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Begins Third Term



FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

ROOSEVELT TAKES OATH OF OFFICE FOR THIRD TIME

President Vows Democracy Cannot Die in Third Inaugural Address; 75,000 Chilled Spectators Jam Capitol Plaza; Address Termed "Lesson in Democracy"

Washington, Jan. 21—His hand resting broadly upon an old Dutch Bible, his eyes squinting into the bright noonday sun, Franklin D. Roosevelt slowly and thoughtfully repeated the presidential oath of office for the third term yesterday and asserted that the task of the times was to save "the nation and its institutions from disruption from without."

"Democracy is not dying," he said with impressive solemnity, his head bobbing emphatically to the rhythm of his clipped and spaced words. "We know it cannot die. . . . We know it because if we look below the surface, we sense it still spreading on every continent, for it is the most humane, the most advanced, and in the end the most unconquerable of all forms of human society."

He dedicated his third administration to the protection and perpetuation of "the integrity of democracy" in "the face of great perils never before encountered."

A spreading throng of some 75,000 chilled and heavily bundled spectators were jammed before him into the Capitol plaza. Some were even perched in the branches of the trees. Others had found distant vantage points on the roofs of the senate and house office buildings.

Although the crowd was as large as usual, it was strikingly less noisy than the throngs which have seen past inaugurations. It may have been the cold, for though the sun shone brilliantly, the wind was brisk and chill, or it may have been the solemnity of the President's theme. But while the interruptions for applause were frequent they were relatively short and the sound was muffled by gloves.

The chief executive spoke from an imposing temporary stand, its (Continued on page four)

JONAS TO SPEAK AT LOCAL MEETING

State Republican Leader to Address Lincoln Day Gathering in Boone February 10

T. E. Bingham, chairman of the Watauga county Republican executive committee, announces that the Republicans of Watauga county will gather in Boone Monday, February 10, to hear an address by Hon. Chas. A. Jonas, Republican national committeeman for North Carolina.

Mr. Jonas, who served a number of times in the general assembly from Lincoln county and who was a member of congress from the old ninth district in 1928-30, is recognized as one of the foremost orators of the state. The meeting which he will address in Boone will be in the form of a Lincoln Day dinner and local Republicans are congratulating themselves upon this opportunity of having Mr. Jonas with them.

Mr. Bingham will release detailed plans for the dinner next week.

General use of Christmas cards to convey seasonal greetings at the Yuletide began in 1862.

COUNTY TEACHERS ENDORSE 5-POINT STATE PROPOSAL

Retirement Plan, Salary Increases, Centralized State Board of Education Among the Proposals Finding Favor With Watauga County's Teaching Staff

By WHEELER FARTHING, (Staff Writer)

Meeting last Saturday morning in the Appalachian high school building, the Watauga chapter of the North Carolina Education Association approved the five-point legislative program of the state organization consisting of a retirement plan, continuing contract proposal, salary increase, enrichment of the school program and centralized state board of education. These proposals, which will be presented to the legislature by State Superintendent of Schools Clyde Erwin, were agreed upon by a group of educational leaders representing the entire state and all leading educational organizations last December.

Because of the absence of Mrs. Ruth Vick Everett, field secretary of the N. C. E. A., E. S. Christenbury, Appalachian high school principal, briefly addressed the teachers at their meeting Saturday, outlining the legislative program given above, and the teachers and principals gave their official approval to the proposals upon the completion of his discourse.

Favors Retirement Plan
The retirement of teachers, long a part of the educational system of other states, was recently outlined in a plan set forth by the state retirement commission. In order to finance retirement in this state, the commission proposes a 5% deduction from teachers' salaries and a similar contribution from the state treasury.

In proposing a continuing contract system, educational leaders of the county and state have favored amendments to the school machinery act which would guarantee that teachers would not be discharged without sufficient cause and that schools and communities would be protected against incompetent or otherwise undesirable teachers.

Asks Higher Salaries
The association urged further that the state provide for the most liberal increase possible in the teaching salary schedule, beginning with a ninth increment for teachers and a fifth increment for principals, sick leave for school employees and financial recognition for superior teaching. These and other improvements, so association officials believe, would call for a school budget approximating \$3,000,000.

Among other proposals of the association are increases in state and federal appropriations in order to make way for broadening the present curriculum and raising the (Continued on page five)

Four Watauga Boys Enlist in Air Corps

Four Watauga county boys, residents of Bethel township and all graduates of Bethel high school, signed up for the United States air corps before Sergeant Charley R. Price in Johnson City Wednesday of last week.

The air-minded group included two cousins, William Gordon Farthing, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert F. Farthing, and Dick Thomas Farthing, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Farthing; Lee Ward, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Ward, and Berl Greene, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Greene, all of Sugar Grove.

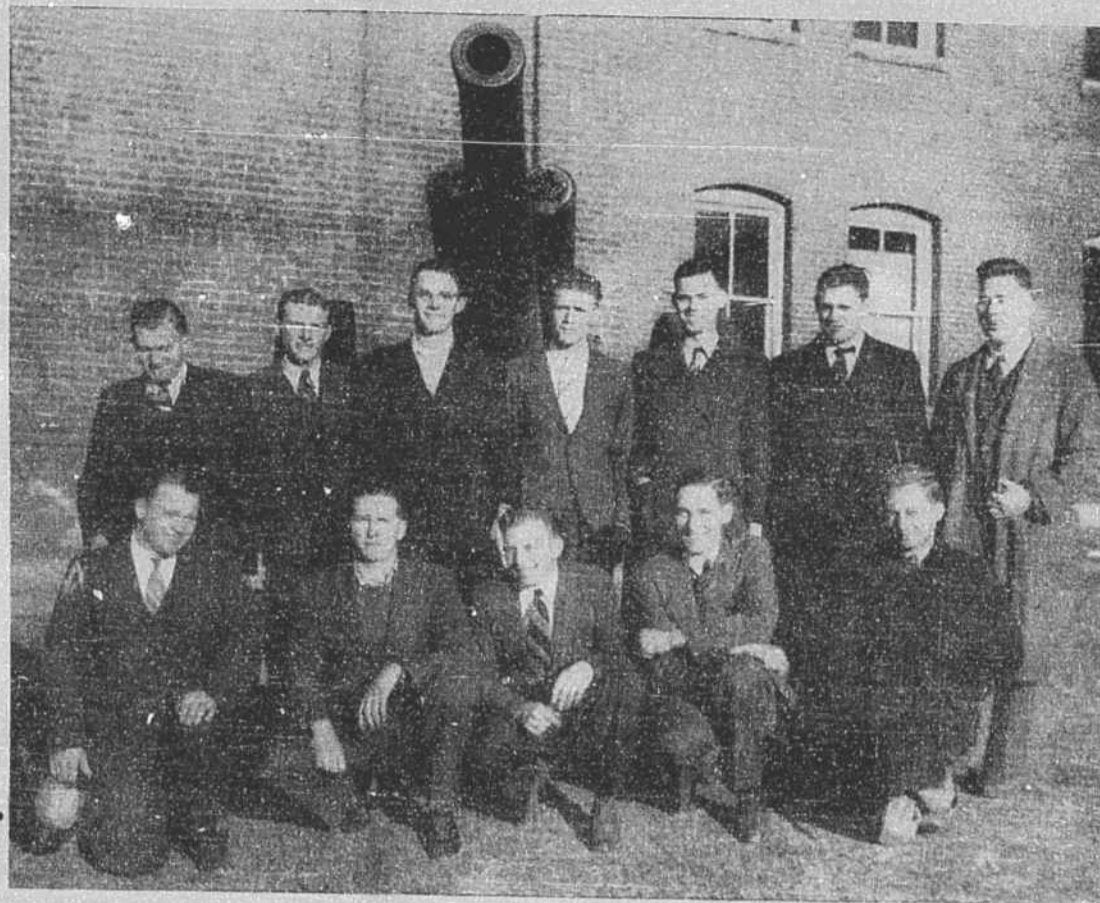
The local boys were assigned to general headquarters, air corps detachment, McDill Field, Tampa, Fla. It is the first time that Sergeant Price has accepted as many for the air corps in a single day and the first time in his experience that he has received as many graduates from the same high school.

Junior Order Meets On Monday Evening

Clyde R. Greene, recently-elected counselor of the Junior Order, presided over the meeting last Monday night and announced plans for the year.

Under a special arrangement, it was announced, new members will be admitted and old members reinstated for three dollars initiation fee. A special effort is now being made to enlist new members and prospects for a real live council are good.

TWELVE VOLUNTEERS GO TO FORT BRAGG



Twelve Watauga county men, pictured here, left Monday morning for Fort Bragg to enter the U. S. armed forces, as Watauga's current quota under the selective service act. All the boys in the contingent volunteered for the one-year military training period. They are, back row, left to right: Henry Ford Miller, Meat Camp; James Doughton Shull, Sugar Grove; Blain Franklin Norris, Mabel; Chas. Edward Hodges, Banner Elk; Rondia Jones Underwood, Blowing Rock; Marvin Cicero Proffit.

Meat Camp; William Middleton Christensen, Boone; second row, Elmer C. Proffit, Zionville; Fred H. Hicks, Sugar Grove; Cameron Marshal Danner, Boone; Samuel James Greer, Vilas; John Allen Klutz, Blowing Rock. The volunteers are pictured in front of an English field piece, a relic of World War No. 1. Watauga will not supply further men before February 17, but it is not announced how soon after that time another quota will be called for. (Photo by Paul Weston.)

CHARLES ELLER DIES IN FLORIDA

Former Boone Merchant Succumbs to Paralytic Stroke; Interment at Orlando

Charles F. Eller, 56, died at Orlando General Hospital, Orlando, Fla., Wednesday, January 15, as a result of a paralytic stroke suffered the day before.

Mr. Eller will be remembered in Boone by a host of friends, as he resided here for some time when he was engaged in the mercantile business.

Funeral services were conducted from the Carey Hand Chapel Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. In the absence of Dr. J. Powell Tucker, pastor of the First Baptist church, of which Mr. Eller was a member, Dr. Fred A. Turner, of the first Methodist church, officiated. Active pallbearers were: J. H. Hall, F. L. Shrewsbury, Edward Bouillon, Willis Roberts, Fletcher Ferguson and L. R. Allen. Interment was in the Greenwood cemetery with members of the American Legion performing the graveside rites.

Mr. Eller is survived by the widow, the former Frances Mary of Butler, Tenn., and the following sisters and brothers, all of whom were present for the services: Mrs. Clyde Ramsey and Mrs. John Wethered of Orlando; Miss Sophia Eller, Abingdon, Va.; Mrs. W. C. Greer and Lloyd Eller of Boone. Others attending the services from Boone were W. C. Greer and Mack E. Greer.

Willkie Warns Party Against Isolationism

New York, Jan. 18—Wendell L. Willkie warned his fellow partisans today that the Republican party would sound the death knell of its own hopes to regain national leadership if it blindly opposed the "lease-lend" bill to aid Britain and become an isolationist party.

The erstwhile Republican candidate for President appeared before 1,600 celebrants at the Woman's National Republican club annual banquet, at the Hotel Astor, extemporaneously told them in a broadcast speech that he desired revisions in the bill to limit the President's powers, and then asserted:

"But let me say to you that if the Republican party in the year of 1941 makes a blind opposition to this bill and allows itself to be presented to the American people as the isolationist party, it will never again gain control of the American government."

Many Openings Now In C. C. C. Camps

Miss Marguerite Miller, county welfare officer, states that as many boys as desire to enter the CCC camps, may now do so, and that a new quota is to be sent from this county January 27. All those desiring to enter the camps should apply to the welfare office as soon as possible and register, it is said.

The last contingent of Watauga boys were taken to Mortimer, but those going on the 27th will be assigned to the camps at Marion.

SMITHEY'S OPENS BIG NEW STORE

Local Mercantile Establishment Has Largest Frontage of Any City Store

Smithey's store today announces the formal opening of its new building on King street opposite the courthouse, which incidentally is the largest retail structure in the city.

The building fronts 125 feet on the main thoroughfare of the city and has a depth of 80 feet, including basement space under the entire structure. The walls are of almost white concrete and cinder blocks and the building presents a most attractive appearance. Heated with a modern steam plant, the street floor takes care of the grocery and dry goods departments of the popular store, while the feed and produce department is on the basement floor. A wholesale poultry house is in the rear of the building, while a modern service station is being operated just west of the main structure.

Included in the first floor arrangement is a well-appointed lunch counter, where good foods are dispensed at economy prices.

In connection with the formal opening of the new store Smithey's announce special sale prices and the last page of The Democrat today tells of the details of the big merchandising event.

Dance To Be Held In Boone Thursday

Under the sponsorship of the Tuesday Night Club, a dance will be held at the old Crest store building Thursday night of this week, with the proceeds from admission tickets going to the President's Birthday Ball fund.

Johnny Thompson and his Appalachian orchestra will be present for the occasion, and the admission has been placed at 75 cents.

DON H. PHILLIPS RITES WEDNESDAY

Former Boone Newspaperman Succumbs in Detroit; Funeral at Willow Valley

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Willow Valley Baptist church for Don H. Phillips, aged 48, former Boone newspaper editor, who died in Detroit, Mich., Monday morning from a short illness. Rev. Dwight Edmisten was in charge of the rites, and was assisted by Rev. Ed Farthing. Interment was in the family cemetery.

Surviving is one son, Austin Phillips; two brothers, Joe and Bower Phillips of Detroit; two sisters, Mrs. Dare Strother and Mrs. Claire Simpson of Sugar Grove. The father, Mr. J. R. Phillips, also survives.

Mr. Phillips was born and reared in Watauga county and as a youth worked for some time on the Watauga Democrat, gaining his initial experience in what was to be his life's work. In 1912 he established the Watauga County News in Boone, which he operated for more than a year, going from Boone to North Wilkesboro to assist in the publication of the North Wilkesboro Hustler. Later he worked in Mountain City, Tenn., going from there to the far west. He published newspapers in California and other western states and at the time of his death was editor and publisher of the Cloverland Press, a most creditable weekly newspaper at Ewen, Mich. He was an energetic and capable newspaper man and readily made friends. His death has occasioned sadness among his many acquaintances and friends throughout this section of the state.

Boone Boy Badly Injured by Truck

Luther Hardy, 11 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Hardy of Boone, was right seriously injured Sunday afternoon near Vilas, when struck by a truck operated by Marlin Cole, who brought the injured boy to the Watauga Hospital. His condition was said to be right serious.

The boy was en route to Vilas to spend the night with relatives and was said to have been riding a small wagon. Cole said the wagon cut in front of his truck without warning. No charges have been brought against Cole.

It is claimed that approximately one-half the motorists in the United States have incomes of less than \$30 a week.

COMMITTEES ARE NAMED TO STAGE BIRTHDAY DANCE

Blowing Rock Hosts to Dancers as Drive Against Infantile Paralysis is Continued; Stubby Taylor to Provide Music for Annual Event

Roger W. McGuire, chairman of the President's Birthday Ball in Watauga county, says that a full slate of committee members has been selected to take care of every detail incident to the holding of the annual dance on the occasion of the President's birthday, in an effort to provide still stronger national defense against the inroads of infantile paralysis.

The ball this year is to be held in the high school gymnasium at Blowing Rock on Thursday, January 30, and Mayor Grover C. Robbins will be the master of ceremonies, and will conduct the auction of the huge birthday cake.

Stubby Taylor and his orchestra of Lenoir, widely-known dance musicians, will be present for the occasion and dancing will start promptly at 9 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all the people of this section to attend the ball, the proceeds from which will go to the national fund to prevent infantile paralysis.

The Committees
Following are the committees:

Entertainment
Mrs. Sarah Gaither, chairman; Howard Cottrell, Mrs. James Council, Townley Bridge, T. M. Greer, M. I. Clark, Gladys Taylor, Mrs. Jennie Critcher, Mrs. W. B. Collins, W. R. Winkler, Mrs. G. D. Brinkley, Mrs. W. M. Matheson, Mrs. Edgar Brown, Mrs. J. E. Holshouser, Harry Hamilton, W. O. Robertson, Jack Hodges, Mrs. John Conway, Miss Wilma Baird, Miss Earl Payne.

Publicity
Rob Rivers, chairman; Max Hovis, Willard Beach, C. H. Trotter, Bill Rush.

Radio
Gene Wike, chairman; W. R. Lovell, Dr. Robert R. King, Bernard Dougherty.

Management
Dick Hoiler, chairman; Grady Farthing, E. Ford King, Sr., Mrs. J. O. Cook, A. E. Hamby, Roy Keplar, W. H. Walker, Mrs. Joe Crawford, Mrs. H. P. Holshouser, W. W. Williams, J. E. Joines, Joe Todd.

Ticket Sales
Richard Kelley, chairman; Mrs. Coker Triplett, Mrs. John Hodges, Jr., Mrs. G. K. Moore, Mrs. P. A. Coffey, Mrs. J. C. McConnell, Miss Helen Underdown, Mrs. Len Hagaga. (Continued on page five)

CITY MERCHANTS TO HOLD BANQUET

Annual Ladies' Night and Employees' Banquet to Be Held at Methodist Church

Russell D. Hodges will be master of ceremonies when members of the retail merchants association, their wives and employees gather Thursday evening for their annual get-together meeting and ladies' night banquet.

The banquet will be held at the Gateway Cafe at 7 o'clock, illness among ladies of the Methodist church, who had arranged to serve the dinner, changing the plans.

This year the usual speech-making has been dispensed with and the meeting will be devoted solely to dining and fun. Numerous contests will be engaged in, quiz programs conducted, and an evening of genuine good fellowship will be provided. Mrs. Ruby Ellis, secretary of the merchants association, is now selling tickets and the price is 50 cents.

Seed Loans Will Soon Be Available

J. E. Joines, field supervisor of emergency crop and feed loan office in Boone, advises that loans will be made available much earlier and will be available to all farmers who are in need of this class of loan, and who are also eligible.

Anyone who is interested in getting assistance for their farming this year can see Miss Doris Honeycutt in the seed loan office and she will be glad to discuss any and all phases of the loan. Regulations have been liberalized so that more money can be loaned per acre to individual farmers and also more farmers will be able to meet the requirements for securing loans.