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Resigns Local Pastorate



REV. P. A. HICKS

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Popular Pastor of Boone Baptist Church for Past Seven Years, Will Enter Upon Duties at Belmont the First of October.

Rev. P. A. Hicks, pastor of the Boone Baptist Church, and one of the most popular ministers of this section, resigned from the local pastorate last Sunday and will enter upon his new duties as pastor of a Belmont church about October 1st.

Hundreds of Teachers To Secure Relief Jobs

It is the purpose of the State Department of Education to employ some 1,300 teachers this year under the emergency relief program of the Federal government, it was learned from Professor Chappell Wilson the first of the week, and an Institute for the training of these teachers is to begin at the Demonstration School in Boone on August 27th.

Linney and Wilson Dissolve Partnership

The law partnership of Baxter M. Linney and Max C. Wilson of Lenoir has been dissolved as a result of both partners having been nominated as candidates for the solicitorship of the Caldwell recorder's court—Linney on the Republican ticket and Wilson on the Democratic.

DROUGHT SURVEY BLANKS MAILED OUT IN THE STATE

Raleigh, N. C.—North Carolina began its check today in the nationwide drought survey with the mailing of 10,000 questionnaires to every county in the State.

Before the end of the week representatives of the United States Department of Agriculture expect answers to be pouring into the offices here giving detailed information as to the number of livestock, quantities of food on hand, and the general crop outlook in every township in the State.

The survey, which was scheduled to start last Thursday and be completed for the entire nation within 20 days, began late in North Carolina, but officials believe that with prompt co-operation from township representatives the work can be completed on time in this State.

ASKEW RETURNS; TELLS STORY OF BEING KIDNAPED

Former Blowing Rock Teacher Returns to Wife at Goldsboro; Says He Was Abducted by Three Men and Taken to Tennessee Capital. Highly Nervous Condition Prevents His Seeing Anyone at the Present.

R. H. Askew, 28-year-old "four square" evangelist, former teacher in the Blowing Rock school, who turned up in Nashville, Tenn., with an account of being kidnaped by three men, faces the prospect of further questioning by Department of Justice agents, it was said Tuesday.

Askew, who was questioned for hours by department agents in Nashville, who asked him if he had not imagined the whole story, was ordered to bed by his physician upon his return. Dr. Miller stated that the evangelist's highly nervous condition would prevent his seeing anyone for the next few days, and department agents refrained from questioning him further at the present.

Embraced Wife Askew left his train at Raleigh, embraced his wife, talked with her a few moments and then was driven to their home at Goldsboro where they have lived for the past year.

Jesse James, a member of Askew's "four-square" congregation, who drove him to Goldsboro from Raleigh, said the evangelist appeared to be in a daze, and apparently had lost about 15 pounds in the week he was missing.

Clad in overalls, Askew was seated in the waiting room of the union passenger station in Raleigh when his wife arrived from Goldsboro to meet him.

"He was all bent over, his face in his hands," James said. "I don't believe he knew Mrs. Askew at first." (Continued on Page 8)

HOWELL CAPTURES FORTIETH STILL

Sheriff's Forces Take Good-Sized illicit Outfit and Noah Ledford Is Jailed. Distillery Running in Full Blast When Sheriff Arrives.

Sheriff Howell and his deputies took in their fortieth blockade still last Wednesday, in a raid made on Clear Branch in Stony Fork Township. A fair-sized plant of the gasoline barrel type was running full blast when the officers arrived and there were 300 gallons of beer and eleven gallons of what was described as good corn liquor.

Noah Ledford, resident of Texas, was arrested near the still and lodged in the county jail, he being the twentieth man Sheriff Howell has taken who was charged with manufacturing whiskey.

Eight Cases Heard by Recorder on Tuesday

Eight cases were tried in the Recorders Court on Tuesday and the judgments handed down were as follows:

- Dewey Eggers, violating prohibition law, not guilty. Granville Triplett, driving automobile while intoxicated, \$50 and the cost. John Johnson, public drunkenness, assessed with cost. Burl Lowrance, public drunkenness; not pros with leave. Beads Franklin, affray and public drunkenness; \$5 and costs. Mack May, violation prohibition laws; \$10 and costs. C. L. Johnson, driving car while intoxicated, \$50 and costs. W. O. Ledford, manufacturing liquor; not guilty.

Minister Badly Hurt In Fall from Truck

Rev. B. F. Wilcox of Shulls Mills is a patient at Grace Hospital, Banner Elk, suffering from a fractured skull, a broken shoulder, and broken ribs suffered a few days ago in a fall from a motor truck in which he was riding. The well-known minister's condition has been described as critical.

The accident occurred near Blowing Rock, when Mr. Wilcox was riding the bed of a truck driven by Mr. John Lewis of that place. The driver did not know when the minister fell from the vehicle, and when he was missed, returned to find him where he had been jostled to the roadway.

Mr. Wilcox is the father of Mrs. W. B. Hodges of Boone and has many friends here and in other parts of the county who are anxious over his condition.

Democratic Convention 15th; District Meeting On Same Day

The first reverberations of political thunder will be heard in Watauga County on September 15th, it was learned Sunday, when the Democrats of Watauga County will gather at the courthouse in Boone for the purpose of naming the county candidates, and Congressman Robert L. Doughton will officially open his campaign for re-election at a district meeting of the Democracy to be held following the nominating session.

County Chairman J. L. Wilson has stated that the official call for the county convention will be issued next week, that it will be held at 10 o'clock on September 15, and that the district meeting, which comes to Boone for the first time in a great many years, will be called for 2 o'clock of the same day. It has not been given out as to whether there will be a keynote speaker for the county pow wow, but it is definitely arranged for Congressman Doughton to hold the spotlight at the district session.

State Chairman J. Wallace Winborne has signified his intention of being present, and other leaders in the State and district will be invited. The chairmen of the executive committees in the nine counties of the district are expected, and something like 1,500 visitors will likely come from the contiguous counties. Mr. Doughton has not told The Democrat the exact vein in which his address will be delivered, but it is expected that

he will devote considerable time to a clear-cut analysis of the new legislation, and its far-reaching effects, at the same time asking for



CHAIRMAN J. W. WINBORNE

continued support from the electorate.

Mr. Winborne will speak briefly and the chairmen of each county committee will be introduced to the audience.

Political prognosticators have been shy this year when it comes to suggesting a slate of Democratic candidates, and consequently there (Continued on Page 8)

FALL OPENING AT A.S.T.C AUSPICIOUS

Women's Dormitories Already Filled and Reservations for Men Coming in at Rapid Rate. Enrollment for Term May Pass Records.

The regular fall term at Appalachian State Teachers College which begins next Tuesday, bids fair to break former records of the institution as to enrollment, according to information gathered by The Democrat on Wednesday. With the rush of the last few days yet to get under way it is found that the women's dormitories are already reserved, that Justice Hall for men is filled, and that a number of reservations have been made in other men's dormitories. As usual, a good number of teachers will reside in the town, and no definite figures can be obtained as to the probable final enrollment, although it is truly expected that it will be the largest thus far experienced.

Freshman registration will begin Tuesday morning, and after their placement tests have been made, the new-comers will enter upon classroom duties and familiarize themselves with the campus before the upper classes are enrolled. Students in the higher courses will register the first of the following week.

POTATO GROWERS TO MEET TUESDAY

Visiting Speakers Will Discuss Probability of Marketing Large Quantities of Seed Potatoes in Eastern Carolina. Public Is Invited.

County Agent P. M. Hamrick of Davidson County, with C. C. McKoin, farm superintendent at Mill Home, Thomasville, will meet with Watauga County farmers in the courthouse in Boone next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. These gentlemen were recently appointed by the farmers' meeting in Raleigh on a special committee to investigate the possibilities of Eastern Carolina potato growers purchasing large quantities of seed potatoes from Watauga and the surrounding counties, and the primary aim of the meeting is to stimulate the production of certified seed rather than the table variety, thus vastly increasing the local farm income.

This movement is in line with the purpose of the Tennessee Valley Authority to construct potato warehouses throughout this section, enabling the farmers to store their tubers until January, when eastern planting begins. Without warehouse facilities, it is stated, the new market could not be satisfactorily developed, as potatoes must be free from sprouts when purchased by the planters.

Recent tests conducted in Eastern Carolina indicate the Watauga grown seed produce as early potatoes and of as good quality as may be had from the northern plantings, and the mountain spuds are a great deal freer from disease.

It is hoped that all farmers interested in securing a better price for their potatoes may arrange to be present Tuesday evening to hear the important question discussed.

PREVETTE ASKS FOR JOINT DEBATE

Republican Nominee Hands Out Challenge to Congressman Doughton. Prevette Would Meet Incumbent in Every County in District.

Joseph M. Prevette, of Jefferson, Republican candidate for Congress in the Ninth District, has challenged his opponent, Representative Robert L. Doughton, to a series of joint debates in every county in the district, according to a letter received from the Ashe County lawyer the first of the week.

In the letter forwarded to Mr. Doughton, Mr. Prevette says that "if there ever was a time when the people of the district should hear both candidates for Congress and learn their views on the issues in the coming campaign, now is the time." The remainder of the letter follows:

"I realize the disadvantage I will have in debating national issues with one who has had nothing else to do for the past 20 years but inform himself on national matters; however, since I am equal to the occasion to debate same with you and can convince the voters that my views on such matters meet with their approval, I do not deserve to represent the finest class of people in the United States as their representative in Congress. Therefore, I take this opportunity to challenge you to a joint debate on the issues of the day, we to speak at least once in each county in the district, and oftener is possible.

"I hereby agree to allow you to fix the dates to suit yourself, except our debate not to take place on days when county conventions of either party are being held."

Mr. Doughton, as this is written, has given no statement to the press indicating as to whether or not he will participate in the joint canvass suggested.

Many Visitors Are Registered at the Rock

Blowing Rock, N. C.—The hotels and inns here are enjoying the peak of the season's business with large numbers registered. A number of the smaller inns have been filled to capacity for several days, and Mayview Manor and Green Park Hotel have been filled almost to capacity.

Twenty states and the District of Columbia were represented in registrations at the three larger hotels and three of the larger inns. The States were as follows: North Carolina, Tennessee, South Carolina, Virginia, Florida, New York, Connecticut, Arkansas, Michigan, Massachusetts, Kentucky, Georgia, Ohio, Alabama, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Texas, Mississippi, Indiana and Louisiana. North Carolina led the list with 225, Virginia coming second with 37, and Tennessee third, with 23.

Hundreds of transient tourists are passing through here daily, many from northern states, on a tour of Western North Carolina, with the Great Smoky Mountains National Park as their principal goal.

Grease stains may be removed from leather most easily with either benzine or pure turpentine.

RELIEF CATTLE ARE NOW GRAZING ON COUNTY PASTURES

More than Four Hundred Head of Cattle from Drought Area Feeding in Watauga. Vick Chemical Company Property Takes Care of 200; William Winkler Gets 100. Much Interest Shown in Underfed Cows.

More than four hundred head of cows, shipped from the parched plains of the middle western drought area here brought to Boone the last of a week and turned on pastures of local citizens as a part of the emergency relief program, and large crowds of citizens gathered to have a look at the impoverished herds.

The Vick Chemical Company is pasturing 200 head of the cattle, while William Winkler of Boone has placed 100 head on his Rich Mountain grazing lands. Mastin Sherwood of Cove Creek Township is furnishing the grazing for 50, while twenty-five are being grazed on the farm of Miss Gladys Taylor at Valle Crucis. Edgar Brown secured 30, 20 were taken to the L. N. Perkins farm just outside the city limits, and 20 are on the Smith Hagan man farm at Silverstone. Grazing rights are paid for by the Federal government at the rate of \$1.00 per head per month.

Shipped to Jefferson Sixty-nine cars of the drought cattle were shipped to Jefferson last week and distributed to Watauga, Ashe, Mitchell, Alleghany and Wilkes counties. According to the Skyland Post, the cattle were very tired when the cars came to a stop and showed signs of having suffered from lack of food and water. They were all tested for diseases and a small number were killed, it is said. A number of calves were born en route, it was learned.

Ball Celebrates the Routing of Parkway

A "Celebration Ball" given on occasion of the announcement of the routing of the Park-to-Park Highway through Blowing Rock, is expected to draw a large crowd to Mayview Manor next Friday evening, and a considerable sum is expected to be realized from admissions, all of which will be used to place the Blowing Rock country before the public.

The ball is being sponsored jointly by the Chamber of Commerce of Blowing Rock, the Fire Department and the Community Club and sponsors say that the event will be unusually enjoyable, many novel features being on the program, in addition to old-time square dancing.

The bathroom will be opened at 9 o'clock.

BEAUTY PAGEANT FRIDAY EVENING

"Miss Watauga" to Be Chosen from Bevy of Local Belles. Winner Will Have a Chance at State and National Competition.

Almost two score of beautiful girls, representing Boone and the county at large, will compete for the title "Miss Watauga" at the beauty pageant being sponsored by the American Legion and which will be held at the Demonstration School building Friday evening, August 24th, 8 o'clock.

The winner of the local title will have her expenses paid to the Departmental American Legion convention in Greensboro on August 26, 27, 28, and will have a chance to go from there and enter the national contest in Miami, Fla., in October. The post commander who takes the winner to the Greensboro convention will win a prize of \$50, it is said.

The various entries in the local pageant of pulchritude are sponsored by Boone business firms, as follows:

- List of Entries City Meat Market, Hazel Cragg; Boone Drug Store, Mary Frances Linney; Keplers', Mrs. Zeb Dickson; Watauga Drug Co., Vivian Fox; Five to Five Store, Eva Kirkman; W. R. Chevrolet Company, Mattie Lou Harman; Spainhours, Ada Grace Redmond; Johnson, Stuart Company, Geneva Cook; Boone Department Store, Earl Payne; Boone Hardware Store, Virginia Brown; Watauga Hardware Co., Corinne Knight; A. & P. Tea Company, Nell Trivette; Daniel Boone Hotel, Grace Mast; High Land Furniture Company, Edith Hamby; Rudemar Beauty Shop, Ruby Trivette; Boone Steam Laundry, Lorraine Miller; Smitheys, Louise Story; Hodges Tire Company, Loree O'Daniel.

Ott's Place, M. & M. Motor Company and Pastime Theatre have the thanks of the Legionnaires for an entrance fee, but declined to enter any particular person.

Doubtless a large crowd will attend the first beauty contest staged in Boone for nearly two years, a flat admission charge of only ten cents being in force.