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CALL TO BATTLE ISSUED BY DRYS

Local Unit of the United Dry Forces Plan Active Opposition to Whiskey

Officers of Watauga's unit of the United Dry Forces of North Carolina are prepared to continue with an active fight in behalf of temperance, according to information given out Tuesday morning, and the local organization is heartened by the strong statement issued by Hon. Cale K. Burgess, state dry chairman, which is as follows:

"The tide of battle has turned. During 1937, the wets forced 18 county elections and lost 10 of them. They called these elections in the counties where they thought they could win most easily, but they lost in more than 55% of the territory selected by themselves.

"Furthermore, these 18 elections were held under the provisions of a statute prepared by the wets themselves. By legalizing beer up to 24% alcoholic content and permitting transportation of whiskey into dry counties, this statute impaired the effectiveness of prohibition in all counties and created a situation that the wets thought would enable them to carry every county. But they lost in 10 of the 18 elections and they have not been able to set up liquor stores in any county west of Durham.

"Now is the time for the friends of temperance to redouble their efforts and wipe out the beer shops and liquor stores that are increasing human slaughter on our highways and disgracing our state with drunkenness, debauchery and crime. This goal can be achieved if those who are opposed to the liquor traffic will work for the nomination and election of representatives and senators who will vote against liquor and who will provide an effective plan for law enforcement. A vast majority of our citizens are opposed to this destructive traffic; and we can elect a general assembly that will give us righteous laws and elect sheriffs, solicitors and judges who will enforce these laws.

"Opposition to the liquor traffic is right; and right will triumph. To doubt this is to lack faith in God. With determination and faith, we must organize, work and win.

"We call upon the friends of temperance in every county and in every precinct to meet immediately and organize for the purpose of nominating and electing legislators and law enforcement who will close the beer shops and liquor stores and drive the liquor traffic, both legal and illegal, from the borders of our state.

If we will organize and work, we can win a glorious victory for our homes and our state."

P-T. A. WILL BE FORMED HERE

Organization Meeting to Be Held in Elementary School Building Thursday

Parents and teachers of the Boone schools are invited to attend a meeting scheduled for Thursday afternoon of this week at 3:30 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a local chapter of the Parent-Teacher Association. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the elementary demonstration school. Patrons of the school are urged to attend.

The Boone high school band will play a few selections prior to the business meeting.

LEES-McRAE COLLEGE ADDS NEW COURSE

Banner Elk, Feb. 2.—Beginning next fall, Lees-McRae College will offer in co-operation with Grace Hospital here a course for the training of medical secretaries. Lees-McRae will be the only college in the south which will offer such a curriculum.

Announcement of the addition of the new course was made recently by Leo K. Pritchett, dean and registrar, who states that a detailed description of the course will appear in the 1938-39 Lees-McRae catalogue, which will soon be off the press.

Mr. Pritchett and Miss Marybeth Hurst, registered record librarian at Grace Hospital, have after extensive research and authoritative advice, outlined the curriculum. Training which the students will receive will be of the type approved by the American College of Surgeons.

Those are men-stealers who abduct, keep, sell or buy slaves or freemen.—Grotius

Overland in '52



Napa, Calif.—One of the oldest, if not the oldest, of living Golden State pioneers is Mrs. Mary Harris Stecker who celebrated her 102nd birthday this month. Mrs. Stecker came to California in a prairie schooner across country from her native Missouri in 1852. Celebrating with her are five children ranging in age from 32 to 62 years.

JOHN M'BRIDE IS DEAD AT AGE 83

Pioneer Resident of the Cove Creek Section, Succumbs After Long Illness

Mr. John McBride, one of the pioneer citizens of Cove Creek, died at his home Monday evening after a protracted illness. He was 83 years of age.

Funeral services were conducted from the Cove Creek Baptist church Tuesday afternoon by the pastor, Rev. Philip Fletcher, and interment was in the Cove Creek cemetery.

Mr. McBride was married to Miss Carrie C. Mast April 14, 1872, and six children were born, three of whom survive: Mrs. A. S. Johnson, Mrs. R. L. Henson, Mrs. Ed Henson, all of the Cove Creek section. One brother, Butler McBride, of Madisonville, Tenn., also survives as do two sisters, Mrs. Enoch Swift, of Amana, and Mrs. Andy Tester of Peoria.

Mr. McBride, who was well known and highly esteemed throughout this region joined the Cove Creek Baptist church early in life and was a consistent member until his death. He leaves a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren, together with a host of relatives and friends.

Mr. Harris Resigns From Spainhour's

Mr. A. S. Harris, for the past seven and a half years manager of the Spainhour store in this city, has resigned his position to accept more lucrative employment with another company, as to which a later announcement will be made. Mr. Harris states that he will not enter upon his new duties for a month or more, during which period he will enjoy a vacation.

Mr. Harris is being succeeded by Mr. S. O. Cook, who has been employed at the Spainhour store in North Wilkesboro for the past several months and who is known as a merchant of ability and popularity.

Mr. Harris' resignation was effective as of February 1, but he is remaining during the week, helping to acquaint his successor with the various departments of the store.

In severing his connection with Spainhour's, Mr. Harris thanks the people of this section for their co-operation in aiding him to make the establishment one of the foremost department stores of the northwest, and bespeaks the same consideration for his successor. Mr. Harris is exceedingly popular throughout this region and his regrets over severing his business connections here are shared by a host of friends.

AMERICAN LEGION TO MEET FRIDAY EVENING

Watauga Post American Legion will hold a meeting at the Legion hut Friday evening at 7:30, and all members are urged to be present, as there is important business to be transacted. Officials state that even if the weather is extremely cold, that the quarters will be entirely comfortable.

The American Legion Auxiliary will gather at the same time and place and a full attendance is requested.

BIRTHDAY BALL DECIDED SUCCESS

258 Buy Tickets For Annual Affair; Receipts Larger Than Heretofore

The President's Birthday Ball, which was held at the Daniel Boone hotel last Friday evening was the most widely attended of any similar occasion thus far held, according to its sponsors and the net returns from the event were \$122.50, this amount having been forwarded first of the week to the National Foundation for the Prevention and Cure of Infantile Paralysis. Two hundred and fifty-eight residents of Watauga and adjoining counties participated in the colorful event.

Mayor W. H. Gragg, general chairman of the ball, and Pat McGuire, chairman of the general arrangements committee, join in expressing their appreciation to the people for their co-operation in making the benefit affair such a signal success. At the same time the ladies responsible for the bridge and set-back tables thank the following firms for their generosity in providing the prizes.

Dixie Stores, Caro-Jean Inn, B. W. Stallings, Carolina Pharmacy, Sanitary Barber Shop, Carolina Hotel, City Meat Market, Central Barber Shop, Spainhour's, Inc., Boone Drug Co., A. & F. Store, Belk-White Co., Highland Furniture Co., City Barber Shop, Mullins & Clay, Smith's, Bare's Fair Store, McGuire Beauty Salon, Johnson-Stewart Co., Boone Photo Shop, Parkway Filling Station, Farmers Hardware Co., Crest 5 and 10, Boone Trail Cafe, Lillian Mae Beauty Shoppe, Ab Bingham's Barber Shop, Pastime Theatre, Highland Cleaners, New River Light & Power Co., Joe Todd Esso Station, Chevrolet Co., H. & H. Oil Co., College Book Room, Boone Steam Laundry.

CONTRIBUTIONS GO OVER TOP

New York, Jan. 30.—Incomplete returns from 15,900 celebrations of President Roosevelt's 55th birthday indicated today, said Keith Morgan, national chairman of the "fight infantile paralysis" campaign, that "all records were shattered."

He said reports of contributions to the new national foundation for infantile paralysis showed New York, Washington, Boston, Baltimore and Chicago, as well as other cities, were "far over the top," but that it was too early to hazard a guess as to the total amount of money collected.

The proceeds of the thousands of birthday parties will be combined in the campaign fund. Morgan said a number of additional celebrations would be held the next few days.

TO ASSIST TAXPAYERS

In order to assist local federal income taxpayers in filing their returns, a deputy collector of internal revenue will be at the Boone Drug Store March 1. There is no charge for the service rendered by the official.

Work on Blue Ridge Parkway to Provide Jobs For Many

Washington, Feb. 2.—Construction of new sections of the Blue Ridge Parkway and bituminous treatment of rock surface roads in the parkway system this spring give promise of taking care of a large amount of relief labor. A. E. Demaray, associate director of the National Park Service, said today.

Demaray pointed out that four contracts were let in January for construction of two sections of the parkway: 12.6 miles on section 2-J from Beacon Heights to Linville Falls and 10 miles on section 2-K from Linville Falls to McKinney Gap, a steel bridge on section 2-M, and a crossing separation on 2-D. He estimated that these contracts amount to about \$1,100,000 for North Carolina.

The Park Service also hopes to advertise soon for bids on other grade separations on section 2-B and 2-D, estimated to cost \$73,000, and the parkway section 2-L, running from McKinney Gap to Gooch Gap. Plans for other sections are complete, and the Park Service is waiting only for the state to obtain rights-of-way before advertising for bids. Although it was thought in the fall that this construction would be contracted for before Christmas, the Park Service now hopes to let the contracts before spring.

"We are reasonably sure of having all construction on the Blue Ridge Parkway under way by spring," Demaray said.

GROUNDHOG SEES SHADOW



The groundhog, most ancient of the weather prognosticators, looked over the mountain terrain this morning (Wednesday), saw his shadow reflected, and according to the age-old superstition, retreated immediately into his den, where he will remain for the next forty days, sheltering himself from the rigorous weather which is supposed to ensue.

Groundhog Day Began Many Centuries Ago

The groundhog became a weather profit centuries ago in Great Britain and Germany and immigrants brought the custom to America where it has grown.

Now there are clubs throughout the country that go out on February 2 looking for groundhogs. In the early part of the present century a group of merry wags gathered at Quarryville, Pa., and organized the Slumbering Groundhog Lodge. Today members of the lodge will gather, dressed in high silk hats and night shirts and carrying canes and will go out into the fields searching for groundhogs.

Besides being groundhog day, this is Candlemas Day, or feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, observed by the Roman, Greek and Anglican churches.

Handed down through the centuries is this song:

"If Candlemas Day be dry and fair,
Winter will have another flight,
But if it be dark with clouds and rain,
Winter is gone and will not come again."

While followers of the groundhog tradition prepared to watch for the animal's shadow today there came word from Dr. J. P. Moore of the University of Pennsylvania, that there is nothing to the groundhog legend.

"It's merely a matter of garlic," he said. "Garlic is one of the earliest greens and the groundhog often comes up this early to find out how the crop is coming along."

But mountaineers discount that theory for there is no garlic in the mountains of the south and the groundhog always comes out on February 2.

Held on Charges of Stealing Automobile

Ed Lowrance of Boone, is being held in the county jail on charges of stealing the automobile of Gordon Winkler of this city, last Thursday night. The car was taken from the Winkler home and at 1 o'clock the next morning, Chief of Police Ollis had a phone call from the authorities at Lenoir, stating that Lowrance had been found violating a traffic ordinance. Mr. Ollis asked that he be held, and had him returned to Boone Friday morning, together with the missing car, which he was driving when apprehended.

Lawrence waived examination before a magistrate and is being held in jail for trial at the spring term of superior court.

Sir Francis Dyke Acland, a member of the British parliament, makes his own neckties with a hand loom.

St. Helena, the island where Napoleon spent his last days, is 1200 miles off the west coast of Africa.

MANY TO ATTEND LINCOLN DINNER

Local Republicans Will Journey to Greensboro on 12th; Young Republicans to Meet

No less than a score of Watauga county Republicans will be in attendance at the Lincoln Day Dinner in Greensboro Saturday, February 12 according to Russell D. Hodges, chairman of the Watauga county Republican executive committee, who insists that those who have not hitherto signified their intention of attending, get in touch with him at once, so that transportation may be arranged.

Hon. Hamilton Fish of New York state, who has been mentioned as a Republican presidential possibility, will deliver the principal address of the evening. He is known as one of the most convincing speakers in the country today, and the committee on arrangements feels fortunate in having arranged for his appearance.

Young Republicans to Meet

A simultaneous announcement comes from Mr. Clyde R. Greene of Boone, a member of the executive committee of the Young Republicans of North Carolina, to the effect that that organization will also hold morning and afternoon sessions in Greensboro on the 12th, at which time officers will be elected for the coming year and other important business attended to. Registration will begin at 9 a. m., the morning session at 10:30 and the afternoon session at 2 o'clock. The state executive committee will meet at 3 o'clock, and the Lincoln Day Dinner will be held at seven.

A full representation from this section at both the meeting of the Young Democrats and the Lincoln dinner is urgently desired.

FSA Chattel Transfers Require Legal Releases

Persons selling, trading or receiving chattels mortgaged to the Farm Security Administration as security for rehabilitation loans are liable to court action by the government if legal releases have not been secured according to notice received from the regional attorney, reports Paul Chappell, county rehabilitation supervisor of the FSA, Avery and Watauga counties.

Restrictions are placed on sale or transfer of chattels mortgaged to FSA not only to provide partial security for rehabilitation loans but to insure maintenance of sufficient operating goods to keep the farm on a productive basis and carry out farm plans, says the notice.

Where sale or trade of mortgaged chattels is necessary because of changes in farm operation authorization for transfer of such property should be secured through the county supervisor's office, Mr. Chappell pointed out.

Quill toothpicks are more popular than wooden ones in England.

PUBLIC CONCERT TO BE GIVEN BY LOCAL BAND BOYS

Mr. Nash's High School Group to Appear Today; for Fifth Time; Will Enter Band Contest in Greensboro; Uniforms to Be Provided Soon

At the meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association which is to be held Thursday afternoon at 3:30 in the Demonstration school auditorium, Mr. Gordon Nash will present the Boone High School Band in its fifth public appearance. Previous appearances by the band have been at the high school assembly on December 18, two basketball games, and the county teachers' meeting here Saturday.

Plans are being made to enter the band in Class D in the band contest which will be held in Greensboro on April 16th. It is hoped that band uniforms may be purchased in the school colors, gray and blue, in the near future.

Parade rehearsals will be started as soon as the weather will permit, and a drum major is soon to be selected and trained.

Blaine Gibbs, Appalachian college senior, will assist Mr. Nash in directing the band during the spring quarter.

The band held its first rehearsal on October 16th with 15 members. The band has grown since then to 30 members, four of whom are college students. Recent additions to the band include: John T. King, alto; Joe Williams and Everett Brown, trumpeters; Ruby Kirkman and Marcella Coleman, clarinets.

Mr. Nash hopes to start a new band in the spring quarter in order to have an organization feeding the senior band throughout the year.

SUNDAY HUNTING IS PROHIBITED

Conservation Department Bans Sabbath Gunning; Fishing on Sunday Permitted

Effective next Sunday, February 6, Sunday hunting in the state of North Carolina is outlawed, according to advices received from the State Department of Conservation by H. Grady Farthing, of Boone, district game supervisor. Violation of the new regulation will be a misdemeanor, it is said, as provided in section 25 of the state game laws. The necessary legal notice which prohibits Sunday hunting has been posted in accordance with the law, at the courthouse door of each county.

Mr. Farthing is advised, however, that anglers are permitted to fish on Sunday as heretofore, as there is nothing in the law which would bar this practice.

FATHER OF DR. WARMAN DIES IN INDIANA CITY

Dr. F. E. Warman, pastor of the Boone Advent Christian church, returned to Boone last Wednesday from New Albany, Indiana, where he was called on account of the death of his father, Rev. J. L. Warman. Rev. Mr. Warman succumbed suddenly on the 21st from a heart attack. He was 82 years of age.

Funeral services for the esteemed minister and former teacher, were conducted Monday, the 24th, from the United Brethren church at Carwood, Indiana, by the Reverend J. H. Crouse, minister of the Advent Christian church of Chicago, and interment was in the cemetery in that city.

Survivors include the widow and seven sons and daughters: John W. Warman, Borden, Ind.; Dr. A. P. Warman, Indianapolis, Ind.; Rev. George Warman, Palmer, Ind.; Dr. F. E. Warman, Boone; Mrs. Sadie Tingle, Atlantic, Ia.; Mrs. Hettie Seaver, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. Bertha Lockwood, Lake George, Colo. There are 24 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, and the death of Rev. Mr. Warman is the first that has occurred in his family or the families of either of his children.

39,700 KILLED BY AUTOS

Chicago, Feb. 1.—The 1937 traffic slaughter reached a new high of 39,700 deaths, the National Safety council reported today in announcing its preliminary estimate of 106,000 accidental deaths of all types for the year. The highway toll was a gain of four per cent over the 38,089 killed in 1936, but the council accounted for it in part by an increase of nine per cent in automobile travel last year.