

We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Yes, Alonzo, your answer is as usual, correct. The flowing words you have just read compose the preamble to a document which is causing right considerable concern at the present . . . the Constitution.

And no one can doubt the beauty of this ancient writ, or the splendid qualities and high purposes of those knickered oldsters charged with its preparation . . . can they, Alonzo? No one can deny, either, that recurring generations of politicians, statesmen, demagogues and frenzied patriots of certain and uncertain party stripe have strained vocal chords, and neck muscles in its defense. A glorious subject it has been, indeed, for Fourth of July celebrations, for Ku Klux organizational meetings, and political campaigns.

But that was back in normal (?) years. Now, alas and alack, the Constitution provides breakfast, dinner and supper for a sizeable group of rugged individualists, some flying the banners of Hamilton, some the faded colors of Jefferson . . . all sufficiently recovered from blue panic days to hate the very hell out of Roosevelt. Day in, night through, they howl that blessings bestowed by the constitutional perley of 1787 are being taken from them . . . that the nation's going at a two-forty clip to the Airedales.

The Sketch Man is thoroughly acquainted with his Constitution today. He had a couple of rounds with two of the best, or worst, that the town affords on yesterday. And this was the way it happened:

The grocer and the druggist, staunch adherents of the Old Order, stood in the middle of the sidewalk on Boone's No. 1 thoroughfare. As the printer approached, words of the excited conversation reached his ears. President Roosevelt's Supreme Court reorganization measure was being scolded. "Twas a shame, the grocer opined, for the folks to tolerate such outlandish goings-on from the executive. "Guess Governor Lehman's outspoken opinions will suit it away," the druggist countered, a Finnish grin splitting his countenance.

Weighted down with a dozen personal worries, the printer had thought little of the "terrible state" of the Nation. He'd read in the papers that Senator Bailey was on the war-path, a silver-plated constitution under his tongue, rousing gallery onlookers with vociferous oratory . . . choosing "the hard way," and doing it gladly. He'd heard a lot of two-bit propaganda about the nine feeble gentlemen who sit in the snowy-white temple of equity at Washington. But he didn't know that utter damnation faced the country till the grocer and the druggist dragged him, unwillingly, into their troubled conversation.

"What do you think of the Supreme Court plan, Jim?" The question came as a sort of tuneless duet from the disciples of Hamilton. "Don't think or give a dang about the Supreme Court or its justices," the printer answered in disgust. "Sometimes feel it'd be a pretty good idea to repeal the whole caboodle so's folks wouldn't have so much to talk about."

"But the President is trying to pack the court with judges of his own liking," said the druggist, as the groceryman shifted from one foot to the other, terribly anxious to offer a little lip-service to the momentous question at hand. "You know, Jim, we've got to rely on the Constitution."

"That President of yours is trying to be a dictator, sure as sin," the groceryman exploded, "but the good people of the U. S. won't stand for it."

The printer, whose domestic tranquility had never borne an insurance policy, and whose general welfare had been a matter of personal concern for a long time, blinked his eyes as the verbal cross-fire plunked against his ear-drums. "So far as I'm concerned," he ventured, "they can lay it back with other primitive keepsakes. I never had much of an appetite for constitutions; prefer bread and meat for a ration."

"Infidel dog," shrieked the groceryman. "Some of these days, if things don't change, you'll be forced to do a lot of unpleasant kissing on a dictator. I tell you, the President's

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## MANY EXPECTING OLD AGE GRANTS DISAPPOINTED

### County Welfare Officer States That Being 65 Years of Age is Only One of Qualifications; 150 Watauga People Have Applied

Approximately 150 Watauga county people have called at the office of Miss Margurite Miller, county welfare officer, to make application for old age assistance and aid to dependent children under the state social security act.

And the sad part of it is that if all these people are sincerely expecting to receive aid hundreds are doomed to disappointment.

The general trend of conversation on the subject is relative to "old age pensions for persons over 65," and the mistaken idea that all people over 65 are to receive monthly checks has been going the rounds.

The old age assistance for which applications are being made is not a pension and age 65 is only one of the many qualifications for eligibility. It is merely a form of assistance to those people over 65 whose incomes are insufficient to provide subsistence compatible with decency and health.

In other words only the most needy and those unable to provide bare necessities or who have no relatives in the state able to assist them will be helped. Those to receive aid must have lived in the county one year prior to making application and must have been residents of the state during five of the past nine years.

Some of the same regulations apply to aid to dependent children. The children must be living with father, mother, brother, sister, grandfather, grandmother, uncle or aunt who are unable to give them proper care and who have no near relatives able to provide for them. If the father is living efforts must first be made to compel him to support the children.

From citing a few of these rules laid down by the state it is evident that not all who have applied will be eligible for aid, Miss Miller said. In fact, it is estimated that only 119 will be eligible for old age assistance and 105 children for aid to children.

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning will be observed as office days. The people whose names have been taken and filed will be notified to come to the office on these days, Miss Miller said. "We are asking that they wait until they receive their notice to come to the office, as this will enable us to get the applications completed at an early date."

## BROWN IS HEAD OF LOCAL BAR

### Lawyers Gather Saturday and Make Preparations for District Meet of Barristers

Wade E. Brown was named president of the local bar association at a meeting held Saturday in the offices of W. R. Lovill, and preparations were made for a full attendance at the district meeting which will be held in Lincolnton July 30. The district meeting is to be held in Boone next year, it was announced.

The local barristers adopted a minimum fee schedule as recommended by the district organization at the Shelby meeting last year. If this action, it is explained, is formally adopted at the district meeting this year, it will be mandatory that all lawyers charge a minimum as set down in all cases.

Those attending the meeting were Wade E. Brown, W. R. Lovill, John H. Bingham, T. E. Bingham, A. G. Qualls and J. E. Holshouser.

## 4-H BOYS AND GIRLS TO AIR IMPRESSIONS

Selected members from the more than 800 girls and boys who are expected to attend the 4-H short course at State College July 26-31, will broadcast their impressions of the event over Station WPTF, Raleigh.

There will be no 4-H broadcast on Monday, July 26, the registration day, but on the four days following, members from all parts of North Carolina will appear on the program at 1:45 p. m.

Last year nearly 750 members from practically every county in the state attended the short course. An even larger number is expected this year, since the program is, according to those in charge, "the biggest and best ever planned."

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Kennedy are spending the week visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Benfield.

## OXFORD SINGING CLASS TO APPEAR IN COUNTY



Picture shows group of the children who are members of the Oxford Orphanage singing class, now on tour. The class is to appear in recital at the Cove Creek high school Friday evening, July 30, at 7.30, under the sponsorship of Snow Lodge, and the proceeds from the entertainment will aid the Masonic home to take care of other children. An attractive program has been prepared this year—music, songs, drills, folk songs and dances are being featured, and an evening of genuine pleasure is promised.

## LAND IS TO BE ADVERTISED SOON

### Those Who Have Not Paid Taxes Are Urged to Pay at Once

Real estate on which county taxes have not been paid will be advertised during the month of August and sold on the first Monday in September.

The county board of commissioners has directed A. D. Wilson, county tax collector, to proceed with levies and garnishee process to collect personal taxes now due.

Mr. Wilson urges that all who have not paid their taxes, do so at once and save the cost of advertising.

## SLAYER IS BOUND TO HIGHER COURT

### G. L. Smith Dies From Gunshot Wound Admittedly Inflicted by Alex Ellison

G. L. Smith, originally from Alexander county, and recently a resident of North Fork township, died Wednesday morning from the effects of a bullet fired by a neighbor, Alex Ellison, and at a preliminary hearing held Saturday before Justices Hahn and Thompson, the defense attorneys admitted the slaying and entered a self-defense plea. Ellison was bound over to the superior court under a bond of \$1,000.

Evidence indicated that the controversy between the neighbors arose over some locust pins belonging to Smith and which had been stored on Ellison's premises. It was brought out that the open knife which the deceased is alleged to have drawn on the defendant was found near the scene of the shooting, and that the injured man said he couldn't blame Ellison. The defendant, it was stated, immediately after having fired a 32 bullet directly into the chest of Smith, took his victim to a Bristol hospital, and forthwith gave notice up to the sheriff of Watauga county.

## Local Youth Back From Long Bike Trip

Gordon Spainhour, Amanda youth, who is a senior in the Cove Creek high school, returned home Saturday evening from a bicycle trip which carried him into three states and totalled a distance of 1,705 miles. Gordon traveled unaccompanied, and the five-weeks tour carried him through Asheville to Murphy, Chimney Rock, Hendersonville, Shelby, Rock Hill, Charlotte, Fayetteville and on to Wilmington, then up the coast to Nags Head, on to Manteo and Norfolk, where the return trip was started.

Young Mr. Spainhour spent a day in Raleigh, visited Duke University and returned via Greensboro and Winston-Salem. The youthful traveler reports the time of his life and exhibits letters from mayors of the cities through which he passed. He takes justifiable pride in the signature of Governor Hoey, upon whom he called when in Raleigh.

## COLLEGE OPENS SECOND TERM OF SUMMER SCHOOL

Appalachian State Teachers College opened its portals for the second term of summer school July 15 with a registration of 665 students. Of this number 495 remained from the first session.

Statistics from the registrar's office show that out of this number, approximately 65, representing 35 colleges, have already attained degrees. Some of these have Master's degrees and some have been awarded Doctor's degrees in fields other than the ones offered at this institution.

Appalachian is widely represented this term, students being here from almost every state along the Atlantic seaboard, as well as states of the midwest and Pacific coast.

## Health Department Announces Hotel, Restaurant Grades

By H. S. WEBSTER (Sanitary Inspector)

Under the requirements of the North Carolina public health laws, Mr. H. S. Webster, of the local health department announces grades of hotels, restaurants and tourist camps in Watauga and Avery counties as shown in a series of inspections made by Mr. John Johnston of Raleigh and Mr. Webster of the local department:

Blowing Rock

Grade	Score
Blowing Rock Cafe . . . . .	A 91.5%
Mayview Manor . . . . .	B 87.5%
Hob Nob Inn . . . . .	B 83.0%
Green Park Hotel . . . . .	B 80.0%
Blowing Rock Hotel . . . . .	C 71.0%

Linville

Esecola Lodge . . . . .	B 84.0%
Henley Inn . . . . .	C 74.5%
Carolina Inn . . . . .	C 70.0%
Grandfather Cafe . . . . .	C 71.0%
Carolina Inn . . . . .	C 70.0%

Banner Elk

Pinnacle Inn . . . . .	B 80.0%
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The following places were ordered to discontinue serving food and accommodating lodgers due to unsanitary operation of their places and lack of proper sanitary facilities: Red Oak Tourist Camp, Rutherford, score 34.0%; Rock House Cafe, Linville, score 65.5.

The Grandfather Mountain Tourist home at Linville was given a short time to install proper equipment to bring the grade up to that required under the state law. The numerical grade due to lack of equipment was 49.5%.

It is hoped that the patrons of the hotels listed above will not become alarmed at the scores shown because there are very few of these scores that represent the actual class in which the hotel belongs. The low scores are largely due to lack of understanding on the part of the hotel operators of the new regulations set up for inspection of hotels. The local health department is co-operating with the hotel operators and as soon as conditions justify it, there will be a re-inspection made and new grades will be posted.

Mr. Earl Isaacs of the Beaver Dam section is spending the week with an uncle, Mr. S. C. Eggers.

## HAMBY ESTATE TO BE OFFERED PUBLIC

### Local Realtor Has Crew of Men Improving River Property; Sale Date Unannounced

A large crew of laborers are now being employed laying out and constructing roads and making the Hamby property on New River, two miles from Boone, attractive as a residential development, according to Mr. S. C. Eggers, local realtor, who has signed a contract to dispose of the property at public auction as soon as the development is completed.

Mr. Eggers states that the boundary consists of 120 acres, surrounded in a half-circle by New River, and that it is being divided into lots, tracts and small farms, and will be sold sometime during the month of August.

An unusual feature of the development, says Mr. Eggers, lies in the fact that the entire tract can be watered by gravity from natural springs. The reservoir will be constructed prior to the date of sale, he says.

Mr. Eggers, who has been most successful as a realtor, believes that the Hamby property comprises the most desirable residential property thus far offered in this vicinity. He further states that the auction will be absolute, and all sales final, due to the fact that he has been employed to settle the estate.

## TEACHERS WILL GET MORE PAY

### Dr. Dougherty Heads Committee to Work Out New Salary Schedule

A committee to study a new salary schedule for teachers, necessitated by a pay raise of about 10 per cent granted by the 1937 general assembly, was appointed Wednesday at a meeting in Raleigh of the new state school commission.

Dr. B. B. Dougherty, of Boone, was made committee chairman. Other members are W. C. Gaston, of Gastonia; A. McL. Graham, of Clinton; Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction, and Edwin Pate, of Laurel Hill.

Lloyd Griffin, who was re-elected executive secretary, said the committee would report as soon as possible, though it might not be ready with its findings when the commission meets again today.

## BELK'S SALE

The Belk-White Company, in a page advertisement appearing in this newspaper today, make announcement of their July Clearance sale, and Manager John Conway says that mark-downs have been effected for the event in every department. He respectfully asks the reader to get details of this unusual merchandising event from page three.

Mr. Frank Winkler of Sylva spent the week-end at the home of his mother, Mrs. James L. Winkler.

## LARGE AUDIENCE PRESENT AS HOEY DELIVERS SPEECH

### Chief Executive Lauds Educational System of State and Places Thumbs Down on CIO Activities; Governor Newland Also Heard

Governor Clyde R. Hoey, in an impressive address delivered to an overflow audience at Appalachian College auditorium Monday morning, reviewed the history of educational progress in the state, stressed the need for more interest on the part of the people in governmental affairs, and pledged the influence of his office against the occupation of property by sit-down strikers.

The address of the executive was preceded by the appearance of Governor W. C. Newland, often termed the father of Appalachian, who is chairman of the board of trustees and who introduced the bill in the assembly which created the institution. The beloved barrister recited interestingly the obstacles which presented themselves when his legislation called upon the state for the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for the establishment of what is now a two million dollar educational plant. When the bill was killed in committee, said Governor Newland, Clyde Hoey brought the measure to the floor on a minority report and after a hard struggle the Appalachian Training School became a state institution.

## The Hoey Speech

Governor Hoey expressed pleasure in having been able as a young legislator to aid in the establishment of what is now Appalachian College, and spoke of having been a member of the assembly in 1902 when two hundred thousand dollars were set aside from state funds for the support of the public schools of the state. He briefly followed the growth of education in the state and called attention to the fact that during the last session of the legislature, twenty-four million dollars was the allotment to the public schools, furnishing a uniform eight-months term as against the three and a half months made possible during the days of Aycock.

The executive called attention to the rapid progress made by the state along all constructive lines and appealed for a greater interest on the part of the people in the affairs of government both in the state and nation.

Turning to the industrial disturbances which have taken place in the form of sit-down strikes throughout the nation, Governor Hoey stated that during his administration the occupation of property by workers would not be tolerated. He stated unions were all right, that participation in their activities, even to the point of striking was not distasteful to him, but that the property of manufacturers would be protected and that the inherent right of the people of this state to work and earn a livelihood should not be abridged.

Stating that he had granted paroles to 465 prisoners during his tenure, the governor explained the efforts of the parole board, under the new laws, to rehabilitate those who have been convicted of violations of the criminal code. At the same time he lauded the state for complying with the social security act and referred to the protection thus given dependent children and the aged of the commonwealth.

The auditorium was crowded with college students, townspeople and citizens from outlying communities for the address of Mr. Hoey, who had never appeared here since he was elected to the state's highest office. He was introduced by Dr. B. B. Dougherty, college president and close friend of the governor for many years.

## Annual Meeting of W. M. U. Announced

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Three Forks Association will hold its annual meeting with the Poplar Grove church on Friday, July 30, beginning at 10 a. m., and continuing through the day.

Lunch will be served by the ladies of the Poplar Grove neighborhood, and a cordial invitation is extended to all.

## SMITHEY'S SALE

Mr. Owen Wilson, manager of the Smithey store, uses page eight of The Democrat today in telling of what he believes are the most remarkable values his store has ever offered. All lines, says Mr. Wilson, have been marked down, and the details of the midsummer clearance sale can be found in the newspaper today.