

Washington, Dec. 1.—The belief is growing in Washington that President Roosevelt's trip to South America may prove to be one of the vital turning points in our national history...

Back of the President's attendance at the conference of American republics, which is being held at Buenos Aires, is a definite purpose to bring the Western Hemisphere into a new agreement for co-operation in peace, common defense in war and the free exchange of commodities between the nations of the two Americas at all times.

The logic of such a lineup is quite obvious. This country does not want to be involved in European political affairs nor in Asiatic politics. Neither do the republics of the south. War is breeding to the east and to the west. The American continent is separated from these warlike regions by the Atlantic ocean and the Pacific ocean.

Also to the south of us lies a great opportunity for peaceful developments of mutual trade. South America is the natural market for American manufacturers and the United States is a natural market for South America's raw materials.

Likewise, South America offers to the adventurous, pioneering spirit of our youth as great opportunity for exploration and development as our west did in the early days of our continental expansion.

A Great American Empire

It is not to be wondered at, therefore, that President Roosevelt should cherish the dream of a united Western Hemisphere, which could conceivably be entirely self-contained and free to develop a vast empire with a new type of culture and civilization, in no way dependent upon either Europe, Asia or Africa.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull has the same vision. He is meeting the President at the Argentine capital and will remain there throughout the international conference to participate in the discussions which he hopes will result in the formation of an All-American League of Nations.

That American business and industry is at least hopeful that something will develop from this conference to broaden our export market and render the opportunities which South America offers more readily available to North American capital and enterprise, is indicated by the fact that Harper Sibley, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, flew down to Buenos Aires last week to attend the conference.

All the reports that come into Washington indicate that the Latin-American peoples and their governments have shaken off the fear of aggressions on the part of the "Colossus of the North." This was a fear mainly fostered by self-seeking politicians of a type now rapidly losing influence in the southern continent.

It is no secret that the whole problem of foreign relations is one which is giving the administration more concern than almost any domestic question.

The state department is inclined to feel that the civil war in Spain may result in precipitating general European hostilities, since both Mussolini and Hitler have announced their recognition of the rebels under the leadership of Gen. Franco as the de facto government of Spain and Great Britain has announced that it will resist any attempt on the part of the rebels to interfere with British commerce in Spanish ports.

The rebellion in Spain is definitely a fascist movement, to set up a government of the same dictatorial type as those of Italy and Germany, while the existing government of Spain is distinctly Communist and has the backing of Soviet Russia.

It is not difficult to imagine a situation developing which would bring about a general European war. In that event, America's position of neutrality would be increasingly difficult to maintain, especially if England and France were involved.

The appointment of Joseph E. Davies as ambassador to Russia is looked upon here as an important move on the diplomatic chessboard. Mr. Davies is a former chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, a lawyer of wide experience, a wealthy man in his own right who lately married one of the wealthiest women in America. It is the expectation that he will find it possible to make sound trade agreements and treaties with Russia.

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RED CROSS DRIVE NOW COMPLETED

Large Number of Dollar Memberships Are Garnered by the Local Organization

The Red Cross Roll Call campaign came to a close in this locality last week, and Mrs. James H. Council, chairman of the Watauga chapter desires to express an appreciation to the people of Boone and the county, for their co-operation in making the drive a highly successful one.

Boone

John T. Howell, Miss Caroline Weaver, Mrs. J. E. Rivers, R. G. Shipley, A. F. Hamrick, Lucille Miller, A. R. Smith, Clyde Goodman, Ruth Robinson, Ella Austin, Nell Trivette, Eula Todd.

Beaver Dam

J. B. O'Neal, John W. Ward, Oma Farthing, Cleo Walker, Mrs. W. Y. Farthing, Mrs. David Farthing, Mrs. Perry Farthing, Mrs. J. B. O'Neal, Ford Henson, Mrs. Ray Swift, Stella Hagaman, Mrs. C. B. Reese, Clyde Perry, Mrs. Clyde Perry, D. C. Hagaman, Lawrence Atchley, C. M. Dickson.

Cove Creek

Howard Walker, Miss Annabelle Bingham, Miss Grace Bingham, Miss Jennie Lowe, Miss Juanita Worthington, Mrs. Mae Payne, Mrs. Hattie Lewis, Mrs. Gladys Bingham, Miss Blanche Stokes.

Blowing Rock

Mrs. Joseph F. Cannon, A. C. Reynolds, North Carolina Utilities, Inc., Jack Ramey, E. Wade Klutz, Ellen Coffey, C. H. Berryman, Lena C. Reeves, C. S. Prevette, Mrs. H. C. Hayes, L. G. Beck, G. D. Brinkley, Rosetta Hollifield, Mrs. W. Spencer Greene, Mrs. W. L. Holshouser, Mrs. D. P. Coffey, Mrs. E. F. Milton, Mrs. J. E. Story, Mrs. L. B. Nichols, Mrs. Irene Coffey, T. A. Weaver, Miss E. Bogher, Mrs. R. B. Hardin, Mrs. M. R. Maddox.

Valle Crucis

Miss Virginia Boutin, Miss Julia E. Guerry, Miss Adeline E. Smith, Mrs. E. C. Wall, Miss Mary Pattie, Miss Elizabeth Hickson, Mrs. E. G. Hopkins, Miss Nancy Taylor, Mrs. Mont Glover, Rev. E. D. Butt, Mrs. W. H. Wagner, Contributions 70c, Milan F. Smith, Aubyn Farthing, Miss Lucille Mast, Mrs. Dessie Mae Edmisten, R. A. Olsen, W. W. Mast, Miss Pearl Mast, T. C. Baird, Miss Gladys Taylor, Mrs. Howard Mast.

B. & L. CONVENTION AT BLOWING ROCK

State Gathering of Building and Loan Officers Will Be Held at Mayview

The state convention of the North Carolina Building and Loan League is to be held next year at Mayview Manor, Blowing Rock, according to a recent announcement from the executive committee of the organization. The invitation for the league to again hold the annual meeting in the mountains was extended by W. H. Gragg, secretary of the Watauga Building and Loan Association, and has been formally accepted.

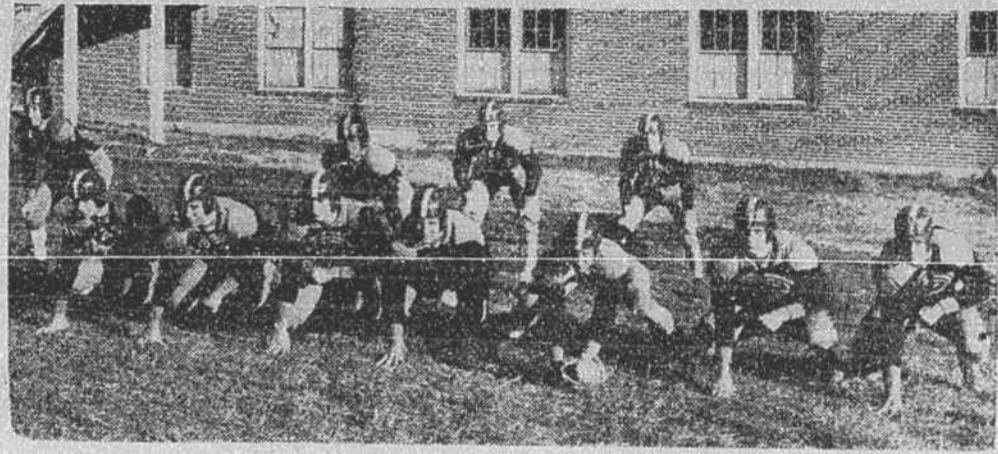
The convention is to be held at an undecided date, and according to the announcement will likely be late in May or early in June, before the principal throng of tourists reaches the resort. The meeting draws a large gathering of building and loan officials from practically every county in the state, and there is always keen competition among the many sections as to who shall be host to the gathering.

Democrat To Issue Christmas Edition

Next week The Democrat will go to press with its principal edition of the holiday season, and merchants of the town are reminded that the extra work entailed in producing an edition perhaps twice the size of the usual paper, will require early ad copy. It will be the purpose of the publisher to have as many advertisements in type by Saturday evening of this week as possible, and full co-operation is asked.

The Christmas edition will breathe forth the spirit of the holidays from every page. Holly borders, Christmas trees, and a thousand and one special illustrations will enliven the advertising pages, and specially prepared Christmas stories will feature the reading columns.

APPALACHIAN GRID SQUAD WINS NATIONAL RECOGNITION



Pictured here is the powerful Appalachian State football team which won eight of its nine starts, has the south's leading scorer in Len Wilson, which pushed Kidd Brewer to the front as one of the nation's foremost small-college coaches, and

which was second among the nation's high scoring teams. From left to right in the line are Earl Smith, Decatur, Ill, right end; Roy Turbyfill, Maiden, right tackle; Lloyd Hobbs, Edenton, left tackle; Captain Cline Farthing, Boone, right guard; Hum-

mie Adams, Altoona, Pa., centre; Irvin Smith, Linwood, left guard; Mel Fairley, Gulfport, Miss., left end. In the backfield are Rovie Angell, Harmony, halfback; Webb Ward, Ruthersford, blocking back; Len Wilson, Boone, fullback; and Foy Martin, Leland, Miss., quarterback.

BOONE PEOPLE ARE INJURED IN CRASH

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Norris Victims of Hit, Run Driver: Two Are Held in Jail

Mr. Sam Norris, well known Boone merchant, and Mrs. Norris are confined to their home right seriously injured as a result of an automobile accident which occurred Sunday evening on the Boone Trail just at the eastern limits of the town, in which two trucks and the automobile occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Norris are said to have figured.

The injured people, while severely cut, bruised and shocked, are said to be showing considerable improvement, and it is not thought that their condition will become critical.

The accident occurred when a truck driven by Marvin Ragan of Boone, and occupied by Reid Norris and Henry Ragan, collided with a Tennessee truck operated by Avery Greene of Johnson City, casting it into the automobile in which the Norris family was riding. Ragan is alleged to have fled the scene of the accident and was taken the following day as were the other two occupants of the truck, Norris and Marvin Ragan being held without bail, pending the outcome of the injuries. The charge against them is assault with a deadly weapon and hit and run driving. Henry Ragan is charged with aiding and abetting and with the possession and transportation of liquors, officers report.

William Grogan Dies Sunday at Todd Home

William Henry Grogan, age 60, died Sunday at his home at Tolliver. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday morning from the home of the father at Todd, by Rev. Mr. Greene of Todd, and interment was in the nearby cemetery.

Survivors include the widow, the father, John Grogan of Todd, and the following sons and daughters: Leonard, John, Verne and Ray Grogan, of Tolliver; Raymond, Sidney and Norman of Baldwin; Mrs. Agnes Bryan, Meat Camp; Miss Bertha Grogan, Tolliver.

W. C. NEWLAND ILL

Lenoir—Former Lieut. Gov. W. C. Newland, who recently passed his 76th birthday, was rushed to the Caldwell hospital here following an attack of hemorrhages of the nose. He suffered several such attacks in past months, and was rushed to the hospital shortly after they began to recur. His condition was regarded as favorable by attending physicians Monday night.

ELIZABETH GRIMES

Elizabeth A. Grimes, aged 19 years, died Friday at the home of her father, Lee Anderson, in Boone, and funeral services were conducted from the home Saturday morning by the pastor, Rev. Rock Hatton, interment being in the city cemetery. The parents, a husband, George Grimes, and a number of brothers and sisters survive.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

Monday evening a fellowship supper was enjoyed at Grace Lutheran church in Boone, in honor of the December birthdays of its members.

SEXTUPLETS ARE LIVING

Allahabad, India, Dec. 1.—Five of India's sextuplets, born to a poor Marijan woman at Miami, Punjab, are still living—and thriving. The babies have no regular qualified medical attendance, no special food or special beds. One child died on the day of its birth.

Warren Refused Privilege of Bail

Roby Warren, Zionville citizen, charged with the fatal shooting of Dan Jones, Bristol man, while the two are alleged to have quarreled following a drinking party at the home of the former, was given a preliminary hearing before the recorder last Friday, and the defendant was remanded to jail without privilege of bail, to await trial at the April term of superior court.

The evidence introduced, in the opinion of the court, carried some suggestion of premeditation in connection with the shooting.

INSTITUTE HELD FOR E.R.E. TUTORS

Mesdames Day and Faison Meet With Local Adult Teachers; Dougherty Speaks

A two-day institute for the ERE teachers of Watauga county was held at the Carolina hotel on Monday and Tuesday of this week, and nine teachers who are engaged in the emergency adult educational work in this county were present.

Mrs. J. M. Day of Asheville, field representative, discussed the different phases of the work with the group in her able and thorough manner, while Mrs. Marion C. Faison of West Jefferson, supervisor of this district, stressed the need for the program and the duties of the teachers. On Monday Mrs. Dougherty and Whitener of the college, delivered inspirational addresses and the teachers enjoyed dinner at the Carolean inn that evening.

The purpose of ERA at the present time is to sell the program to the general public to such an extent that it may become a permanent institution of the state government, after the federal emergency expenditures have stopped. Another institute is to be held here in May, when there will be a dramatized exhibit of the accomplishments of the ERE.

DECEMBER USHERED IN WITH SNOW AND SLEET

Bleak December found Watauga county blanketed with the second appreciable snow of the season, and Wednesday morning the countryside was covered with a sheet of sleet, impeding vehicular travel, and making the way of the pedestrian perilous.

Last Friday snow fell in this locality to a depth of something like four inches, and throughout the week greatly lowered temperatures existed.

MAGNIFICENT THEATRE BUILDING TO BE ERECTED BY MESSRS HAMBY, WINKLER

Messrs. A. E. Hamby and W. Ralph Winkler, Boone's progressive theatre owners, are taking another forward step. The Democrat learns, by the construction of an ultra modern and more commodious palace of cinema entertainment, and architects are now engaged in drawing plans for the structure, which is to occupy the vacant lot west of the Boone Drug store, a part of the Critcher old hotel property.

While no information is forthcoming as to the actual specifications of the building, pending the architect's recommendations, it is revealed that the structure will be as modern as any of the show houses to be found in the cities of the state, and will be designed to

NEW OFFICERS TO BE SWORN MONDAY

These Elected November 3 to Be Inducted Into Official Capacities Next Week

The slate of county officers elected by the people of Watauga November 3, will be sworn into office next Monday, and take over the reins of the local government for terms of two years each.

Roby T. Greer, twice a representative in the lower house of the general assembly, will this year represent Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany in the state senate; W. F. Miller, veteran on the board of county commissioners takes leave of that body for a seat in the house of representatives, and Avery Y. Howell, who for the past four years has held an unexcelled record for efficiency as sheriff of the county, will vacate the office, and A. J. Edmisten will assume the office. Miss Helen Underdown, capable register of deeds, continues to hold office, while Richard Kelley, local mortician, was selected as coroner. W. R. Vines holds forth as surveyor, and the board of county commissioners will contain two old members, Eller McNeil and C. I. Billings, who have rendered the county faithful and efficient service. The third member of the board will be Mr. Ira Edmisten, competent citizen of the Laurel Creek section.

The regular meeting of the board Monday is expected to transact only routine business, the principal portion of the time likely being taken up in the swearing in of new officials.

BACK FROM CHILlicothe

Sheriff A. Y. Howell returned Sunday evening from Chillicothe, O., where he assisted Marshal Dowd's officers in the transfer of 20 federal prisoners to the U. S. prison. At the same time another group of officers took 20 to Atlanta, all 40 having been sentenced at the recent term of Wilkes federal court. Practically all of them went up for violation of the revenue laws as applies to the manufacture of liquor.

RETURNS FROM WYOMING

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Critcher and small son of Blowing Rock, returned Saturday from Story, Wyoming, where they had been for the past two months and where Mr. Critcher enjoyed fine success in big game hunting, bagging several deer, antelope and elk during the open season. Members of The Democrat organization deeply appreciate Mr. Critcher's kindness in supplying them a large cut of steak from an elk which fell before his rifle.

APPALACHIAN HAS ENROLLMENT 943; PERTINENT FACTS

Students Enrolled From Seventy Counties in North Carolina and From Fourteen Other States; Interesting Data on the Student Body

Prof. J. M. Downum, registrar at Appalachian State Teachers College, has furnished The Democrat with figures to indicate that the present enrollment at the institution has reached 943, a record for this season of the year. The figures submitted by Mr. Downum give many interesting facts as to the sections from which the students emanate, and the number from each county in this state:

Alamance 5, Alexander 8, Alleghany 15, Anson 6, Ashe 37, Avery 21, Beaufort 1, Bladen 2, Brunswick 2, Buncombe 1, Burke 12, Cabarrus 14, Caldwell 32, Carteret 3, Caswell 14, Catawba 28, Chatham 6, Cherokee 1, Chowan 2, Cleveland 28, Columbus 2, Cumberland 2, Davidson 27, Davie 7, Duplin 2, Durham 1, Edgecomb 3, Forsyth 30, Gaston 34, Gates 1, Granville 7, Greene 1, Guilford 10, Haywood 1, Henderson 1, Iredell 48, Lee 3, Lincoln 35, Madison 2, Macon 1, Martin 2, McDowell 16, Mecklenburg 30, Mitchell 10, Montgomery 3, Moore 6, Nash 4, Northampton 2, Onslow 3, Orange 1, Perquimans 1, Person 1, Polk 4, Randolph 10, Richmond 4, Robeson 3, Rockingham 10, Rowan 22, Rutherford 22, Sampson 7, Scotland 3, Stanley 20, Stokes 10, Surry 27, Union 20, Wake 4, Watauga 143, Wilkes 22, Yadkin 12, Yancey 8.

Other States

Alabama 1, Delaware 2, Florida 1, Georgia 1, Illinois 1, Kentucky 4, New Jersey 1, Mississippi 4, New York 11, Pennsylvania 6, South Carolina 22, Tennessee 6, Vermont 2, Virginia, 11.

North Carolina counties 70, students 858; other states, counties 46, students 75. Total counties 116; students 933.

Number seniors 161, Juniors 217, Sophomores 238, freshmen 528, unclassified 4.

Number of denominations of churches 16. Members Baptists 363, Methodists 314, Presbyterians 100, Lutherans 40, etc.

It was reported recently by a church school that of the 300 students enrolled, that 25 were not reported as members of any church. Of the 933 enrolled at Appalachian State Teachers College only 30 do not indicate they are members of a church.

ESSAY CONTEST IS AGAIN ANNOUNCED

Building and Loan Association Offers Prizes to High School Students in County

The annual essay contest, conducted under the auspices of the North Carolina Building and Loan League is again open to the high school students of the county, and W. H. Gragg, secretary of the Watauga Building and Loan Association, is very anxious that a large number of students participate in the contest this year.

Any high school student of the county is eligible to enter the contest and the writer may choose any subject which he or she may desire that pertains to thrift, saving, home ownership, or similar topic as exemplified in building, savings and loan associations. The essays prepared should be of from five to eight hundred words.

The essays prepared by local students will be judged locally and cash prizes given to those having the best. The winner in the county elimination will enter district contests to be held perhaps at Lenoir or North Wilkesboro, where three prizes of \$15, \$10 and \$5 are offered. The winner in the district contest will be allowed to participate in the state contest for the prizes of \$100, \$50, and \$25, with \$10 going to each participant in the finals.

Mr. Gragg has complete instructions on the contest at the local Building and Loan office and urges principals and students of the high schools to interest themselves in the contest.

BOX SUPPER

There will be a box supper and cake cutting at the American Legion last Friday, December 4th, at 7:30 o'clock, and the public is cordially invited to participate in the festivity. The proceeds from the sales will be used for the building fund of the local Legion post.