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## BIRTHDAY BALL TO BE HELD JAN. 30TH AT BLOWING ROCK

Annual Benefit Dance to Be Principal Feature of Winter Social Season; Committees Named and Detailed Plans for Birthday Party Take Shape

The annual President's birthday party will be held this year on January 30, at the Blowing Rock school gymnasium, it was announced Tuesday by Roger W. McGuire, general county chairman for the benefit ball, who states that final plans are rapidly taking shape toward making this year's event the most successful thus far held in this locality and really the high spot of the winter social season.

The ball has been held in Boone each year since its inception but this time, Mr. McGuire and other members of his committee thought they would like to have it at the neighboring town of Blowing Rock. Mayor Grover C. Robbins and other leaders of the resort city were contacted Tuesday and offered their full and complete co-operation in staging the ball. Mayor Robbins, furthermore, agreed to act as master of ceremonies for the occasion, to auction off the birthday cake, and tendered complete co-operation of his administration toward making the event successful.

Dancing will begin at 9 o'clock, it is stated, with Stubby Taylor's famous Green Park orchestra supplying the syncopation, and indications are that a record-breaking crowd will gather.

Operating under the slogan, "Help the Youngster Around Your Own Corner," the birthday balls are to be held in all parts of the nation again this year, the proceeds to go for the relief of those suffering with infantile paralysis, and for additional research toward preventing polio.

Mr. McGuire says that the Tuesday Night Club of Boone is co-sponsoring the ball this year, with the aid of special committees in various localities, the complete personnel of which will be announced next week.

## P.T.A. To Conduct Amateur Contest

"The Little Men" are coming to the Appalachian Theatre. The local Parent-Teacher Association is sponsoring the showing of this popular picture at the Appalachian Theatre Tuesday, January 21.

In connection with the film an amateur contest by vocal musicians will be held, and anyone desiring to participate is requested to see Mr. Elwood Roberts for an audition. A prize of \$5.00 will be offered for the best solo, and theatre passes will be given as prizes for the best duet, trio and quartet.

The tickets will be on sale this week and patrons are urged to buy early, since the P.T.A. will share in the proceeds.

## Teachers of County To Meet Saturday

A county-wide teachers meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Appalachian high school at 10:30 o'clock on January 18, and a full attendance of all the teachers is urged.

Mrs. Ruth Vick Everett of Seaboard, field secretary of the North Carolina Education Association, will be one of the principal speakers.

## APPALACHIAN MEETS HANES HOSIERY TONIGHT

Tonight (Wednesday) Coach Clyde Canipe's Appalachian State basketball team, apparently striking the stride which carried them into the championship of the North State conference, will meet Hanes Hosiery in the local gymnasium.

Prior to the regular event the local college girls' team will clash with the Hanes sextet, trying for a comeback over their defeat at the hands of this same team two weeks ago.

The Appalachian men's aggregation will likewise fight for recovery from their lone defeat at the hands of the Hanes team. The local team permitted a ten point lead and victory after leading the first half at Winston-Salem, but seem to have confidence of a better showing in the game tonight.

## MRS. PEAKE DIES

Mrs. Joe C. Hodges of Adams, has received a message telling of the death in Greensboro of a niece, Mrs. Ella Benfield Peak, which occurred Friday evening. No further details were given.

## Watauga Solon



GORDON H. WINKLER

## WINKLER NAMED ON COMMITTEES

Watauga Representative Receives Key Assignments in General Assembly

Gordon H. Winkler, Watauga county's representative in the state house of representatives, fared unusually well in committee assignments at the hands of Speaker of the House Odus M. Muff. Besides being named as a member of the all-important appropriations and finance committees, Mr. Winkler is also on the following groups:

Agriculture, drainage, education, elections and election laws, debt and dumb, insurance, roads, salaries and fees, printing, banks and banking.

## WAR BULLETINS

### 3 BRITISH BATTLESHIPS IN NAVAL-AIR BATTLE

London, Jan. 15.—Three British warships, including the 9,100-ton cruiser Southampton and the 23,000-ton aircraft carrier Illustrious, were damaged off Sicily on January 10, in the war's greatest air-naval battle, an admiralty communiqué revealed last night.

The admiralty said Italo-German forces lost 12 or more planes and one destroyer in the engagement in which the British 1,335-ton destroyer Gallant, also was damaged by a mine or torpedo but safely made port.

### BRITISH SHIPPING LOSSES ARE NOW ON DECREASE

London, Jan. 15.—An air ministry statement that the R.A.F. night fighters are "beginning to show results" against nocturnal raiders and the admiralty's announcement of one of the smallest week's shipping losses of the war bolstered hopes of Britons last night of overcoming eventually the two chief menaces to their embattled island.

Monday night's massive fire-bomb raid on the southwest port of Plymouth, the target of 10,000 incendiaries and "many tons" of high explosives showed, however, that Britain has far to go in coping with the night raiders—and the air ministry admitted as much.

Telling of efforts to fend off night raids, the air ministry news service said "More and more Nazi bombers are being intercepted and those getting through are being attacked with some success."

Up to a late hour last night there were no reports of German air activity over any part of Britain, and it was believed that bad weather on the continent coupled with recent daylight raids by the R.A.F. on French airdromes was responsible.

### GREEKS DRIVING AHEAD

Athens, Jan. 15.—Greek infantrymen were reported driving toward Berat, in south central Albania, yesterday while communiques told of a trading of blows by the British R.A.F. and Italian bombers on targets in Albania and Greece.

Although conceding sturdy Italian resistance at some points, Greek spokesmen asserted the fighting north of Klisura, whose fall opened the way for an advance on Berat, "continued to develop satisfactorily." Berat, south of Eirana, Albania's capital, and northeast of Valona, only major port in southern Albania still in Italian hands, was reported under British air bombardment. An R.A.F. communique told of bomb attacks Monday on communications and military objectives there.

The U. S. government receives an annual revenue of about \$400,000,000 from revenue stamps attached to certain packages.

## 34 MARRIAGES IN COUNTY LAST YEAR

Continuous Decline in Number Seeking Licenses Here; List of 1940 Marriages

Thirty-four persons received marriage licenses in Watauga county during the year 1940, it is revealed by Miss Helen Underdown, register of deeds, as against 64 licenses in the year 1939.

The list of those applying for nuptial papers continues to decline in Watauga, the reason being that marriages may be performed in nearby Tennessee without the added expense and inconvenience of medical certificates. However, it is said that there will be fewer North Carolina couples saying the vows in Tennessee after June 30th, when a similar law to North Carolina's is to go into effect in the neighboring state.

Those receiving licenses in 1940 are:

Jan. 12—Hugh Reese and Bess Moody.  
Feb. 3—Albert Lee Tester and Floy Edna Harmon.  
March 20—Vernon C. Dietz and Lucy Virginia Brown.  
March 25—Ralph Gilley and Pina Presnell.  
March 28—E. Ford King, Jr., and Margaret King McKinny.  
April 6—Isaac Monroe Reese and Myra Caroleene Townsend.  
April 26—B. W. Stallings and Constance Shoun.  
April 30—Victor Crosby and Ruth Carolyn Alexander.  
June 3—Pless B. Canter and Blanche Troutman.  
May 30—Shaler Greene and Ruth Beshears.

June 15—Albert Leslie Henderson and Carolyn Ione Marlin.  
June 22—Herman Bryan and Goldie Miller.

June 29—Fred C. Page, Jr., and Barbara Weedon.

July 1—Ralph Baird and Clara Hayes.

July 2—John C. VanLangley and Charlotte B. Kireta.  
July 2—George Sidney Godsey and Ethel Brinkley.

July 6—Gray Koontz and Dorothy Teague.

July 17—Walter B. Thomas and Anna Pauline Bingham.

July 25—Robert A. Gans and June Maule.

July 30—W. G. Padrick, Jr., and Eloise Sample.

Aug. 3—Bill Triplett and Ola Watson.

Aug. 5—John Robert Barnhardt and Gladys Rose Swift.

Aug. 22—Clingman Glenn Miller and Louisa Lookabill.

Aug. 24—Otis L. Broyhill and Dell Boulware.

Aug. 24—Dec McLane and Goldie Storie.

Sept. 19—Ira Leroy Armstrong and Florence Riddle Smith.

Sept. 20—Joseph Levi Coffey and Georgia Gragg.

Oct. 3—Robert Ray Moretz and Sarah Lucile Moretz.

Oct. 11—Stanley Charles Greer and Susie Belle Moody.

Oct. 18—William James Broach and Mary Lee White.

Nov. 7—Albert Glenn Isaacs and Grace Virginia Maltha.

Nov. 9—Rudolph Diaz and Pauline Tilley.

Nov. 20—Ben B. Baird and Nora Dean Hayes.

Dec. 21—W. W. Watson and Dorothy Lee Morrison.

### ATTEND THE INAUGURAL

Among those from Boone attending the inauguration of Governor Broughton in Raleigh last Thursday were: Wade E. Brown, Dr. B. B. Dougherty, Bernard Dougherty and H. Grady Farthing.

## Says Democrat Ads Really Get Results

Mr. Nesbit Sullivan of the Sullivan Sales Co., Charlotte and Orlando, Fla., who is assisting Bare's Fair Store in the conduct of their annual winter sale, tells The Democrat that advertising placed in its columns last week brought "exceptionally fine returns."

Mr. Sullivan, who has been in the special sales business for more than 20 years, and who deals annually with more than 100 newspapers, says the reader response from advertising carried in the local newspaper, is unusual, and complimented the publisher on his splendid advertising medium.

Mr. Sullivan makes a direct check of newspaper advertising results, as against other forms of advertising during each sale he conducts.

## King Visits His Night Bombers



England—His Majesty, King George, pays a visit to a station of the bomber command. Upon his arrival he went to the briefing room where the crews of the night bombers were receiving their instructions regarding targets. His Majesty is pictured here with Marshal Sir Richard Poirse (left), and Air Vice-Marshal J. E. A. Baldwin (right) examining maps in the briefing room.

## TO SUBSCRIBERS

The publisher of The Democrat is mailing out subscription renewal notices to all those whose subscriptions to the county paper have expired or are about to expire. If you receive one of these notices, please arrange to renew promptly, as it is found necessary for The Democrat to operate strictly on a cash in advance basis. Complete co-operation in this regard will be appreciated.

## NEWLAND SUFFERS \$50,000 BLAZE

Most of Business District of Avery County Town Lost in Conflagration

The greater part of the business houses of Newland, Avery county, were destroyed in a fire of last Thursday evening and the loss has been estimated as being in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

The blaze started about 8:30 o'clock in a cafe and quickly spread to other buildings. The structures along three blocks of one side of Tittle street, the main thoroughfare, were destroyed. The fire raged for about an hour before a fire truck arrived. An engine, with firemen, arrived about 9:30 o'clock from Spruce Pine, about 20 miles away. About 10 o'clock a truck arrived from Boone, 25 miles away, and about 10:30 one arrived from Elizabethton, Tenn., 40 miles away.

Newland, the Avery county seat, has practically no fire equipment, a volunteer fire department has no truck but has been using a hose that is kept in the jail here.

By 10:30 o'clock the blaze was under control.

Completely destroyed were Craven's store, C. L. Hughes' store, the Daniels Cafe, the Calloway store, the Hughes Funeral Home, the Skyland Chevrolet Company, the Yates Barber Shop, the local Masonic hall and the Sanitary Cafe.

The contents of the Trial Drug Company store, across the street from the blazing section of town, were removed but firemen were able to save the building.

Much of the contents and equipment of the business structures burned were saved.

Although no residences burned, the contents of numerous ones located on Tittle street were taken out for fear the fire would spread from the business section.

## MEDICAL EXAMINATION FOR C. C. C. ENROLEES

The physician from the CCC camp will be at the department of public welfare at 8:30 o'clock Friday morning, January 17, to examine all boys who are interested in going to the CCC camps the following week. It will be necessary for all boys to report for this examination if they plan to go to camp. This examination will eliminate a trip to camp for boys who fail to pass the examination. The 53 who pass will be enrolled January 22.

## BAND CONCERT

The Cove Creek high school band will give a concert at the Valle Crucis school on Thursday evening, January 16th, at 7:30. The program will consist of a variety of marches, folk songs and classics. There are 40 members of the band under the direction of Mrs. Philip Fletcher.

## BURLEY MARKET ENDS ITS SECOND SEASON TUESDAY

Smaller Sales Than Initial Season Due to 40 Per Cent Loss in August Flood; 1,195,580 Pounds Auctioned on Local Floor for Over Two Hundred Thousand Dollars

The Mountain Burley Tobacco warehouse ended its second season with the sales Tuesday and despite the fact that around 40 per cent of the burley crop in this region was destroyed or damaged in the August flood, 1,195,580 pounds were auctioned on the local floor for an average of \$17.14 per 100 pounds, final figures by the warehouse reveal.

Last year 1,800,000 pounds were sold on the local market, and considering the destruction of the flood, and the damage inflicted to crops which farmers were able to market, it is felt that in percentage, the second season of the local market is considerably better than the first.

The total amount of money paid for the weed at the local market was \$204,518.58, it is revealed.

Jones Brothers and Coleman, operators of the two new houses, seem well pleased with the season's sales, and predict continued success for the warehouses here.

## 12 Enroll in Electrical Training Class Here

A class in elementary electricity with Mr. I. S. Ayers as instructor, held its first meeting at Appalachian high school Tuesday evening. Twelve students are enrolled in the course which is sponsored by the vocational agriculture department of the local school.

The class will meet 15 hours per week for two or more months. Practical pre-employment training and experience in the electrical trade will be given as part of the national defense program.

Young men from 17 to 24 years of age are eligible to enroll in this class. Those wishing to take the course should see Mr. Ayers or Dr. Orby Southard, agricultural instructor, within the next few days.

A similar course in carpentry and woodworking will be started when a sufficient number of young men are enrolled.

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT PLAN FAVORED BY GROUP

Raleigh, Jan. 15.—No member of the 27-man house committee on congressional districts voiced opposition today to a plan by state Democratic leaders for carving a new 12th district out of the present 10th and 11th districts.

At its first meeting, the committee took under advisement, for the next week or 10 days, the proposal of party leaders that the revision be made among 23 western counties which together had registered 27.6 per cent of the entire population gain in the state between 1930 and 1940. The 23 counties have a combined population of 822,697—a gain of 107,287 during the past decade.

The new tenth district, proposed in the revision bill, would have 295,822 residents and is composed of Avery, Burke, Catawba, Lincoln, Mecklenburg and Mitchell counties.

The new eleventh would have 265,957 population in Cleveland, Gaston, McDowell, Madison, Hoke, Rutherford and Yancey counties.

The new 12th would have 260,918 population in Buncombe, Macon, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Swain and Transylvania counties.

## BETHEL LOSES TO BOONE; WINS FROM BLOWING ROCK

Bethel lost two thrilling basketball games to Boone high school at Boone on January 7. The girls were defeated by the score of 23 to 15, and the boys 26 to 14. This was the first conference defeat suffered by the Bethel boys and the second game lost by the girls.

In the first encounter with Blowing Rock, Bethel took a double-header Friday night, January 10, at Bethel. The girls' score was 29 to 4, and the boys 42 to 9. Both Bethel teams led in the scoring throughout the contests, and Miss Rudisill and Mr. Dale used most of their second string squads in the course of the game.

## GAINING

The United States is now rated about 75 per cent self-sufficient in nitrates, an important factor in the manufacture of explosives, according to late estimates.