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That Birthday Party

Way back in the days of the Pharoahs, when the lice and hoppy-toads and locusts went on occasional evangelistic tours, and green-eyed misses wooed their ardent swains to the seductive strains of the ancient lyre...

And the audience applauded, and yelled for some more. But the Sabellian calm which so placidly settled over Watauga's capital a few months ago when a certain anti-dance ordinance was passed, had been desecrated by the sound of care-free laughter...

Boyles and Perry, a couple of college crooners, dished up a couple of messes of old-time "barber-shop," as Brother Weston crucified the ivory and added a couple of shots of "vo-vo-deo-do"...

In a secluded nook of the dining hall a few of the celebrants warmed up to bridge... and sandwiches were devoured, and soda pop and three-two, and maybe a little of that stuff that Carolina doesn't have were gurgled cautiously.

What a night! What a party! What a dance! And now, Mr. President, please have another birthday just as quick as you can...

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END FIRST MONTH OF YEAR REVEALS UPWARD TREND

Retail Trade Running Ahead of All Estimates. Wholesale Markets 15 to 20 Per Cent Above January of Last Year. Acceleration Noted in Automobile Industry. Car Loadings Increase 12 Per Cent.

New York.—The last full week of January drew to a close with the first month of 1934 having surpassed most expectations in trade and industry.

The automobile industry has begun to overcome its manufacturing difficulties, and output in the past week showed striking acceleration. Retail trade, after some unevenness in the previous week, has quickened once more, and wholesalers are busy with spring merchandise.

Steel production has faltered, as orders from the railways and from the automobile makers have not been placed as rapidly as expected, and electric power production had declined a little. Industrial production generally, however, is well above last year at this time, and extensive overhauling of plants in preparation for expanding industry in the near future has appeared in the largest orders for machinery and tools booked at this season in three years.

44,996 New Motor Cars

Most striking of the weekly statistics was an increase in automobile output to 44,996 units, according to Cram, which was 10,503 over the previous week, and 5,965 over the like week of last year.

"Steel" estimated ingot production at 33 per cent of capacity, an unexpected curtailment of 2 percentage points from the previous week. One of the best weekly showings was in the movement of revenue freight, amounting to 560,430 cars, which was only 4,803 over the previous week, but a moderate decline would have been the normal seasonal expectation.

Regarding retail trade, Dun and Bradstreet's survey said "the strength of consumer demand at this period is running beyond all estimates placed on it in December." Retail sales of automobiles, in the aggregate has shown but slight improvement, according to Cram, but this appears to be due largely to lack of dealers stocks.

In wholesale markets, orders are estimated at 15 to 20 per cent over last year at this time. Orders for shoes, millinery and hosiery have been heavy. Sales of dry goods have been encouraging to textile mills, indicating that dealer's stocks have been drawn down sharply.

Wrightsville Beach Fire Causes Damage Million

Wrightsville Beach.—The entire northern extension of this ocean resort, one of the South's oldest summer playgrounds, was a smoking shambles Monday, following a fire which destroyed 108 homes and cottages and the palatial Oceanic Hotel, inflicting damage estimated at more than \$1,000,000.

The blaze, of undetermined origin, began in Kitty Cottage Sunday afternoon and driven by high winds, defied the efforts of firemen to check it for several hours.

The boardwalk was razed and telephone and street car lines to nearby Wilmington were cut off. Officials of the Tidewater Power Company, which owned the boardwalk and the Oceanic, said that their loss alone would reach approximately \$83,000.

Besides Kitty Cottage, several other resort hotels patronized by State and northern vacationists for many years were destroyed. Among them were the Carolina and Parsley Cottages.

Firemen, reinforced by detachments from Wilmington, were handicapped by lack of water.

Houses on the southern extension were not damaged and no one has been reported injured.

APPALACHIAN BEATS LINCOLN MEMORIAL COLLEGE, 49 TO 40

The Appalachian Teachers Friday night defeated the Lincoln Memorial cagers from Kentucky, 49 to 40, in a close game that saw the Mountaineers hold the lead throughout. The Teachers led at the half, 22 to 15.

The lineups: Appalachian (49) Kennedy 7, RF; Lackey, 5; Jefferys, 2, LF; Brown, 16; Gillis, 8, C; McConnell, 12; Slover, 10, RG; Bacom, 6; Bowling, 1, LG; Rudisill. Scoring subs: Lincoln, Bradley 12; Appalachian, Davis 10; Score at half: Appalachian 22, Lincoln 15; Referee: Overcash (L. R.).

Approximately 95 per cent of the tobacco growers in Wilson County signed acreage reduction contracts, says Farm Agent W. L. Adams.

Frank Buck Back



NEW YORK... Frank Buck, (above) has done it again, "bringing them back alive"...

JUNIOR CONTEST TO CLOSE FEBRUARY 3

Three Prizes Offered to School Children by Local Council. Program to Be Presented on February 10th. Addresses by Able Speakers.

The essay contest which has been sponsored by the Daniel Boone Council, Junior Order United American Mechanics, will close on Saturday, December 3rd. Attorney Wade Brown, chairman of the committee in charge of the contest, has visited every high school in the county and reports a splendid spirit of rivalry among the students of the different schools.

According to a previous announcement, three prizes were offered by the local Council for the best essays written on "Prevention of Crime." The first prize is \$5.00, the second \$3.00, and the third \$2.00. Each school could have three papers entered in the final judging. All papers were to be eliminated to three by the English teachers of each school, and the three best forwarded to the judges at Boone.

A program consisting of several speeches by State officials of the Junior Order and school authorities of Watauga County will be presented to the people of Watauga at the courthouse in Boone on February 10th. A definite program and announcement will be published next week in The Democrat.

Councillor Ralph G. Greene announces that the following have been chosen as judges of the contest: Rev. J. A. Yount, J. E. Holsinger and J. D. Rankin. He also requests that all papers be sent to Boone not later than February 3rd so that the judges may have sufficient time to read them.

No Court Tuesday, Cold Weather Cause

There was no session of Records Court Tuesday and no term is to be held for another week, says Solicitor Charles T. Zimmerman, who adds that Judge G. M. Suddreth of Blowing Rock, failed to show up on account of the sub-zero weather. The judicial automobile was frozen, and Judge Suddreth was unable to secure transportation to Boone in time to preside over his court.

JOHN HUDSON PAROLED

John Hudson, convicted at the October 10th term of Records Court of assault with a deadly weapon and sentenced to serve eight months on the county roads, has received a parole, according to reports coming from Raleigh early this week.

A recommendation signed by the trial judge and other prominent citizens, was forwarded to Governor E. B. Ruffin recently, and the local negro has been placed under the supervision of the county welfare officer for the remainder of his term. Hudson's arrest and conviction followed a fight with several young white men at a Boone barbecue stand last fall.

SUPPORT OF SIMMONS IS DENIED BY REP. DOUGHTON

Washington.—In a statement Monday Representative Robert L. Doughton of the Ninth District stated that he had been erroneously represented as saying that he was supporting former Senator F. M. Simmons of New Bern to succeed C. L. Abernethy in the House. Further, that while he recognized Simmons' ability he was taking no part in the matter.

ROOSEVELT BALL IS GAY OCCASION; THrong ATTENDS

Town Council in Liberal Ruling on City Anti-Dance Ordinance, Permits Roosevelt Ball at the Daniel Boone Hotel. More than Fifty Couples Join in Merriment. Spectators Entertained by Bridge.

Some fifty or more couples tripped the light fantastic at Daniel Boone Hotel Tuesday evening, as President Roosevelt was honored on the occasion of his fifty-second birthday, and a considerable sum was realized to aid in the endowment of the Warm Springs Foundation for the treatment of infantile paralysis, founded by the chief executive several years ago. During the evening throngs of spectators paid an admission fee through benevolent impulse, and were entertained by bridge, readings and solo dance numbers.

Music for the occasion was supplied by Weston's Collegiate Syncopaters and Miss Virginia Wary, Mrs. R. Z. Linney and Miss Dollie Le May were among those providing rare entertainment in the form of vocal numbers, readings and solo dancing. Mr. Joe McCoy of North Wilkesboro, who operates the local hostelry, acted as master of ceremonies and young and old alike made merry until the eleven o'clock hour when there was an intermission while President Roosevelt acknowledged through a radio address the gesture of a grateful nation.

"All of you know," he said in his address to the nation, "that the work at Warm Springs has been close to my heart because of the many cases of infantile paralysis which have been treated there. It is a fact that infantile paralysis results in the crippling of children and grown-ups more than any other cause.

"Warm Springs is only one of the many places where kindness and patience and skill are given to handicapped people. There are hundreds of other places where the surgeons, doctors and nurses of the country gladly work day in and day out throughout the years, often without compensation.

"I want to stress that the problem of the crippled child is so great that in every community and in every state the local facilities for caring for the crippled need the support and interest of every citizen."

The President thanked the country for the wide recognition of his birthday, adding:

"No man has ever had a finer birthday remembrance from his friends and fellows than you have given me tonight. It is with an humble and thankful heart that I accept this tribute through me to the stricken ones of our great national family. I thank you but lack the words to tell you how deeply I appreciate what you have done and I bid you good night on what is to me the happiest birthday I have ever known."

Law Liberalized

The Board of Aldermen in session last Friday evening liberalized the local anti-dance act to the extent of permitting charity balls, and although preparation had to be made at the last minute and with only hurried publicity, couples from Avery and Ashe counties as well as from Johnson County, Tenn., came and Watauga County was well represented. The occasion surpassed the expectations of its sponsors.

WRESTLING MEET WITH DUKE SAT.

Appalachian Boys to Go to Mat in Hard Encounter. Line Up of the Team. Beat Knoxville "Y" and Arrangements Made for Others.

A wrestling meet with Duke University will feature the week's athletic activities at Appalachian State College, and will occur at eight o'clock Saturday following a girls' basketball game to commence at the gymnasium at 7 o'clock. The line-up of the wrestlers is as follows: 118 pounds, Blalock; 125 pounds, Austin; 135 pounds, Finley Moore; 145 pounds, McCoy; 155 pounds, Frank Moore; 165 pounds, Loy; unlimited, Red Smith.

The Appalachian wrestlers returned Sunday from Tennessee where they were victorious over Knoxville "Y" 6 1/2 to 2 1/2, and the coach from the University of Tennessee was so impressed by the showing of the local boys that he at once began to negotiate for a meet which will take place soon.

If a few drops of olive oil are added to the water when washing chamois leather gloves, the gloves will not become hard or stiff.

In Yadkin County 94 wheat growers have received rental payments of \$2,490.70 for reducing the acreage this winter.

Heavyweight Again



NEW YORK... European heavyweights return for new wars in American rings. Primo Carnera, Italy, (above) World Champion, and Max Schmeling, Germany, (below) former title holder, landing here last week. Carnera is now in Miami where he meets Tommy Loughran in February. Schmeling's opponent has not yet been picked.

FUNERAL OF LEE CRISP WEDNESDAY

Prominent Blowing Rock Citizen Succumbs to Stroke. Was 74 Years Old, and for Many Years Engaged in Mercantile Business.

Funeral services for W. Lee Crisp, prominent Blowing Rock citizen, were conducted from the Presbyterian Church in that town last Wednesday, with Reverends R. L. Isbell and G. S. Buchanan in charge. Interment was in the Harper's Chapel cemetery at Patterson.

Mr. Crisp was 74 years old and the son of the late Solomon Crisp of Patterson. He was born at the old Crisp home on Greasy Creek and moved to Patterson early in life where he remained until 35 years ago, when he established a permanent home at Blowing Rock. He was engaged for many years in the mercantile business with Mr. H. C. Hayes and was well known throughout this section and highly esteemed by a wide circle of friends.

He was twice married, first to Miss Vienna Watson, who died years ago. To this union three children were born, one of whom, Mrs. Addie Walker, died a few years ago. His second wife was Miss Nelia Hartley who, with four children, survive.

Surviving besides Mrs. Crisp, are three sons, Will Crisp of Patterson, George Crisp of Johnson City, Tenn.; and Rynum Crisp of Blowing Rock; three daughters, Mrs. Bynum Coffey of Hudson, Mrs. Ralph Norman of Johnson City, and Mrs. Stuart Cannon of Charlotte; a number of grandchildren, and one brother, J. M. Crisp, city clerk of Lenoir.

Richard Kelly New Manager Funeral Home

(Journal-Patriot)

Richard Kelly, of Bluefield, West Virginia, formerly of North Wilkesboro, will succeed J. H. Somers as manager of the Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home at Boone on February 1, it was learned Friday from W. K. Sturdivant, president of Reins-Sturdivant.

Mr. Somers, who became manager of the Boone establishment when the business was opened on November 1, resigned several days ago to accept a position with the Hafer Chevrolet Company, of North Wilkesboro.

Mr. Kelly has had considerable experience in the undertaking business and Mr. Sturdivant feels fortunate in being able to secure his services for the funeral home at Boone.

Tobacco Growers to Meet Here on Friday

Mr. O. F. McCary, district agent, State College, in a letter addressed to the tobacco growers of Watauga County announces a meeting to be held at the courthouse in Boone on Friday, February 2, at 10:30 a. m. the purpose of which is to complete the Burley Tobacco Production Adjustment Campaign. Mr. McCary hopes that enough farmers will attend to elect three committeemen from each tobacco producing center, who will in turn serve on the permanent Tobacco Control Association.

The County Control Association will be elected from the chairmen of the community committees.

BOONE WITHOUT WATER IN WAKE FRIGID WEATHER

Mercury Drops Below Zero in First Extremely Cold Weather of Winter. Water Main Freezes and City Was Without Service Tuesday. Men Work Far Into Night Repairing Damage in Terrific Cold.

Citizens of Boone and surrounding territory awoke Monday morning to find that King Winter had at last triumphed over semi-summer time and spread his icy mantle over the country in the coldest weather experienced for many a day. Thermometers stood pat on zero in the early morning hours and only a few degrees variation was noted during the sunshiny day. Scarcely more than a trace of snow accompanied the frigid wave.

Tuesday morning mercury beat its own record as it dropped to 8 below zero, and by Wednesday a more moderate temperature of 6 above was noted.

Coincident with the usual burst water pipes, frozen automobiles and such the city water supply main burst three miles from Boone Monday afternoon. Mr. J. S. Shoemaker, who superintends the municipal water system, went to work installing a new section of piping. Throughout the evening hours, in fact until eleven o'clock at night, Mr. Shoemaker drove on and restored service. Tuesday morning at daylight, however, he had to summon his helpers again, for there was another break in the big pipe.

Throughout the day he and his men labored, the zero temperatures hurling a crackling challenge at the heroic workers, but by nightfall water was again flowing from the taps in the city, where only a limited supply of water from a few wells had been available since early morning. Mr. Shoemaker saved the day and his zeal in sending the water back to town despite apparently insurmountable handicaps, has been the topic for a great deal of favorable comment.

Wednesday calls are going in thick and fast to the plumbers of the city, as unusual numbers of burst water pipes are reported from homes throughout the community.

Mayor Tracy Council, in commenting on the water situation Tuesday, stated that the reserve tank would have carried the town over until final repairs had been made, but for the fact that spigots were left running Monday night in most homes to prevent freezing. Mr. Council is emphatic in his opposition to this practice, and urges water users to use the cut offs provided, otherwise he points out, on extremely cold nights, Boone may be absolutely without fire protection.

The local water supply is capable of taking care of the situation in fine shape, and can supply all legitimate needs of the city for years to come, but Mayor Tracy Council says it is essential for some care to be used that the fire-fighting reserve may be adequate at all times.

Robert Pulliam Named In Federal Capacity

Robert W. Pulliam, well known Boone attorney, was appointed as confidential business information enumerator for Watauga County last Thursday, according to an announcement coming from the office of McKee Cooper of Asheville, supervisor for the Western North Carolina District. Mr. Cooper was recently chosen as district supervisor by Senator Robert R. Reynolds, following the death of Everett McDaniel of Shelby.

Mr. Pulliam states that the business census is designed primarily to indicate the potential possibilities of Watauga County from a business viewpoint, and asks the co-operation of the people in answering all questions. He states that this information is strictly confidential and is open only to officials of the census bureau.

Range Explodes As Breakfast Is Prepared

Mrs. Kelley Osborne narrowly escaped serious injury Tuesday morning when the hot water element in her kitchen stove exploded on account of ice in the pipes, practically demolishing the range and jarring out a window in an adjoining room. Mrs. Osborne, who was preparing breakfast, was near the range at the time of the explosion, but was uninjured. A nearby kitchen cabinet was partially wrecked by the blast.

HARDIN AT CHARLOTTEVILLE

Dr. R. H. Hardin of Grace Hospital, Banner Elk, will address the Tri-State Medical Association, including North and South Carolina, Virginia and the District of Columbia, at their annual meeting to be held February 12-15 at the University of Virginia.

He will speak on the maintenance of case histories in a small hospital basing his remarks on the system developed at Grace Hospital.