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LOCAL PARTISANS HONOR LINCOLN

Score of Wataugas Attend Lincoln Day Dinner in Greensboro; Fish is Speaker

Twenty-two Watauga county citizens attended the Lincoln Day dinner in Greensboro Saturday evening, many of them also participating in the meeting of the Young Republicans held during the day. The meeting was described by the local Republicans as the largest and most enthusiastic gathering of representatives of the minority party since 1928.

Those going from Watauga were: Mrs. W. M. Thomas, S. C. Eggers, Dewitt Barrett, C. M. Critcher, A. W. Smith, W. M. Thomas, W. H. Gragg, J. E. Holshouser, Clyde R. Greene, John W. Hodges, Green Miller, Will H. Bingham, Jack Hodges, E. F. Shore, Noah Storie, Herman Wood, Grant Greene, W. B. Day, W. C. Greene, Walter Hampton, Russell D. Hodges, Mrs. S. C. Eggers and Arnold Triplett.

Fish is Speaker

Representative Hamilton Fish, whose majority in elections in President Roosevelt's home district in New York state has increased every successive election since 1920, despite landslides toward the opposing party, was the feature speaker, and for an hour and a half held the rapt attention of the assembly.

He was greeted with applause at every point in his address which indicated the President and the New Deal with sole responsibility for the present business recession. The depression of 1932 and adjacent years, he said, was a natural result of a business boom out of proportion as in contrast to the present slump which he directly blamed upon government policies.

He said the administration bringing ruin to the south through its policies toward cotton. Half the world market for cotton is gone, he said, and the remainder is on its way out under present policies of trying to peg cotton prices far above the world market.

He compared the President's blaming business for the recession to a "baby who has lost his rattle." He quoted President Roosevelt's declaration of "We planned it that way. Don't let anyone tell you differently," two years ago with reference to improved business conditions at that time.

ROBT. F. MILLER DIES SUDDENLY

Robert F. Miller, Mabel resident, was found dead in bed at his home Friday morning. Mr. Miller had worked at a sawmill the day before and had been in his usual good health when he retired. A heart attack is supposed to have brought about his death. He was 60 years old.

Funeral services were conducted from the Mabel Methodist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, by Rev. J. W. Parker, the pastor, who was assisted by Rev. R. C. Eggers, Baptist minister, and interment was in the family cemetery. The arrangements were by Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home. A large crowd gathered for the funeral services and the floral offering was profuse and beautiful.

Surviving are the widow, three sons and five daughters: Sherman, Luther and Robert Miller; Mrs. Clara Mein, Tamarack; Misses Lizzie, Esther, Ruth and Irene Miller of Mabel. Four brothers and one sister also survive: John, Luther, Cicero and Avery Miller of Mabel; Mrs. Emma Greer of Zionville.

Mr. Miller was a farmer and lumberman by occupation and had resided in the Mabel section throughout his life, where he was held in high regard. He was an honorable and upright citizen.

PEABODY CLUB MEETS

The Peabody club had a business meeting in the Appalachian College home economics department February 14th.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. Herman Eggers; vice-president, Miss Myrtle Brandon, and secretary, Miss Ella Austin.

After the election, a social hour was enjoyed. With Miss Ruth Robinson as leader, each member wrote a verse in keeping with the Valentine spirit. This was followed by a tempting party plate, served by Miss Dale, assisted by Mrs. Matheson.

Sometime soon the club is hoping to have as their guest Dr. S. C. Garrison, president of George Peabody College.

Spiritualism Fails?



New York City.—Another in a long line of claimants fails to collect \$10,000 standing reward offered to the person who can reveal contents of messages left by the late Harry Houdini, Thomas A. Edison and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. This time it was Mrs. Anna Breant, (above) Chicago medium. The messages, sealed in envelopes and known only in a few trusted persons, can be learned only by spiritual contact with the dead.

BOY SCOUTS TAKE OVER CITY HALL

Reins of Municipal Government Turned Over to Scouts Monday Afternoon

As a climax to the celebration of national Boy Scout Anniversary Week, members of the local troop took over the management of affairs at city hall Monday afternoon. Many citizens stopped by to watch the youthful mayor and his board function, and at the conclusion of the hour the boys were given a trip about town on the fire truck.

Blaine Miller was mayor and J. C. Canipe, Jr., commissioner of finance and public works. The other members of the governing body were: J. B. Hagan and Junior Hodges, policemen; Arnold Brown, chief of police; George Timmons, policeman; Gene Bingham, Baxter Miller, John T. King and Vaughn Hagan, water department, and the fire department was composed of the following: Max Robbins, chief; John Aldridge, Stacy Eggers, John Bingham and Greer Hodges.

A few of the boys who were to have functioned were not present.

LOCAL ELECTRIC RATES REDUCED

Current Now Costing an Average of 15% Less in This Community

The State Utilities Commission has granted approval to a proposal of the New River Light & Power Company to reduce its charges for electrical current on an average of 15 per cent, and the revised rates are now in effect. A large advertisement on page two of The Democrat today gives the complete details of the four different rate classifications under which the company operates.

Company officials call attention to the new ruling making all bills due and payable when presented. Further, it is stated, payment must be made by the tenth of each month.

Chamber of Commerce Will Meet Thursday

The Boone Chamber of Commerce will meet in annual session at the Caro-Jean Inn this (Thursday) evening at 7 o'clock, the principal business in hand being the election of a new group of officers for the coming year at the present time and that year. It is said that there is great interest being shown in the many matters of intense interest to the community will come up for discussion at this meeting. The full membership is urged to attend.

J. W. CANNON, 3RD, DIES AS RESULT OF INJURY

Aiken, S. C., Feb. 13.—J. W. Cannon, 3rd, co-owner of an Orlando (Fla.) airport, and scion of the North Carolina textile family, died in a hospital here tonight from injuries he suffered in a plane crash 24 hours earlier.

PASTOR'S MEET AT MT. VERNON

Preachers' and Deacons' Revival to Be Held February 21-25; Program is Given

By J. C. CANIPE
A preacher and deacons' revival will be held at the Mt. Vernon Baptist church February 21-25. All preachers and deacons of Three Forks and Stony Fork associations are invited with any other Christian workers who wish to attend. The program will begin each day at 9:30 and continue throughout the day and even a night session every day will be held.

Local ministers on the program will include Pastors R. C. Eggers, Tipton Greene, W. J. Cook, Carl Triplett, W. C. Payne, A. E. Moretz, Henry Smith, R. E. Hendrix, Philip Fletcher, R. H. Shore, W. D. Ashley, H. M. Winkler, D. M. Edmisten and J. C. Canipe. Outside preachers will be J. C. Pipes and Howard J. Ford. Those in charge are looking forward to a great week with this fine group of pastors praying, consulting and studying the Bible.

The good people of Mt. Vernon church have agreed to entertain the visitors free of cost. The features of the program will be Bible study led by Rev. J. C. Canipe; stewardship and discipleship study led by Rev. J. C. Pipes of Asheville; and the night lectures by Rev. Howard Ford of Sparta, a popular young pastor.

The local pastors named above will conduct devotionals and preach throughout the week. This ought to be a week of old-time pentecostal power-baptizing us with power to do our work as we have never done it before. Fellow preachers and deacons and church workers of this and adjoining associations, let us lay aside this week for this purpose and let us come prepared to pray and seek God's will for our lives in a new and deeper way. And that through us God may reach our churches and people for a larger day in the future.

Program

Following is the program for each day's service:

9:30 a. m.—Devotions.
10 a. m.—Bible Study led by J. C. Canipe.
11 a. m.—Stewardship Study led by J. C. Pipes.
12—Noon recess for lunch.
1:30 p. m.—Devotions.
2 p. m.—Sermon preparation by different pastors: Monday, W. D. Ashley; Tuesday, J. C. Canipe; Wednesday, H. M. Winkler; Thursday, Philip Fletcher; Friday, Dwight Edmisten.

3 p. m.—Question Hour and Pastoral Problems: Monday, Is it wise to group churches on fields? Philip Fletcher; Tuesday, How should churches secure pastors? Dwight Edmisten; Wednesday, Are our Baptist churches missionary? R. C. Eggers; Thursday, What is mission of church in the world? W. D. Ashley; Friday, What is the best method to finance a church? J. C. Canipe.

Evening Service

6:45 p. m.—Young peoples' work, Howard J. Ford.
7:30 p. m.—Service under direction of J. C. Pipes.

John R. Jones Will Not Be a Candidate

John R. Jones of North Wilkesboro, who is completing his twelfth year as solicitor of the 17th district, has announced that he will not be a candidate to succeed himself, and that at the end of his present term he will devote his time to his law practice and to his farming interests. Mr. Jones has the distinction of being the only Republican solicitor in the state.

The announced candidates as successor to Mr. Jones are Avalon E. Hall of Yadkinville, and J. F. Jordan of Wilkesboro.

741,325 IN STATE ASK FOR SECURITY NUMBERS

Raleigh, Feb. 13.—A total of 741,325 North Carolinians have applied for social security account numbers, Stacey W. Wade, manager of the Raleigh social security field office, said today.

BARBER TOOLS RETURNED

Chief of Police Ollis on Tuesday effected the return of a number of shears, razors and clippers, which were stolen from the City Barber Shop on February 6. An innocent purchaser of the stolen goods gladly returned them to the chief, who believes that within a short time he will be able to bring to justice the man who took the implements from the shop.

MARS TAKES ANOTHER MOVE



The stakes, the destiny of nations. The pawns, shown above. Mars moves again in a new world-wide political and military lineup. Admiral Claude C. Bloch (right 1) succeeds Admiral Arthur J. Hepburn as commander-in-chief of the United States fleet. Britain's Sir Roger Backhouse (2) is new first sea lord of His Majesty's navy. Adolf Hitler (3) purges Nazi army and diplomatic ranks of old-time conservatives, gathered into his hands more personal power while Europe trembles and Mussolini (L. 3) applauds the establishment of another "totalitarian state." Again, in the Reich, Hermann Goering (4) newly named field marshal, demands return of Germany's "lost" colonies, dominance of Danzig and Austria, and possible annexation of Czechoslovakia.

GREAT SMOKIES FUND APPROVED

President Authorizes \$743,000 To Buy Necessary Acreage in Tennessee

Washington, Feb. 14.—President Roosevelt cleared the way today for completion of land acquisition for the Great Smoky Mountains National park in North Carolina and Tennessee.

He signed a bill authorizing a \$743,000 appropriation to buy approximately 26,000 acres on the Tennessee side necessary to bring the park up to the required 436,000 acres.

All land on the North Carolina side has been acquired.

Representative McReynolds of Tennessee, who was with the President when the bill was signed, said an effort would be made to obtain the necessary funds to carry out the authorization either when the interior department appropriations bill comes up or in one of the future deficiency supply measures.

Although authorized in 1926, the Great Smoky park has not yet officially become a national park because of delay in acquiring all the necessary acreage.

LOCAL INSURANCE AGENCY LEADS FIELD

The Frank M. Payne agency for the Security Life and Trust Company has distinguished itself by having led all other agencies of the company in the amount of business written thus far in 1937. Mr. Payne is justly proud of his record, especially in view of the fact that agencies in the larger cities of the state were considerably below his record.

Mrs. Elmer Miller of Woodleaf, spent the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Farthing.

SMALL AD "SWAMPS" LUMBER COMPANY

The Democrat is in receipt of the following letter from the Whiting Lumber Company, which rather craves relief from the deluge of responses to their ad in The Democrat last week. It says: Watauga Democrat, Boone, N. C.

Dear Mr. Rivers:

We have had such unexpected response to the ad we recently inserted in your "wanted to buy" column that we have been literally swamped with dry lumber from your section. As we have only a limited kiln capacity here and have already received more oak than we can use during the next thirty days, would thank you to cancel the ad we have been running in your paper.

The results obtained from this small ad have been highly satisfactory and we regret that it is necessary for us to cancel the same.

Yours very truly,
Whiting Lumber Company,
By J. E. Godsey.

CLARENCE POTTER HELD IN SHOOTING OF STACY ROARK

Former Wataugan Claims Self-Defense in Shooting of Neighbor; Is In Tennessee Jail; Defendant Featured in Murder Case Thirty Years Ago

Clarence Potter, formerly of the North Fork section of Watauga county, and whose prowess in gun battles almost cost him his life more than thirty years ago, is a prisoner in the Mountain City jail, where he was taken Sunday evening following the slaying of a neighbor, Stacy Roark.

The shooting, according to information reaching Boone the first of the week, occurred at the Potter home near Shouns, and the accused is said to have claimed self-defense. A load from a shotgun entered the right shoulder, it is reported, ranging downward into the body. Death ensued within a short time. Potter, it is said, claimed he fired the fatal shot from his bed as Roark broke through the door. The location of the wound, however, led some of the people of the neighborhood to discredit this story, it is said, their belief being that the gun was fired from the rear of the dead man. Liqueur is said to have figured somewhat in the tragedy, although it was said Potter was apparently sober when officers arrived Tuesday the accused man had not yet been given a preliminary hearing.

Older residents of the county recall the trial of Clarence Potter at the spring term court of 1903. At that time he was sentenced by the late Judge B. F. Long to be hanged for being an accessory in the murder of Amos Howell on November 5, 1902. The execution was to have been on May 8, 1903, but the supreme court granted a new trial and Potter was acquitted. Howell was slain by Boone Potter, cousin of Clarence, as he attempted to serve a warrant on them for a misdemeanor, evaded the officers and Clarence was arrested. Boone Potter was never taken, but was shot and killed by Bill Hamby, who was acting as a special officer. No man, so far as is known, was ever hanged in the county, and the 18-year-old Potter was the first to hear the sentence of death imposed.

Mrs. Keller Rites Are Held Friday

Funeral services for Mrs. Bina Culler Keller, aged 49, were conducted from the Boone Baptist church Friday afternoon by the pastor, Rev. J. C. Canipe, and interment followed in the community cemetery. Mrs. Keller died at her home in Boone Thursday evening after an illness of several months, which had appeared critical for the past many weeks.

Surviving are two sons, Dale and Beach Keller, both of Boone; four brothers, Ed and Walter Culler of Boone; Frank and Ben Culler of Zionville; three sisters, Mrs. Will Pennell, Mrs. Bedford Greene of Boone, and Mrs. J. M. Cornell of Zionville.

Mrs. Keller was a daughter of the late John Culler and was reared in the Rich Mountain section of Watauga county. For about twenty years she had resided in Boone, where she was a valued employee of the Appalachian College. Her last work for the institution before she became ill was in connection with the operation of the college telephone exchange. Mrs. Keller was a member of the Baptist church and lived a consistent Christian life. She leaves a wide circle of friends in this community and county who are saddened because of her demise.

FUNERAL SATURDAY FOR MR. JOE WRIGHT

Last rites were held Saturday afternoon at Newland for Joe Wright. He had lived in Gunter'sville, Ala., for 20 years until a year ago, when he came to the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vance. The relatives who survive include the widow, eight children, ten grandchildren, three sisters and one brother.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Winkler and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Angel of Boone, attended the funeral service.

LOANS NOW AVAILABLE

The Production Credit Association is now prepared to make loans to farmers in amounts varying upward from \$50, and full information may be secured from Mrs. Ellis at the Sugar Grove National Farm Loan Association office in the old bank building.

HARRY B. BURLESON DIES

Harry B. Burleson, 46, prominent Avery county business man and chairman of the Avery county board of education, died last Thursday in Grace hospital, Banner Elk. He had been ill two weeks.

Surviving Mr. Burleson are his widow; step-daughter, Miss Rosalind Fagsdale of Winston-Salem; his mother, Mrs. J. M. Gragg of Newland; three sisters, Mrs. Ronald Hughes of Newland, Mrs. T. L. Ray of Erwin, Tenn., and Mrs. Claude Banner of Wilcox, W. Va.

Junior Henson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Henson of Vilas, is in the Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, where an operation for pleurisy was performed last Sunday.

Postal Receipts Show An Increase

Postmaster W. G. Hartzog reports an increase of \$262.39 in postal receipts for January of this year over January of 1937, or 24 per cent. In January of 1937 the receipts were \$1,092.49; January, 1938, \$1,354.88.

"BRIAR HOPPER BOYS"

The Briar Hopper Boys, famed musicians of radio station WBT, will appear at the courthouse Saturday evening, February 26th, at 8 o'clock. The concert is under the sponsorship of the Boone high school and the proceeds from the entertainment will go to the junior class to aid in financing the junior-senior banquet. Tickets will be on sale at the Carolina Pharmacy the first of the week at 15 and 25 cents.