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## Okays TVA Quiz



Washington.—TVA continues to hold the capitol spotlight. Above, Senator George W. Norris, pioneer advocate of federal power projects, endorses a move for a congressional quiz of Chairman Arthur Morgan's charges of maladministration. Norris previously objected to the investigation fearing that a possible scandal would jeopardize future of similar developments throughout the country.

## M. L. COLLINS DIES AT SPARTA HOME

Father of County Agent W. B. Collins, Was 74 Years Old; Rites Held Saturday

M. L. Collins, aged 74 years, one of Alleghany county's most prominent citizens, and father of W. B. Collins, Watauga county farm agent, died at his home near Sparta last Thursday.

The funeral services were conducted at Crab Creek church Saturday and interment was in the nearby cemetery. A large number from the home neighborhood as well as the surrounding territory, gathered to pay their respects.

Survivors include the widow and five sons and daughters: W. B. Collins, Boone; P. C. Collins, Glade Valley; Mrs. T. L. Edwards, Bel Air, Md.; Mrs. R. C. Todd, Elk Creek, Va.; and C. G. Collins, Edwards Cross Roads.

Besides Mr. and Mrs. Collins, those attending the funeral from Boone were T. C. Baird, Miss Wilma Baird, H. Neal Blair, L. M. Hodges, Fred Edmisten and H. M. Hamilton.

Mr. Collins, who was a native of Alleghany county, was a farmer by occupation, and was known as one of the best and most influential citizens in his section. He was honorable and upright and contributed a full share toward the development of his community and county.

## Books Needed For County Library

Superintendent Howard Walker announces that any assistance by the people of Watauga county in co-operation with the "Book Drive" sponsored by the WPA library project would be greatly appreciated. As the public knows, there is a scarcity of libraries in this county. The WPA library project has undertaken to eliminate this. All those who can are urged to donate a book. The Boy Scout Troop 40 is assisting Mrs. Elsie Hagaman, county library supervisor, in this drive. Those having donations will please get in touch with the above parties. These books are to be used by the entire county. It is felt that this program will be beneficial to the welfare of the county, and should be of interest to everyone.

Probably some have good books that are slightly worn, but do not hesitate to send them as the book-mending project will take care of that.

## Wilson Again Heads Local Election Group

Mr. A. D. Wilson was again named chairman of the Watauga county board of elections at a meeting of the state elections group in Raleigh Saturday. Other members of the board who were renamed include James T. Gross and J. E. Holshouser.

## DR. GROVER A VISITOR

Dr. E. O. Grover of Winter Park, Fla., founder of the Blowing Rock School of English, was a visitor on the mountaintop last week and stated that the prospects for his school this year are exceedingly bright. He expects to return about April 15. Dr. Grover was accompanied here by Mr. and Mrs. Jhon Connery, also of Winter Park, Mr. Connery being the director of the Meade Botanical Gardens.

## WATAUGA GETS \$19,956 THROUGH AAA PAYMENTS

North Carolina Receives \$12,304,301.25 For Complying With Federal Soil Conservation Act of 1936

Washington, March 26.—The agricultural adjustment administration has just completed payment of \$12,304,301.25 to North Carolina farmers under the soil conservation act. Of this sum, farmers of Watauga county received \$19,956.95.

The payments were for complying with the soil conservation act of 1936. This law was enacted by congress as a substitute for the old AAA law held unconstitutional by the supreme court on the grounds that it illegally levied a processing tax and that crop production could not be controlled as designed in the act.

The 1936 substitute pays farmers to retire land from use in growing non-competitive crops and, as a result, paid out a total of \$398,230,333 in 1937 for 1936 compliance.

Counties adjacent to Watauga received the following amounts: Ashe, \$24,585.95; Avery, \$10,885.19; Caldwell, \$17,711.02; Wilkes, \$32,424.50.

## HIGH SCHOOL BAND TO SERENADE CITY

Local Musical Group Will Wear Uniforms for First Time as They Appear on Street

The Boone high school band is scheduled to march through town next Saturday and will appear in a street concert in the downtown business section.

The band boys have just received their new uniforms and will wear them for the first time on this occasion.

The high school officials desire at this time to express their appreciation to the governing body of the city for its donation to the band and to Mr. John Conway of the Belk-White Company, who made possible the purchase of the uniforms at cost.

## TOWNSHIP TAX NOTICES POSTED

Listing Will Get Under Way April 4th; Prompt Listing Is Urged

Tax list takers for the various townships in the county have posted notices of times and places for the purpose of listing taxes and citizens of each township are asked to look for the notices and plan to list for taxes on the earliest convenient date and appointment.

C. D. McNeill, tax supervisor, calls attention to the fact that all taxpayers are required to list their property in their own townships, as list-takers are not prepared to list in other townships.

Following are the list-takers named for the various townships:

Bald Mountain, Glenn Howell.  
Boone, W. L. Trivette.  
Blowing Rock, Roscoe Hartley.  
Beaver Dam, Marshall Edmisten.  
Blue Ridge, Marion Coffey.  
Cove Creek, Harve Wilson.  
Elk, P. G. Carroll.  
Laurel Creek, J. L. Shull.  
Meat Camp, J. B. Clawson.  
North Fork, Walter South.  
Shawneehaw, Dallas Edmisten.  
Stony Fork, E. B. Hardin.  
Watauga, Hayden Fox.

## Young Democrats To Gather In Salisbury

A meeting of the young Democrats of the ninth congressional district is to be held in Salisbury next Saturday, and Attorney Wade E. Brown, chairman of the local organization, urges that there be a full delegation in attendance from Watauga county.

The rally will be held at the Yackin hotel, where an immense crowd is expected to hear the address by Congressman Robert L. Doughton. Others prominent in the political life of the state are also expected to make remarks.

It is suggested that those desiring to attend communicate at once with Mr. Brown.

## ROAD DAMAGE SUITS SETTLED

More Than \$3,000 Awarded in Consent Judgment Against State Highway Group

The suit which had been instituted some time ago against the State Highway and Public Works Commission by Messrs. J. J. Mast, J. E. Harbin and John H. Bingham, in which the plaintiffs sought damages as a result of the building of the first lap of the Laurel Creek highway, has been settled, according to information given out the first of the week by Austin E. South, clerk of the superior court.

The consent judgment, it is understood allows damages to the plaintiffs as follows: Mr. Mast \$1,500; Mr. Harbin \$400, and Mr. Bingham \$1,250.

It is freely predicted that since the settlement of the damage suit has been effected, that there will be further letting of contracts on the much-needed highway during the coming summer.

## VOTERS TO GATHER AT BLOWING ROCK

Mass Meeting to Be Held Friday to Acquaint Citizens With Bond Proposal

A mass meeting of the citizens of the town of Blowing Rock will be held at the school auditorium there Friday evening, April 1, at 7:30, according to an announcement made Tuesday by Mayor D. P. Coffey. The meeting is called for the purpose of considering the proposal to issue bonds for the expansion of the water and sewer system of the popular resort town.

An election has been called for April 12, and it will then be decided whether or not \$85,000 in bonds will be issued for water and sewer expansion to meet the needs of the growing summer resort.

Mr. Coffey states that he is most anxious for every voter of Blowing Rock, both men and women, to gather at the mass meeting, in order that the proposal may be fully discussed and explained. At this time any misunderstanding which may exist regarding the proposal may be cleared up.

Blowing Rock is expecting to have one of the best seasons in its history this year, due to the opening of the Blue Ridge Parkway and the publicity which has resulted from the construction of the scenic thoroughfare. Town officials explain that with any appreciable increase in the tourist population, they fear a shortage in the present water supply. They feel that with a proper understanding of the proposal, the citizenry will be ready and willing to make possible the bond issue.

## Big Safety Crusade Will Start On Friday

The most widespread "Drive Safety Crusade" in Carolina history gets under way Friday, April 1, it was revealed by A. E. Hodges, president of the H. & H. Oil Company, local Purol distributors.

It is explained that the crusade is in an attempt to reduce the highway accident toll and to get motorists to thinking about safe driving and the observance of road and highway rules. It is pointed out that in 1937 in the United States more than 39,000 people were killed on the highways, and 1,360,000 people injured.

The first step for participation in the crusade, which will be open to everyone without cost or obligation, will be to sign a pledge to drive safely and observe the rules of the road. The crusade is to be a sustained, concerted attack on careless driving. Newspaper advertisements are to carry the rules of the safety contest which will run during the month of April. Seventy-five cash prizes are being offered with a first prize of \$250, a second prize of \$100 and 73 other awards for the best safety slogans of ten words or less.

Further details of the contest will be announced in a later issue.

## Tax Penalty Will Increase April 1st

An additional penalty of one per cent will be added to all unpaid county and town taxes if not paid on or before April 1st.

The penalty will be three per cent after Friday of this week. Taxpayers are urged to pay now and save the additional penalty.

## MANY BUILDINGS BEING ERRECTED AT LOCAL COLLEGE

Appalachian's Building Program Goes Forward; Teacherage Being Completed, Faculty Homes to Be Built and Boys' Dormitory Will Cost \$50,000

By GENE WIKE  
"Appalachian Marches On" is the slogan adopted by Appalachian State Teachers College, and the phrase is indeed appropriate with a building program estimated by reliable architects to be around \$370,000 rapidly nearing completion.

Projects as set up by WPA appropriations along with a joint contribution from funds of the college, call for a demonstration school, \$150,000; teacherage, \$50,000; 15 faculty homes, \$5,000 each; boys' dormitory, \$50,000; revamping heating and power plant, \$35,000, and approximately \$2,000 or more for building a lake and beautification of the campus.

High School Building  
The new demonstration school may be called the sentinel of the entire program. Reliable surveys of its size and native stone design list it as one of the best in the state and far better than any in northwestern North Carolina. Today it stands complete and ready for the deluge of students who will pour through its portals at the opening of the summer school, June 8.

In view of a year-round schedule of student teaching set up by the college, special designing has fitted it ideal for the work. Twenty-four recitation rooms, sixteen large class rooms, three science laboratories, as well as offices and other compartments provide accommodation for training all local graduating teachers.

A combination stage auditorium, and gymnasium of the same type material form the main building. Fitted with modern devices, the new gymnasium gives room to a well rounded program of athletics during sporting seasons, and then furnishes a spacious (Continued on page eight)

## ALEX BROWN SEEKS PA. SENATE SEAT

Farmer Boone Resident Thinks Chances of Winning Legislative Toga Good

Mr. D. A. Brown, former Boone citizen and brother of W. H. Brown, local prison camp superintendent, and who now resides at Southampton, Pa., tells The Democrat that he has announced himself as a candidate for the state senate in the 16th Pennsylvania district, and that the chances of his being successful seem excellent. The primary is to be held on May 16.

In his announcement Mr. Brown calls for a more equitable distribution of the national income, a more liberal social security system, wage and hour legislation calling for a maximum working week of 30 hours and a minimum wage of \$25. Mr. Brown further advocates exemption from taxation of homes valued at less than \$3,000 and farm legislation assuring the farmer a fair return on his labor and investment.

In closing his announcement, Mr. Brown says, "I appeal to you to give a workingman's man a chance to represent this senatorial district in the state senate in order that capital and labor will be represented justly, fairly and honestly."

The many friends of Mr. Brown in this region will watch with interest his political venture.

## Trees and Plants Are Made Available

Mayor W. H. Gragg states that on next Tuesday morning about two hundred trees and plants, including balsams and other evergreens will be available to the citizens of the town who apply at city hall. The evergreens will be furnished the people at actual cost, and consist of high-grade nursery grown stock.

There is absolutely no profit to anybody in the handling of this shrubbery, it is said, and represents only an effort on the part of the officials to further beautify the city.

## OPERETTA AT COVE CREEK

An operetta, "Sunny of Sunnyside" will be given at the Cove Creek high school Friday evening at 7:30, the grades sponsoring the presentation. An admission fee of 10, 15 and 25 cents will be charged.

## Runs For Congress



Monroe Adams of Statesville, recently nominated by the Republicans as their candidate for congress in the ninth district, and who will oppose Representative Robert L. Doughton in the coming campaign.

## BURLEY QUOTA VOTE PLANNED

President Signs Amendment to Farm Bill to Speed Up Marketing Regulations

Washington, March 29.—Agriculture department officials said yesterday they would shortly conduct a vote among burley tobacco growers on applying controls of the new farm program.

President Roosevelt signed at

## ELECTION APRIL 9

Growers of burley tobacco in 17 North Carolina counties, which includes Watauga, will ballot on the marketing quota April 9, it is learned. According to County Agent W. B. Collins, meetings will be held to explain the tobacco referendum to the growers before the day of voting.

Warm Springs, Ga., an amendment to the new farm act which speeds up applications of marketing quotas to burley tobacco.

Agriculture department officials said the burley amendment was requested by burley growers after final figures on 1937 production indicated a larger crop than earlier estimates.

They said the indicated total supply of burley tobacco was slightly below the level fixed for conducting a referendum among growers, while the amendment approved by the President has removed this technicality.

Congressional reports said the 1937 burley crop was between 395,000,000 and 400,000,000 pounds and that the national marketing quota for this year, if approved by growers, would be about 360,000,000 pounds.

## BURLEY TOBACCO SALES

TOTAL 402,673,000 POUNDS

Washington, March 29.—The bureau of agricultural economics reported yesterday first hand sales of burley tobacco in the 1937-38 season totaled 402,673,000 pounds compared with 218,252,000 pounds in the 1936-37 season. Gross sales were reported as 417,000,000 pounds with a gross value of about \$84,000,000, compared with 232,000,000 pounds and \$83,000,000 gross value in the previous season. The bulk, or 71 per cent of the gross sales moved on Kentucky markets. About 19 per cent was sold on Tennessee markets and the remainder on outlying markets.

## Aldersgate Service Friday Evening

An Aldersgate mass meeting will be held in the Boone Methodist church Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. Paul Townsend announces. Presiding Elder John W. Moore and Rev. W. L. Hutchins will speak on what John Wesley, founder of the Methodist church, experienced at Aldersgate meeting house on May 21, 1738, when he "felt his heart strangely warmed." Members of the church and the public in general is invited to attend this service.

## TO SPEAK AT OAK GROVE

Mr. N. M. Greene of Boone, will speak at Oak Grove church next Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour. Mr. Greene will use as the subject of his discourse, "Leadership." The general public is cordially invited to attend.

## PICKARD THINKS INFLUX TOURISTS WILL BE UNUSUAL

Executive Secretary of Governor's Hospitality Committee Offers Suggestions to Local Organizations in Meeting and Greeting Increasing Number of Travelers

The members of the 100 county hospitality committees in the state will act as greeters and guides for many of the visitors and tour parties which are expected to visit North Carolina this spring and summer, according to T. E. Pickard, Jr., executive secretary of the Governor's Hospitality committee, who spoke before a joint meeting of the Boone and Blowing Rock Chambers of Commerce at the Boone high school building Thursday evening. Indications are that many touring parties ranging in size from five to 150 persons, composed of industrial men, school teachers, pleasure seekers and vacationists, are planning to visit North Carolina this spring, summer and fall.

"These four parties and visitors will visit many sections of the state with the exception of a few which have definite plans to visit only certain localities," Mr. Pickard said. "The Department of Conservation and Development has already been advised of a number of these tours and in several cases has assisted in planning the tours by mapping out suggested itineraries."

The various county hospitality committees will be advised of the dates these tourists or tour parties are expected to visit their counties, and will be requested to meet them on their arrival, extend a cordial welcome and assist in every way possible to make their tour pleasant, profitable and safe, Pickard said.

This thoughtful service by the members of the various county units of the Governor's Hospitality committee will make these visitors and touring groups feel more at home here, cause them to leave with a more friendly feeling toward the state and its people and encourage other visitors (Continued on page eight)

## NATION'S OLDEST POSTMASTER DEAD

George H. Tatum of Riverside, Succumbs at His Home After Long Illness

Mr. George H. Tatum of Riverside, just across the line in Ashe county, and who had the distinction of having served longer as postmaster than any other citizen of the United States, died at the home Sunday, after a period of declining health which began more than two years ago. He was 79 years old.

Funeral services were conducted from the Liberty Grove Baptist church Tuesday by Rev. H. M. Winkler and interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Tatum was a son of the late Elijah Tatum and had spent his entire life in the section in which he died. It was recently revealed that he had served as postmaster at Riverside for the past 58 years, which constitutes a record for the entire country in unbroken postal service. He was a farmer by occupation, a member of the Baptist church and a fine, upstanding citizen.

## PREACHING MISSION TO BE RESUMED

The series of services being held at Holy Cross Episcopal church, Valle Crucis, which was interrupted last week because of the illness of the Rev. E. D. Butt, who is in charge, will be resumed Friday night, April 1st, at 7:30 o'clock, and will close with two services Sunday.

The subject of this series is "Christian Discipleship." The public is cordially invited.

There will be no service Saturday night.

## SPAINHOUR SALE IS PRONOUNCED SUCCESS

Dollar Days at Spainhour's which were observed on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week, with special mark-downs in the prices in each department, brought forth a most satisfactory response and Manager Cook is well pleased with the outcome of the event. Incidentally, he gives a large part of the credit for the splendid sale to the effectiveness of lineage in the county paper.