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## Some Good Reasons For Buying Now

By H. I. PHILLIPS  
In The New York Sun

Money makes the nightmare go. Buy now! Whatever you spend will be a contribution to your own welfare.

Spending a dollar today may hurt a little but it will make spending \$5 practically painless in a few months.

Don't say "Oh, that's just another slogan!" You'll only be like the dough boy who decided bugle calls were too monotonous to answer.

It's all right to be thrifty but you can keep America flat on her ears by overdoing it.

You all cheered for Recovery, who did you expect was going to do the work?

Why say you can't afford it? When your house is burning down would you hesitate to put a nickel into the pay station to get the fire department?

You'll hear the old Scoffers Brigade saying that the recovery drive can't work, but the fellow who tries to belittle a movement like this is like the man who stands by a sinking steamer in his yacht and criticizes the way the sailors are handling the lifeboats.

Never mind singing the National Anthem; go on out and spend a little dough. It looks more sincere.

Flag waving is okay, but nobody ever balanced a budget that way.

If you cheered when the New Deal was first proclaimed and you balk at going on a little spending bender now, what role are you rehearsing patriot or libtizer?

That hat looks phoney anyhow and if your suit gets any higher polish on it you can use it for a shaving mirror.

For once in your life surprise the little woman by telling her you are tired of her in that fur coat.

Don't say "Look how higher prices are now than they were six months ago." (Unless you were satisfied with conditions six months ago.)

It may be the worst of all evil, as the philosophers say, but there never was a time when the country needed more rooters.

The trouble with the average shopper is the same as the trouble with the average golfer; he is too tight.

Don't wait for the other fellow to do the spending; he's waiting for you.

## Relief Cases Decrease In North Carolina

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

(Special Writer for The Democrat). Raleigh.—Unemployment relief families in North Carolina for September numbered 50,587, a decrease of 10.8 per cent. from the 56,680 families aided in August, figures released by Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, State relief administrator, show.

While in some counties the destitute families decreased as much as 50 per cent. in September, as compared with August, in other counties the number of families aided showed a big increase. The counties showing the greatest increase in numbers of aided families are Clay 43 per cent; Burke 41 per cent, Jones 31 per cent, Sampson 28 per cent, Tyrrell 24 per cent and Haywood 23 per cent. Counties showing the greatest decrease in families aided in September as compared with August are Hertford 64 per cent, Onslow 63, Perquimans 62, Cherokee 51, Northampton 44, Franklin 43.

Watauga County had 272 families which received aid in September, as compared with 465 families aided in August, the report shows.

## A. S. T. C. to Meet West Virginia Team

The local football game, scheduled for Saturday, November 4th, promises to be the most interesting of the season. The Mountaineers of A. S. T. C. will be out to win their fifth game of the season over Concord State Teachers College of West Virginia.

This is one time this season that the charges of Coaches Garbee and Walker will go on the field as the under-dogs. Concord State Teachers College beat Glenville State Teachers College last week, 14 to 12. Glenville won from Appalachian, 14 to 7. The work-out this week for the Mountaineers will be rough and tough, according to the coaches.

The probable line-up for Saturday is as follows: McConnell, l. e.; Smith, l. t.; Vannoy, l. g.; Johnson, c.; Loy, r. g.; Mahoney, r. t.; Walker, r. e.; Plaster, q. b.; Stines or Weaver, r. h.; Triplett, l. h.; Trippany, l. h.

Catawba County poultry growers are now selling infertile eggs placed on cold storage last spring. The eggs are having a ready sale, according to Farm Agent T. L. Robinson.

## Democrat Publicity Brings Big Response

That Democrat advertising pays is again demonstrated forcefully. The High Land Furniture Company used a space in the Bargain Carnival edition and offered among other things a used living room suite for sale. The offering went to the first buyer on the opening day and there followed in quick succession 15 to 20 people anxious to make the purchase. Accordingly Mr. Robertson, one of the owners, got busy on these prospects, and no less than a dozen new suites of moderate price will be sold when the orders are filled. If the local furniture store should have had no other business except that drawn by this one item, the results from the Blue Eagle campaign would have paid handsomely on the investment in advertising space. And does it pay?

## SHERIFF HOWELL MAKES A RECORD RAID ON STILLS

Four Moonshine Outfits Are Seized by Local Officers Within Past Week. Three of These Destroyed Within 24-Hour Period. Big Steam Plants Included. Sheriff Disposes of Twenty-eight Since January 1st.

Sheriff A. Y. Howell and his deputies have broken their own record in the destruction of moonshine stills. It was learned Tuesday. During the past week they have destroyed four good-sized outfits, and three of these were taken within a twenty-four-hour period. This brings the number of illicit outfits seized by Sheriff Howell to 25 since he was inducted into office the first of January.

The first of the last group captured was in the lower edge of Elk Township, hard by the Wilkes county line, and was a 100-gallon steam equipment, with 200 gallons of beer and perhaps three or four gallons of whiskey. The offenders were not present at the time of the raid.

One was captured in Stanly County. Township of about the same variety and capacity, and with practically the same amount of beer on hand. Two men escaped when they heard the officers approach through the dry leaves.

In North Fork two distilleries were seized, less than one-half mile apart. One was a large outfit with 100 gallons of beer practically ready to run. Three gallons of liquor was nearby. No men were in evidence.

## Season on Possum And Coon Now Open

The open season for the taking of opossum and raccoon came in November 1st and will continue to January 31st, says County Warden H. G. Farthing. The bear season is open October 1 to January 15; quail, November 15 to January 1; rabbit, November 15 to January 1, and the squirrel season closes November 30. There is no open season for pheasant.

Mr. Farthing states that the season for bass closed November 1st, but that suckers and carp may be taken with gigs during the winter months, provided regular fishing license is procured.

It is urged that those who expect to hunt during the season secure license before going into woods or field.

## BASKET BALL SCHEDULE OPENS TUESDAY AT COVE CREEK HIGH

On Tuesday night, November 7th, the Cove Creek School will open its basketball schedule in the Cove Creek gymnasium, with the Fleetwood High School.

Immediately following the game there will be a roller skating party sponsored by the "Skating Comets," who are now located at Winston-Salem. This is expected to be an entertainment of unusual interest—something exciting for everyone. These "Skating Comets" will do the almost impossible on roller skates. The manager will have plenty of skates for rent. An orchestra composed of Cove Creek and Boone musicians will make music for the basket ball game and skating. Everybody is welcome to come and join in the fun.

## PIONEER EDUCATOR PAYS VISIT TO THIS COUNTY

Mr. Lindsay Michael of Asheville, N. C., has returned to his home after having visited with relatives and friends in this county for the past two or three weeks. Mr. Michael will be remembered by the older folks as one of the foremost educators and statesmen of the old school. He taught in Watauga for about thirty years, was a Republican leader and orator and a member of the General Assembly in the past generation. His visit was greatly enjoyed by his friends.

## BILLS OF COST TO BE APPLIED ONLY ON TAX, LAW SAYS

Tax Collector Calls Attention of People to Clause Which Forbids Payment of Costs in Criminal Action, Except on Taxes Where Such Are Due. Delinquents Can Only Get Costs in Shape of Credit.

A. D. Wilson, local tax collector, calls attention to a section of law, which provides that bills of cost due citizens in criminal actions, may only be paid by the county commissioners in the form of credit on delinquent taxes, provided delinquency exists.

Mr. Wilson states that frequently he has been confronted with the proposition of jury tickets, etc., being presented for payment when the holder owes taxes, that according to law he cannot cash them, and The Democrat is glad to publish the law relative thereto as a matter of information. Chapter 245, Public Laws of 1933, provides:

"That whenever a bill of costs in a criminal action is presented to any Board of County Commissioners in any county of the State for payment, \* \* \* and the said bill is ordered to be paid by the said County Commissioners, it shall be the duty of the Clerk of said board, before issuing any orders for the payment of the sum set out in said bill, to ascertain whether any person to whom any amount is due on said bill of costs, is indebted to the county for taxes, and if said person to whom said order is payable is so indebted, the order shall state in its face, 'Payable only on taxes due (blank) County,' and upon presentation of such order to the Sheriff or tax collector, said Sheriff or tax collector shall give said taxpayer credit for the sum designated in said order, and the said Sheriff or tax collector shall be entitled to receive credit for said sum so paid in his settlement for taxes.

Section 2. That it shall be unlawful for any board of county commissioners to pay to any person who is indebted to the county for taxes any money payable out of the revenues of the county on account of costs in a criminal case, which is payable by the county, except as provided in section one above.

## DRY RALLY WILL BE HELD FRIDAY

Lovill and Jones to Be Principal Speakers at Wind-up of Prohibition Campaign; Clyde R. Greene Announces Final Meetings.

Hon. W. R. Lovill of Boone and former Congressman Charles Jones, of Lincolnton, will be the speakers at a county-wide dry rally to be held in the courthouse Friday evening at 7:30. Indications are that a large gathering from over this entire section will hear the well-known platform performers in the last general rally to be held on the repeal issue.

Other Meetings. Clyde R. Greene, the publicity chairman for the United Dry Forces, makes announcement of the township meetings to be held on Sunday, as follows:

Blowing Rock Presbyterian Church at 2:30 p. m.; Dr. J. D. Rankin and Rev. J. A. McLaughan, speakers.

Meat Camp Baptist Church at 2:00 p. m.; W. F. Miller and Dudley Farthing, speakers.

Laurel Fork Baptist Church at 2:30 p. m.; Professor J. T. C. Wright and S. C. Eggers, speakers.

Shulls Mills Baptist Church at 2:30 p. m.; Prof. J. A. Williams and Rev. W. C. Greene, speakers.

South Fork Baptist Church, at 11 a. m.; W. F. Miller and others to speak.

## "HEAVEN BOUND" TO BE GIVEN AT HENSON'S CHAPEL

"Heaven Bound," a religious pageant with an all-colored cast, will be presented at Henson's Chapel Methodist Church on Saturday, November 11th, at 7:30 p. m. The performance is sponsored by the Women's Missionary Circles of Henson's Chapel and the Valle Crucis Methodist Church, and proceeds derived from a small admission charge will be used for the benevolences of the churches.

## MISS WORTHINGTON MEMBER OF COVE CREEK FACULTY

Miss Juanita Worthington, of Winterville, N. C., began her duties Monday as head of the history and mathematics departments of Cove Creek High School. She takes the place of the late W. Y. Perry who, since the organization of the school, had held that position.

Miss Worthington is a graduate of Eastern Carolina Teachers College and of N. C. C. W., Greensboro.

## Red Cross Poster of 1933 Appeals for Help for Needy



The Annual Red Cross Roll Call will be conducted again this year in Watauga County, under the leadership of Austin E. South, who serves for the second time as Roll Call Chairman. The period of the campaign extends from November 11th to 30th, and solicitors will call on the people as heretofore to aid by dollar memberships in caring for the needy and distressed of the land.

## Drys Expect Victory On Tuesday; Hard Campaign

The wet-dry campaign in Watauga County, which has been unusual in that the repeal side of the question hasn't been represented on the hustings, swings into its final stride with the county-wide rally in Boone tomorrow evening, and subsequent meetings in several townships of the county on Sunday. The dries who have made a strong fight throughout the last few weeks, holding regular speaking engagements and importing considerable outside oratory, claim the county by an overwhelming majority, while the repealists, individually, are not particularly inclined to question the accuracy of the prediction.

Reports indicate that township meetings have been well attended and that the dry speakers, which include Democratic as well as Republican leaders, have refrained from vitriolic statements such as characterized the war against Smith in 1928. They have made a desperate effort under the leadership of T. E. Bingham and W. F. Miller, who constitute a bipartisan management, and repealists are not wont to find fault with their manner of exhorting the electorate to make North Carolina the first anti-repeal state in the movement which has a 100 per cent. record up to this time.

Information is that there will be a considerable repeal vote on Tuesday, although those who support the President's proposal haven't organized or made any outward effort to influence the electorate.

The political issue thrusts itself into the picture in some quarters, and likely some partisans, personally not particularly at odds with the eighteenth amendment, will stick by the Democratic national policy. Others, with equally strong Democratic tendencies show no disposition to consider the issue in a political light. Republicans generally supposed to be against the President, have their repealists, too, and the issue in Watauga County, or rather the size of the dry majority, is expected to depend largely on the size of the vote.

Two ballots are to be voted Tuesday. R. S. Swift, chairman of the State Board of Elections, has received both tickets for distribution. One carries the proposition, "Convention or no Convention," and is to be voted in a separate box from the delegate ballot. On the latter appears the names of delegates for and against the amendment repeal. It is pointed out that the special statute under which the election is called does not provide for markers. There will be no absentee voting allowed.

## Wallace Recovering; Ferd Wilson Expected At Trial

Don Wallace did not meet death at the hands of Ferd Wilson, as reported to the Democrat last week, it was revealed Monday when J. Roby Wilson, father of the accused man, reported that the victim of the assault was resting well in a Bristol Hospital, and that word brought by Dr. E. Bruce Rhea of Shouns is to the effect that he may return home today. The bullet, it was said, passed through the body without serious injury to vital organs.

Mr. Wilson further calls attention to other inaccuracies which he says existed in the story published from information coming to the Sheriff's office. As a matter of fact it develops that the statement as to jealousy was without foundation. The new reports state that Wallace was married in a surprise ceremony shortly preceding the shooting to

a distant relative of young Wilson, and that no love affair had existed between the accused and the wife of the injured.

## SELF-DEFENSE PLEA

Information is that some bad feeling has existed between the two men, and that Wallace was in an intoxicated condition the day of the difficulty, and that witnesses say that Wilson fired the shot when he was advanced upon with a knife. Therefore, a clear-cut plea of self defense is planned, and Wilson, who has never been apprehended, is expected to return, submit and stand trial.

The Democrat regrets that the story published last week was inaccurate. The information from which it was written was the most reliable which could be secured, being based on reports coming to the Sheriff's office.

## PARK HIGHWAY IS URGED; DOUGHTON ACTIVE SUPPORTER

Congressman Doughton Visits Office of Secretary of Interior and Presents Case for Great Scenic Thoroughfare; Says Project Would Fit in Fine With Public Works Program; May Go to President.

On Saturday, Representative Robert L. Doughton, who was appointed by Governor Ehringhaus as a member of the committee from North Carolina to present the proposed Park-to-Park Highway project to the proper authorities, visited the office of Secretary of the Interior Ickes and presented the merits of the proposition in the most convincing manner possible.

The Ninth District Congressman thinks that building this road will fit in splendidly with the Public Works program of the National Recovery Administration, accomplishing the double purpose of giving relief to the unemployed and carrying out the purpose of the establishment of the Shenandoah and Great Smoky Mountains National parks. This would be the finest recreational highway in eastern America, if it should be built as proposed near the crest of the Blue Ridge, a section of the country which for scenic beauty and grandeur is unsurpassed in any part of the United States if not in the world.

Mr. Doughton maintains that it is much better to give to the unemployed work rather than to give them doles and allow them to remain in idleness; a condition which if permitted to continue will grow progressively worse.

Senator Byrd, Representative Doughton and others will see Secretary Ickes again about the matter and if necessary will carry it to the President, as they are determined to leave no proper means unemployed in bringing about the much desired consummation of this major project.

## Farm Meeting Held

Another very important meeting held in the office of Representative Doughton Saturday morning was one at which, on the invitation of Mr. Doughton, Mr. F. E. Mollin, secretary of the American National Livestock Association, and Representative Burch of Virginia were present.

It was the purpose of Representative Doughton in calling this meeting to continue his efforts to have the Government do something to assist the cattle producers of the United States receive the same benefits from the Government as has been given those producing wheat, hogs, corn, tobacco and other commodities. While the prices of the latter named commodities have materially increased the price of cattle has steadily declined.

Mr. Mollin stated that the government, through the triple A and the Relief Agency, will expend in the very near future at least twenty million dollars in the purchase of cattle or beef of the cheaper grades for the double purpose of aiding the cattle industry and in carrying out the purposes of the Relief Agency.

Mr. Doughton has had this matter up with the Secretary of Agriculture numerous times in recent months and feels now that the turning point in the curve of the cattle industry has been reached and from this on the trend in price will be upward instead of downward. He thinks, however, that the increase in price will necessarily be slow owing to the large surplus of cattle and the number of people yet unemployed. Mr. Mollin representing the Department of Agriculture, expressed a very deep interest in the matter and assured those present that every reasonable effort would be made to place the cattle industry upon a profitable rather than a losing basis.

## TRACY COUNCILL IS NEW ALDERMAN

Popular Dairyman Is Selected to Fill Place Made Vacant by Resignation of Collector Clay. Appointment Is Made Friday Evening.

Tracy Councill, prominent dairyman and business man, was chosen at the Friday evening meeting of the city council as commissioner, to fill out the unexpired term of R. L. Clay, who resigned following his appointment as Deputy Collector with the Department of Revenue.

The appointment of Mr. Councill came unsolicited, and it is understood he agreed to serve after it developed that petitions had been freely signed about the city asking the board for his appointment. He is a business man of fine qualifications, and a young man of progressive tendencies, and his appointment meets with the approval of the large majority of the citizens.