

## ENTERTAINERS... rich field

Young men and women sometimes ask me for advice in shaping their careers. That is always a compliment, but I am not always sure that I can give them any advice of real value. If the inquiring youngster has any talent for public entertainment, however, I always advise him to follow that line. The big money flows into the pockets of those who can stir people's emotions, not to those who try to stimulate their minds. If you can make people laugh or make them cry, stir them to sentimental blissfulness or arouse them to anger, you have something for which they will pay you more than they pay Presidents or heads of big corporations.

Where are the largest salaries paid? In Hollywood, to the great screen stars. In Hollywood, to the great screen stars. Who gets the big money for writing? Not the serious thinkers whose books contain, sometimes, the distilled essence of wisdom, but the humorists, the romantic novelists, the story-tellers—in other words, the entertainers. In music, in all the arts, in the theatre—even in the pulpit—the ones who get the money are the only ones who are most skillful in playing upon the human heartstrings. I know a negro tap-dancer who earns more money every year than any bank president I know. He has the essential quality of showmanship. So if I see signs of showmanship in any youngster, I always advise them to cultivate it. It is worth more than diamonds.

## DICKENS... on the screen

At last the greatest novel of Chas. Dickens—who was essentially a showman—has been put on the screen in a manner which preserves all of its comedy, its pathos, and its essential humanity. If you who read this haven't yet seen the new film, "David Copperfield," by all means go to see it. Whether you have ever read any of Dickens' immortal stories or not, you will realize what a wonderful insight he had into the wellsprings of human conduct, and how keen an understanding of the comic spirit which pervades all life.

I am beginning to believe that the movie magnates have really seen a great light. The realization that there is more to life than crime and sensuality, and that there is a great public which is truly appreciative of the very best that it can get, seems to have come home to them. I hope we have more pictures of the quality of "David Copperfield."

## CRIME... too much

I think I can see signs that the public mind is becoming aroused over the prevalence of crime. The enthusiasm over the successful work of Federal agents in "getting" Dillinger and other outlaws indicates that those charged with law enforcement need not hesitate to adopt drastic measures.

It would be easy to wipe out crime if crime could be divorced from politics. Too many politicians and political organizations are in cahoots with criminals. The police commissioner of New York remarked the other day that he and his men could round up every important criminal were it not for the political protection those fellows have managed to obtain.

Loopholes in the laws should be stopped up, but lawmaking is in the hands of politicians, and courts are bound by the laws. The tendency to regard any law, whether it is backed by public opinion or not, as more sacred than human lives and property, has been carried too far. I believe the reaction is setting in.

## CHANGE... constant

No human institution ever stands still. Nothing else, much, does, either. Even the solid earth has sixteen different motions, pulling it every which way at once.

All that any individual human being can do about it, when he finds social, economic, moral and political conditions changing in ways he doesn't like, is either to change with them, doing his best to direct the line of movement along paths which he considers more likely to lead to the general good in the long run, or else sit tight and let the world go by.

It is more trouble to keep up with the world, after a man reaches a certain age, than to pull himself into his shell and refuse to have anything to do with the new things about him. But the only way an intelligent person can get much satisfaction out of life is to be a part of it, and to try to find what good he can in its constant changes.

Some fundamental truths never change. It is possible to hold fast to the elemental virtues of personal honor and integrity, to hold one's self-respect, in short, and still achieve a fair degree of contentment, if not of happiness, in the midst of a changing social order.

"I have been young and now I am old," wrote the Psalmist, "but I have not seen the righteous forsaken nor wise seed begging bread." That is as true now as it was when it was written.

Mayor Tracy Connell transacted business in Charlotte the first days of the week.

## Former Marshal May Seek Seat in Congress

Mayor Tracy Connell Also Mentioned as Possible Candidate in Ninth.



W. H. GRAGG

Former Marshal Watt H. Gragg of Boone has been generally conceded an open field for nomination on the Republican ticket for Congress in the Ninth District—or at least that is the way speculation runs following the Lincoln Day Dinner, annual festive gathering of Carolina Republicans. Mr. Gragg declines to comment, except to say "No man can tell what he might do at far hence."

## BABY SHOW TO BE HELD ON MARCH 2

Comrades Class of the Methodist Church to Sponsor Event at Daniel Boone Hotel.

The Comrades Class of Boone Methodist Church will sponsor a baby show at the Daniel Boone Hotel on Saturday afternoon, March 2nd, from 3 until 4:30 o'clock. Mothers who enter their babies in the competition will be asked to pay a fee of 25 cents to register. Prize babies will be selected by popular vote. Votes will be 10 cents each.

Contestants will be divided into three age classes: first, up to 1 year; second, 1 to 2 1/2 years; third, 2 1/2 to 4 years. First and second prizes will be awarded to two boys and two girls in each age class, receiving the highest number of votes.

**Merchandise Awards**  
The following prizes, donated by local merchants, will be awarded:

Class 1, Girls up to 1 year: First prize, toilet articles, Rexall Drug Co.; second prize, 4 pairs of hose, Ten Cent Store. Boys: First prize, toilet articles, Rexall Drug Company; second prize, baby's bank, Bern-Mar's Jewelry Store.

Second Age Class. Girls: first prize, sweater and tam, Five to Five Store; second prize, donated by Spainhours. Boys: first prize, sweater, Boone Department Store; second prize, donated by Spainhours.

Third Age Class. Girls: first prize, bracelet, Walker's Jewelry Store; second prize, box of candy, Watauga Drug Company. Boys: first prize, pair of shoes, Smith's Store; second, box of candy, Watauga Drug.

All mothers are extended a cordial invitation to enter their babies in the contest. Friends of the babies are invited to attend and vote.

## Moretz Is New Farm Supervisor for ERA

Mr. D. Grady Moretz has been named the county farm supervisor under the Emergency Relief Administration, and entered upon his duties last Saturday. The appointment came through the offices of Mr. Miles, agricultural supervisor for this district. Mr. Newton Cook, who has held the position since it was established, has been transferred to the relief administration offices in Raleigh.

## ROBBINS-DOTSON

Married in Boone last Saturday, John H. Robbins to Lillie Dotson, both being residents of the Poplar Grove section. Justice E. N. Hahn performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Robbins is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Dotson while her husband is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Robbins. Each is well and favorably known in this community.

## REVENUE BILL IS BEING AMENDED BY COMMITTEES

Anti-Sales Tax Proposals of Dr. Ralph McDonald Are the Center of Contention.

HILL'S LIQUOR CONTROL BILL TO BE HEARD TODAY

Sub-Committee Named to Study Textbook Rental Plan. Other News from Assembly.

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RALEIGH, N. C.—Amendments to the Revenue bill, now before the joint House and Senate Finance committees, are being drawn and will be presented this week embodying the anti-sales tax proposals presented last week by Dr. Ralph McDonald, Forsyth, and W. L. Lumpkin, Franklin, and hearings are to be held this week for opponents of the proposals and other features of the bill.

Meanwhile, merchants of the State are not sure just where they stand. The McDonald-Lumpkin proposals include a sales tax of one-fourth of one per cent on gross retail sales, called a franchise tax. Merchants are not so strong for this kind of a tax, as they would have to absorb it, although they are strong against the sales tax, which they are required to pass on to customers. And, Governor Ehringhaus made this remark about the proposals: "It now seems to be generally conceded that a sales tax, in one or more forms, is inevitable."

The Finance Committee decided to take time to study the McDonald-Lumpkin tax plan, which, the proponents claim, will bring in \$12,361,094.98, or some \$3,800,000 more than the \$8,700,000 estimated for the general sales tax. The plan would increase corporate franchise taxes \$4,682,679.74; the proponents of the measure saying these taxes now are \$21,359,898, as compared with \$28,464,689 in 1931. The plan is "to provide recapture of tax reduction of corporations as a result of the reduction in ad valorem taxes" when the State took over full operation of the public schools and roads, the proponents state.

The McDonald-Lumpkin plan proposes four new taxes; six per cent income tax on dividends of stock in corporations, \$3,086,538; increase in franchise tax on corporations, \$4,682,679.74; increased insurance premium taxes, \$350,483.04; occupational license taxes of from \$5 to \$900 on individuals making more than \$1,000 a year, and not now paying taxes and taxes on chain theatres, chain service stations and merchants, \$4,241,374.20.

Hearings scheduled for this week for opponents of this plan and others in the revenue bill are as follows: Tuesday, life insurance and power companies; Wednesday, textile, tobacco and railroads, bus companies; Thursday, telephone, theatre, pullman and other businesses. These hearings move up the time for expecting the revenue bill from committee a week or more from now.

**Liquor Gets Attention**  
The liquor and beer bills are now receiving attention. The Senator John Sprunt Hill bill for liquor control, with revenue for welfare and social work, is scheduled for hearing Wednesday afternoon of this week and it is sure to bring a great outpouring of opponents, as well as proponents. Two beer bills, one to increase the alcoholic content to 4.5, the other to make the law conform to federal requirements were sent back to committee. (Continued on Page 8)

## PARTY CHAIRMEN INVITED TO SEE NEW ROGERS FILM

Mr. A. E. Hamby, in announcing the presentation of "County Chairman" at the Pastime Theatre next Monday and Tuesday, in which the famed Will Rogers occupies the stellar role, has extended a personal invitation to the county chairmen of both political parties, as well as those who have previously held these positions, to be present as guests of the management. Rogers comes at his best in this new vehicle depicting the ups and downs of a country politician, and Mr. Hamby believes local political leaders will particularly enjoy the film.

## EULALA BARNES WINNER OF TIRE COMPANY PRIZE

Miss Eulala Barnes, student at the Boone High School, is awarded the \$100.00 prize in the essay contest recently closed by Hodges Tire Company, and her essay on "Why More People Ride on Goodyear Tires" appears on page two today. Mr. Thomas B. Moore Jr., won second place and is given a \$2.50 mercantile credit. Manager Hodges states that a large number of letters resulted from the publicity, causing some difficulty in determining the winners.

## Parents of Quintuplets in U. S.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliva Dionne Revel in Hospitality of Windy City, But Long for Home



CHICAGO, ILL.—Above are Mr. and Mrs. Oliva Dionne, parents of the famous Canadian quintuplets, who were prevailed upon to come down to the United States and enjoy the hospitality of America's "Windy City." Despite the thrills of big city life, Mrs. Dionne soon announced that she was homesick for her children, the quintuplets and the other five little Dionnes, back home in the North Woods.

## County Soon To Employ Farm Agent, Says Board

After long months of discussion and agitation on the part of local citizens, Watauga County is going to have a farm demonstration agent. This action was assured by the County Commissioners in special meeting last Friday, after it had been conclusively shown to the governing body that the overwhelming number of the county's farmers favored the proposal.

The matter of selecting the agent has been left largely in charge of State College officials, who are said to have a number of efficient men in view. Mr. O. F. McRary, district

agent, attended the meeting of the Commissioners, and stated he believed it would be possible to have a good man on the job with the local farmers by the first to the fifteenth of March. A man who is experienced in the problems peculiar to the mountain farmer is being sought, and at least one such agent is known to have contemplated accepting the Watauga opening.

Under the present arrangement, it is said the State and Federal governments co-operate with the county in paying for the agricultural services.

## GLANCE TO SPEAK AT JUNIOR MEET

Well Known Fraternity Leader Principal Speaker on Washington Birthday Program.

Mr. J. Marvin Glance of Asheville is to be the principal speaker at the meeting of the local Junior Order Council Friday evening, it is announced by local officials. The meeting, which is scheduled to be held at Junior Hall, comes simultaneously with meetings in all other districts of the State, on the occasion of Washington's birthday. In addition to the speech by Mr. Glance, who is well known in Junior order circles as an orator of rare ability, there will be initiation of new members. The meeting, furthermore, marks the end of the current fiscal year.

Local officials are very anxious there be a full attendance, as the program to be presented will be most entertaining.

## HARMONIOUS END OF CAMPUS STRIKE

Dougherty Promises Students Participation in Formation of Social Regulations.

The widely-heralded student strike at Appalachian College, in which several hundred students deserted the class rooms as a protest against the strict social regulations at the co-educational institution, came to an abrupt and satisfactory end Thursday, when President Dougherty tendered student participation in the formation of social rules.

Dr. Dougherty told a mass meeting of students that the college was agreeable to their naming a committee to meet with the faculty hereafter in deciding student privileges. He further stated no action would be taken against strikers. Harold Graybeal, strike leader, announced acceptance of the plan, stating that 90 per cent of the students backed the walk-out.

## Counsel For Hauptmann Moves To Cheat Trenton Death Chair

Richard Bruno Hauptmann, convicted slayer of the Lindbergh baby, may yet be saved from the electric chair, according to his New Jersey counsel, who Tuesday carried an appeal for the Bronx carpenter to the State's highest tribunal.



Bruno Hauptmann

Moving swiftly, C. Lloyd Fisher of Flemington, and Frederick A. Pope of Somerville, N. J., applied for and were denied a writ of grace to carry the appeal to the State Supreme Court, and thus threw their case automatically into the court of errors and appeals. Earlier the lawyers went before the trial judge, Thomas W. Trenchard, and obtained an order requiring Hunterdon County to pay the costs of print-

ing the 1,600,000 word record of the trial and the voluminous briefs necessary in the appeal. Only one more step was necessary to insure a postponement of at least seven months in the execution of the sentence, and that was to be made in the next day or so when Pope presents a writ of error to the clerk of the court of errors and appeals. That automatically stays sentence. Hauptmann is now an inmate of the State Prison at Trenton, where he was taken the latter part of the week, and where he has been sentenced to die in the electric chair on March 18th. The jury returned a verdict of murder in the first degree late Wednesday night, which carried with it a mandatory death decree. Hauptmann remains practically unmoved, still stoutly denying any knowledge of the atrocious crime.

The Governor of New Jersey and Judge Trenchard have both received letters, threatening death if Hauptmann's sentence is not commuted. They bore a Washington postmark.

## CHEESE MAKING INDUSTRY LOOMS AS FARMERS MEET

Dairy Experts Urge Centralized Cheese Making Plant for the Cove Creek Section.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO FURNISH ASSISTANT

Committee Appointed to Stimulate Interest in New Venture for Watauga.

The reorganization of the cheese-making industry on a centralized basis constituted the principal subject for discussion as a number of local farmers gathered last Saturday in enthusiastic session with State and Federal agricultural authorities at the Cove Creek High School building. The present plan, brought forth with the leadership of Mr. C. Allen Grant, cheese specialist of Rochester, N. Y., is to organize several community co-operatives or collectives surrounding Cove Creek to deliver milk to a proposed centrally located plant at Sugar Grove. Incidentally, the old Sugar Grove factory was the first plant in the South for the commercial production of American cheddar cheese.

## Instructive Meeting

The meeting was undoubtedly one of the most instructive and educational farmers' meetings that has ever been held in the Cove Creek community, comments Mr. G. G. Farthing, instructor of Agriculture at the High School, attended as it was by those who are recognized authorities in this phase of the farming industry. Visitors who participated in this session included: F. R. Farnham, Extension Dairy Specialist, Raleigh; J. A. Arrey, Chief of the Dairy Extension Service, Raleigh; O. F. McRary, District Agent, Raleigh; H. L. Wilson, Associate Dairy Specialist, Bureau of Dairy Industry, Washington; W. M. Landess, TVA representative, Knoxville, Tennessee; Also Messrs. Price and Johnson of the Kraft-Phenix Cheese Company, West Jefferson, made interesting talks concerning the development of the cheese industry in Ashe County.

## County Agent Announced

Perhaps the most welcome information, however, which came in the nature of the "high spot" of the meeting, was given by Mr. Wade E. Brown, County Farm Board chairman, who stated that the County Commissioners had voted the funds for the employment of an agricultural agent. Immediately thereafter, Mr. Landess came forward with the information that just as soon as the county agent is appointed, the Tennessee Valley Authority will in turn appoint and pay all expenses of an assistant agricultural agent for Watauga County. With two agricultural agents within reach and with two departments of vocational agriculture already operating, the future of Watauga County as an agricultural center appears a great deal brighter than in past years.

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## Rev. Walter Stanbury Author of New Book

"Victories of the Cross" is the title of a volume recently offered by the Cokesbury Press, and which was written by Dr. W. A. Stanbury, son of Mr. John S. Stanbury of Boone, a widely known divine and pastor of West Market Street Methodist Church in Greensboro.

The volume is dedicated to Dr. Stanbury's mother, who was a mainstay in the religious life of this community for so many years, and the enthusiasm with which the book has been received is shown in this statement by Dr. Clovis G. Chappell: "Dr. Stanbury deals with the abiding and vital themes of our Christian religion. The truth he preaches has application to every living soul. These chapters are timely, tireless and helpful."

Mrs. Fred Winkler of the Poplar Grove section, has been a patient at the Davis Hospital, Statesville, for the past several days. She remains unimproved, and will probably be confined to her bed for three weeks.