid man, Roy Wagner Russ of Kentucky, visited the school and conducted devotional service in chapel and made a good talk to the student body. Senator J. S. Hargett who had been one of the visiting committee from the legislature during the past winter, was heartily welcomed and made a fine and very sensible talk, which all greatly enjoyed. Mr. L. J. Hampton, representing the Winston-Salem Journal was a welcome visitor and was introduced to the school by President Dougherty. On Wednesday evening Judge Harding, who is holding an extra term of court in Boone, was given a hearty ovation on his coming to deliver an address to the students and faculty. He made one of the very best and thoughtful speeches that the school has heard, making some most valuable suggestions to the teacher-students, which if followed by them in their work, would bring about a far-reaching reform in our state. Judge Harding also occupied the eleven o'clock hour on Sunday at the Methodist church and gave the large audience present a most inspiring and deeply religious address, clear and logical, more so than is usually heard. At the school on Wednesday and Thursday evenings Mrs. Berta Orndorff of New York City, who is spending some time in town, sang beautifully some fine selections, displaying a wonderful power of expression and clearness of voice. On Thursday, Ex-Lieutenant Governor W. C. Newland of Lenoir, delighted the school with his presence and masterful address. Governor Newland introduced the bill in the legislature to found the Appalachian Training School in 1903 and he gave a brief and vivid description of his difficult task in securing the passage of the bill. He then gave a sketch history of the development of the school and his aspirations and as a trustee his ambitions for its development. Faculty and students will gladly welcome him and all of the above at any time.

On Saturday night the different counties represented in the summer school were given an opportunity to represent their counties by "stunts."

J. M. D.

STATE FARMERS AND FARM WOMENS CONVENTION

On June 28, 29, 30 there will be a State Farmers and Farm Womens Convention at the State College of Agriculture at Raleigh. Those in charge of affairs state that they have the best program yet offered by this convention. They are expecting a large attendance. Tostnutate attendance at this meeting there is being offered a silver loving cup to the county making the largest score during the convention. This score will be based on number attending and the number of miles traveled.

In addition to the program of instructional talks and demonstrations plans are being made for splendid program of entertainment during the hours when there is no regular work.

Expenses: Eat meals will be served in the college dining hall for 25 cents each. Rooms will be furnished free but everyone will be expected to take bed linen, towels etc. Parties preferring to camp will find free space for tents.

Begin planning now with your neighbors to make this trip to the State College and the State Farmers' Convention. Cars leaving Boone at 8 o'clock can easily reach Raleigh by three or four o'clock in the afternoon.

JOHN B. STEELE, County Agent.

DR. DULA PREPARES FOR SECOND AUCTION SALE

Dr. A. W. Dula has a large force putting in new water and sewer lines and tearing away the fence and the grand stand in Kentwood Park, preparing to put on the biggest sale ever put on in Lenoir real estate. This includes part of the ball park on top of the knoll and has beautiful shade trees on it.

American Real Estate and Auction Co., Thomas Brothers of Greensboro who are well known here, are in charge of the sale, on July 2, 2:00 p. m.—Lenoir News-Topic.