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JONAS IS HEARD AT LINCOLN DINNER

Republican Leader Extols Memory of Lincoln and Fears for Safety of Democracy

Hon. Charles A. Jonas of Lincoln, Republican national committeeman, and long prominent in the affairs of his party in the state, spoke eloquently at a gathering of local Republicans at a Lincoln Day banquet at the Gateway Cafe Monday evening.

Mr. Jonas described Lincoln as being "among the plain people beloved above all other Americans. They love him because they love liberty. The passion of his life and the cardinal principles of his political philosophy was the advancement of the cause of human liberty and the protection of human rights. He with other forward-looking men of his time founded, or rather gave birth to a new political party in America, grounded upon the fundamental principle of the protection of basic human rights."

The speaker then briefly reviewed the rise to power of the Republican party in the nation, quoted many immortal utterances of Lincoln, including his Gettysburg address, and launched into a discussion of the political situation as it maintains in the United States today.

"We face a political and economic crisis," he said, "as grave as that which faced the country during the Civil war. Once more the perpetuity of constitutional democratic government and American liberty are endangered. Again the attack is from within. No outside power can ever destroy our constitutional democracy nor our republican form of government. No fifth column can ever undermine the faith of our people in the freedom and liberty established here by the founding fathers and preserved by a galaxy of brave and consecrated patriots who have piloted our ship of free government throughout the years. If the end of constitutional freedom comes in America, if our republic falls, the blow will be struck by democracy's most deadly enemy, dictatorship within the government. Let us take warning before it is too late! The danger is imminent. One by one the executive department is abrogating to itself powers delegated to the legislative and judicial departments by the constitution. The deadly poison virus is covering our body politic like creeping paralysis and the majority of our people are not aware that government pay checks and crooning fireside chats are mere smoke screens that hide the barter of our liberties for a European type of statism and slavery. "I call upon all who embrace this faith, of whatever name or order, forgetting politics temporarily in the face of impending disaster, highly to resolve that liberty and freedom and democracy in America shall not perish."

Appalachian Sets Dates For Summer Sessions

Appalachian State's first summer school session will open June 10, with an outstanding visiting faculty from leading colleges and universities of the nation, it was announced here this week.

Dr. Roma Gans, long considered one of the nation's leading women in primary education, will come from the Teachers College, Columbia University, to take up duties with at least ten other prominent visiting instructors. Dr. Gans conducted a series of short courses here last summer.

Wanda Robertson and Ruth A. Hargitt of Lincoln School at Columbia University and Cincinnati City schools, respectively, will be back in the primary and kindergarten departments at Appalachian for their second session. Rosa Veal of Ball State Teachers College and Paul R. Collins of Cincinnati schools, will open their third session in Boone.

Wade E. Brown Is On Florida Tour

Attorney Wade E. Brown is a member of the annual tour of Western North Carolina mayors, newspapermen and civic leaders, now touring Florida on a goodwill and publicity mission.

The tour started last Tuesday and representatives of the various communities of Western Carolina will distribute advertising material throughout the southern tourist region, and do all possible to encourage winter visitors there to come to the Carolina hills during the summer months. The trip last year was described as being most successful.

New Agriculture Head



Washington, D. C.—Secretary of Agriculture and Mrs. Claude Wickard, pictured as they arrived at their first cabinet dinner given in honor of President and Mrs. Roosevelt. Mr. Wickard was appointed to the cabinet after the selection of Henry Wallace as Mr. Roosevelt's 1940 running mate.

INCOME TAX MAN COMING MONDAY

Deputy Collector to Aid Citizens in Filing Incomes Under Changed Law

R. L. Clay, deputy collector of internal revenue, will be at the post-office building in Boone February 17th and 18th, for the purpose of assisting federal income taxpayers in filing their returns.

Under the new law, it is explained, single persons are required to file returns when their gross income is \$800 or over. Married persons must file where gross income is as much as \$2,000.

The returns for the calendar year 1940 must be filed not later than March 15, 1941, with the collector of internal revenue at Greensboro, N. C.

A penalty of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, is imposed by statute for willful failure to make returns on time and in addition, 5 to 25 per cent of the amount of the tax.

Dr. William B. Hodges Succumbs On Thursday

Dr. William Burton Hodges, aged 78 years, member of one of the county's most prominent families and brother of former Sheriff John W. Hodges of Boone, died at Watauga Hospital last Thursday, where he had been taken several days earlier, from his home in Meat Camp township. Dr. Hodges' illness had been considered serious for only a few days.

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon from the chapel at Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home, with Rev. E. C. Hodges, Baptist minister, in charge, and interment was at the Gragg cemetery near Boone.

The only near relatives surviving are a brother, John W. Hodges of Boone, and a sister, Mrs. Ermine Hodges, Route 1, Boone.

Dr. Hodges, who was a son of Dillard Burton Hodges of Watauga county, was a graduate medical physician and practiced for many years at Unicoi, Tenn., before going to Kansas City, Kans. He lived in Kansas for 30 years, returning to Watauga county in 1928, where he retired from practice. He was well known throughout this area and was held in high regard by a large number of friends.

SOUTHEASTERN LINES TO HAVE NEW TERMINAL

Ground has been broken for the erection of a new warehouse and terminal facilities for the Southeastern Motor Lines, on Howard street, east of the Sherrill Wood-working plant.

The structure will be 36x80 feet, of concrete and cinder block construction and is designed to take care of the present and future needs of the motor company. The building, which is being erected by Walter C. Greene, building contractor, for the Farmers Hardware & Supply Company, and D. L. Wilcox, will be ready for occupancy by the middle of March, if weather conditions continue favorable.

The Titanic disaster occurred on April 15, 1912.

COMMERCE GROUP MEETS THURSDAY

New Folder Released and Plans Made For Entertaining Teachers; New Road Urged

About thirty leading business and professional men gathered at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held Thursday evening, at which time the new Boone folder was released, general opinion being that it is the most outstanding piece of publicity ever to be prepared for this section.

The folder is in four colors and contains 18 scenes, illustrating the educational, transportation, recreational, agricultural and industrial possibilities of Boone and environs, and Wade E. Brown, who is representing Boone on the mayor's goodwill tour to Florida this week, is to distribute a number of the folders.

The printers, it is said, thought so well of the folder, that they are using some 8,000 copies, containing their advertisement to distribute to the names on their mailing list. The folders are available to those who can use them to good advantage.

During the meeting a colored Florida movie reel was enjoyed, and the possibility of securing the next convention of the agricultural teachers of North Carolina was discussed. About 350 of these teachers would attend, and ways and means of caring for the number were discussed, in the event the convention could be secured. A committee composed of Dr. Orby Southard, chairman; Wiley G. Hartzog and W. H. Gragg was named to investigate the possibility of securing this convention.

The possibility of securing a new highway from Linville down the Watauga River and into Boone came up for discussion, and R. D. Hodges and Wade E. Brown were named as a committee to look into this matter.

At the next meeting of the Chamber of Commerce late in March, officers will be elected and the annual ladies' night banquet observed.

Defense Survey of Registered Nurses

In order that the nursing facilities of the nation may be organized for national defense, a Defense Nursing Council has been created under the American Nurses' Association, and questionnaires will be used to get information for the permanent record which will be kept in state and national headquarters of the organization. Filling out the questionnaire does not, it is said, obligate any nurse.

All graduate nurses now living in North Carolina, who have ever been registered in any state are urged to send their names and addresses to Bess E. Balton, county health department, Winston-Salem, N. C. You will later receive a questionnaire from Edna Heinzerling, 415 Commercial Building, Raleigh, N. C. This is to be promptly filled out and returned to her.

State Highway Dept. Needs Mulching Material

James H. Council, resident state highway engineer, says that the commission is in need of great quantities of briars, weeds, etc., for use in mulching cut slopes in connection with landscaping U. S. 421 between Boone and Deep Gap.

Any property owner in the vicinity of this highway who would like to give the material in order to get fields cleared up, should so advise J. H. Council, district highway engineer, Boone.

STUDENT FATALLY HURT IN PLAY AT APPALACHIAN GYM

Hal Turbyfill, 18 years old, popular member of the freshman class at Appalachian College, was fatally injured Tuesday evening while going through practice maneuvers with Prof. Iverson's tumbling troupe at the college gym.

Turbyfill jumped from a low springboard, lost his balance in some way and landed on his forehead. Despite the fact that he fell from a distance of only about four feet and onto four inches of padding, he died about 45 minutes later in the local hospital, from what physicians said was a brain injury.

The deceased boy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Turbyfill, live at Maiden, and a brother, Tom Turbyfill, is on the wrestling team here. Another brother, Roy, is coach at Lincolnton.

A PRAYER IN THE DESERT



Cairo, Egypt.—This photo, passed by the British censors and just received here via clipper plane, shows a group of British soldiers, who were besieging the Libyan city of Bardia, kneeling in the desert at sunrise. Even the war was stopped just long enough for a prayer.

MEN ARE NEEDED IN DEFENSE WORK

Employment Service Lists Openings at Fort Bragg and Holly Ridge Projects

Mr. B. G. Gentry, manager of the North Wilkesboro office of the state employment service, says there are numerous calls for men from Fort Bragg and Holly Ridge, where gigantic defense projects are being carried on, and that men are being registered for these positions at the courthouse in Boone each Friday from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Following are some of the openings which were reported last week:

Holly Ridge
20 linemen IV; must be experienced in hot work. Wages \$1.25 per hour.

50 sheet metal workers; must furnish usual hand tools and be experienced in duct work; wages \$1.00 per hour.

8,000 Carpenters 1 and carpenters, finish; wages 90 cents per hour. (To be filled in next 10 days.)

8,000 laborers; wages 40 cents an hour. Order to be filled within 10 days.

One civil engineer; salary \$1,800 per annum.

Four accounting clerks; salary, \$1,620 - \$1,800 per annum; duration about two months, sex, male.

Fort Bragg
25 sheet metal workers; wages \$1 per hour.

20 electricians; must bring usual tools for BX and conduit work. \$1 per hour.

1,000 seamen (colored); wages 40 cents per hour.

10 linemen; wages \$1 per hour. Must be experienced in hot work.

Four stenographers; salary \$1,440 per year; sex, male.

One tractor mechanic; wages \$1.25 per hour.

Two first cooks; salary \$840 per annum, less \$25 per month for subsistence; sex female; color, negro; hours 8 per day.

Nurses Wanted

Registered nurses living in North Carolina who desire work as nurses at Fort Bragg should write Corps Area Surgeon, Headquarters Fourth Corps Area, Atlanta Ga., if they meet the following qualifications and are interested under the conditions listed below. Qualifications: Applicant must be graduate of approved nurses' school having class of 50 or more in training classes; or have had considerable subsequent training in an approved hospital; sex, female; age, 21-40; color, white; marital status, single (divorcees or widows acceptable); must pass physical examination. Salary \$88 per month plus room, board, laundry and medical attention; hours 8 per day. Only interested qualified applicants should write, giving all necessary information in their letters of application. It is not necessary to contact either local or state administrative office of the employment service.

Annual Stockholders Meeting Next Tuesday

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Sugar Grove National Farm Loan Association, will be held at the courthouse in Boone Tuesday, February 18 at 10 a. m. and all members are urged to attend.

Mr. J. Major Pruitt of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, will be present at the meeting and participate in the discussions. Mr. A. G. Miller of Deep Gap, is president of the association, while O. H. Bracey is secretary-treasurer.

ELEVEN WATAUGA BOYS TO COLORS

Third Quota of Men Called Under Draft Act to Report for Duty February 19

Nine Watauga county men will be required to report at the offices of the local selective service board on February 19 at 9 o'clock, to fill the county's third quota under the military selective service draft act. In addition, two men will report at the same time as replacements for two others who were rejected on the second quota.

Those who will report at this time and be assigned to Fort Bragg are as follows: Baxter H. Michael, Route 2, Boone; J. Edmisten, Rominger; Hedgie Henry Ward, Boone; William McKinley Ward, Banner Elk; Thomas Earl Tugman, Route 2, Boone; McDonald Ward, Shulls Mills; William Fred Sanders, Zionville; Dan B. South, Tamarack; William Vern Greene, Ixson. The two men who go as replacements are: Hubert Grant Hodges and Walter Edward Robbins, Blowing Rock.

This quota brings to 23 the number of men called from Watauga county under the conscription act. The first four named on the above list are volunteers, it is explained.

Legionnaires Are To Register Friday

Members of the Watauga Post American Legion will register for voluntary national defense at a meeting to be held at the Legion hut Friday afternoon, February 14, it has been announced by Chas. C. Rogers, commander of the local post, who urges all former veterans to comply with this voluntary registration.

For the country as a whole the 1,078,119 Legionnaires will register Saturday, February 22.

In commenting on the registration, Mr. Rogers says: "Of course the American Legion is now helping the government in many ways in preparing the nation for total defense. This is one reason for our voluntary registration of all Legionnaires and veterans. We want to have a complete index to the qualifications of all our members so that we can place this information in readily available manner at the disposal of the federal, state and local governments."

Blowing Rock Man Soon To Get 'Wings'

Olen C. Cook of Blowing Rock, is one of the 335 members of the class of future pilots at Randolph Field, Texas, and completed his basic training Friday. He will soon get his wings in the army air corps.

Young Cook will now go to Kelly Field for a final ten-week advanced flying course. Following this he will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the air corps and will be awarded the coveted set of wings, emblem of military pilots.

Mrs. Miller Is Named Triplet Postmistress

Congressman Doughton has sent a recommendation to the postoffice department endorsing Mrs. Jennie D. Miller to be postmistress at Triplett, Watauga county. Mrs. Miller will succeed Mrs. C. C. Triplett, who has been postmistress there for a number of years.

PIPE FACTORY IS RAPIDLY GROWING LOCAL INDUSTRY

Peak Production of Briarwood Factory is Oversold as 30 Men Working in Two Shifts Strive to Meet Demand for Pipe Bowl Material

The D & P Pipe Works, Boone's new manufacturing enterprise, is now employing thirty men and operating on two full eight-hour shifts in order to keep abreast of the orders being taken for their patented processed briar-wood pipe blocks, David P. Lavietes, senior member of the firm having returned to Boone on the third from New York with the peak production of the local plant oversold.

Mr. Lavietes, Sr., and son Paul, started the development of the local manufacturing plant when war conditions practically stopped the importation of briarwood for smoking pipes from Italy, Algiers and France. During the first six months of 1940, more than 18,500,000 blocks were shipped to the United States for the manufacture of smoking pipes, but during the latter half of the year, importations of briarwood were almost zero. Through a secret patented process, the Messrs. Lavietes have been able to produce from ivy, laurel and rhododendron burls, a product which actual tests reveal is far superior to anything heretofore offered through the European markets. The native briar is of the same white heath family (ericaceae) which grows in Southern Europe, and only the portion of the wood which grows below the surface of the earth is used.

There is an unlimited supply of the native briar, whereas the European supply has been constantly depleted throughout the past century and little of the first class wood remains.

Others in this country, it is said, are experimenting with native briarwood blocks, but none but Messrs. Lavietes can use the fireproofing process which is amply covered by patents. During the processing period, the blocks are boiled for 48 hours in a secret solution before being bone-dried and bagged for shipment to the finishing plants. The blocks are then as nearly fireproof as wood can be made. The publisher of The Democrat was shown an actual smoking test in the local factory, where the bowl from a select piece of French briarwood was burned through, and the native wood, with exactly the same punishment, was perfectly sound.

The grain of the local wood is beautiful and the finished pipes are really elegant. Samples of these pipes are now being shown at the Boone Drug Company.

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Teachers of County Will Meet Saturday

The school teachers of Watauga county will meet at the demonstration school building next Saturday morning at 10:30, it has been announced by Prof. John Howell, chairman of the program committee.

It is stated that no outside speaker will be present for the gathering but that the teachers of each grade will meet in separate groups, as will the principals assembled, and discuss their individual problems and plans for the future. All teachers are urged to attend the meeting.

Bank Will Close On Thursday Afternoons

In order to strictly comply with the federal wages and hours law, the Northwestern Bank announces today that beginning on February 20, the local bank will be closed each Thursday afternoon.

Patrons of the bank are asked to bear in mind this change in banking hours and arrange their business in such manner that no inconvenience may result.

BAPTIST MINUTES READY

Mr. Clyde R. Greene, clerk of the Three Forks Baptist Association, states that the minutes of the association are ready for delivery, and would like for the clerks of the various churches to call on him at the Farmers Hardware Company and receive their packages of the books, so that the cost of mailing them may be saved to the association.

ATTENDS RALEIGH MEETING

Messrs. W. H. Gragg and Clyde R. Greene attended the annual Lincoln Day dinner in Greensboro Saturday evening.