

# DEBATE TOURNEY HERE MARCH 14TH

### Thirty-three High Schools Have Been Invited To Attend First Contest

Invitations have been sent to 33 high schools in Western North Carolina to attend a proposed two-day high school debate tournament to be held here March 14-15. Prof. Frank Hamrick, principal of Appalachian high school, is the instigator of the event which would take place in the local high school building.

Representatives from high schools from nearby counties and cities have been invited to attend, some of the best known being North Wilkesboro, Lenoir, Rutherfordton, Forest City, Newton, Valdesee, Spruce Pine, Hickory, Morganton, Marion and Taylorsville. All high schools of Watauga, Avery and Ashe counties have been asked to send delegates.

Activities for the tourney would include only regular debating, with the hope that later more activities could be added. The question for discussion is the high school query, "Resolved, that the United States should adopt a policy of requiring one year of military training of all able-bodied men before they reach the age of twenty-three."

Tentative schedule for the event would include registration Friday afternoon, March 14th, at 4:00. Friday night at 8:00 the first round of debating will begin, with the second, third and fourth rounds beginning Saturday morning at 8:30. Announcement of awards will be made at 9:00 Saturday afternoon. Additional rounds will be arranged if time permits.

There will be no team or shoe decisions as each speaker will be rated individually. Winning speakers will receive certificates of award.

Personnel of the tournament will be made up of committee chairman from the Appalachian Forensic Club, timekeepers and chairmen from the student body and judges from visiting coaches, townspeople and college instructors. Professor Hamrick will be general chairman of the tournament.

Those in charge of the tournament hope that this may become an annual affair provided that enough schools show an interest in the initial tourney.

Nearly 50 per cent of the adult population of the world is partially deaf, according to estimates.

## Gets Post



G. Howland Shaw (above) of Massachusetts, a career diplomat and expert on Near East affairs has been appointed as assistant secretary of state.

## Appalachian Band In Annual Concert

On Monday evening, March 3, the Appalachian High School Band appeared in its third annual concert under the direction of Mr. Gordon Nash. The program was composed of the following numbers:

Marches: "El Captian," "Den the Field," "Old Army Game," "Every Man for Himself," "The Footlifter." Concert Numbers: "Mantilla Overture," "Turkish Patrol," "Girls of Baden," "Saskatchewan Overture," selections from "The Mikado," "Zigeuner" from "Bittersweet," "Tea for Two" from "No, No, Nanette," "Stout Hearted Men" from "The New Moon."

The concert closed with the playing of "The Star Spangled Banner," while the audience saluted the American flag which was placed in the auditorium by the American Legion for use on this occasion.

The concert was the first for which admission fees were charged and proceeds are being used for the payment of the larger instruments purchased by the band. A splendid response to the advance ticket sales was given to Mrs. D. J. Whitener and Mrs. L. T. Tatum, who with the band members conducted the campaign.

### LOANS

Farmers obtained nearly 161,000 emergency crop and feed loans in 1940 for a total of \$19,470,625, according to figures released recently by the farm credit administration.

There are more companies manufacturing foodstuffs in the United States than any other product.

## News Notes From Lenoir

Mr. Thomas F. Greer and daughter, Mrs. Hattie Askew of Blowing Rock, R. F. D., and Miss Mary Greer of Lenoir, visited another daughter of Mr. Greer here, Mrs. T. W. Hopkins, last Sunday.

It was a severe shock to the entire town of Lenoir, as well as the rural sections, when the news flashed over the lines two weeks ago that Mr. Thomas F. Seehorn had died. Uncle Tom, as we most all called him, will be missed from now on. A better man we never knew.

Thomas W. Hopkins, who has been very sick with influenza and other complicated troubles for 30 days, is much improved.

Miss Neta Vannoy, formerly of Gap Creek, is suffering from a cancer on her face.

Jessie Vannoy, also of Gap Creek, but now of Lenoir, has been very sick with flu, but is much improved at this time.

Rom Watson, formerly of Deep Gap, lives in Whitnell.

Mr. Ed Scott has sold his home to Mr. Ralph Pennell.

Much success to the Watauga Democrat and best wishes to all the readers of same.

## LONDON, SOFIA BREAK TODAY: WAR EXPECTED

Sofia, March 5.—British Minister George Rendel last night announced a break in British-Bulgarian diplomatic relations, "likely to carry Bulgaria into the war," effective at 3 a. m. (e.s.t.) today when he will ask Premier Bogdan Filoff for his passport and leave for Istanbul.

If relations are broken and I go, Bulgaria will become a theatre of war," Rendel had said five days ago on the eve of Bulgaria's capitulation to the axis.

The British minister in his blunt warning of last Thursday night intimated that, if the German army occupied Bulgaria, as it did during the week-end, British planes might soon be bombarding Bulgarian objectives and the Nazi war machine.

Hens can be made to lay eggs with red, white or green yolks.

### CARD OF THANKS

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## TURKEY REFUSES TO FORSAKE BRITAIN

Ankara, Turkey, March 5.—An urgent message from Adolf Hitler, intimating, said highly placed persons, that the Nazis wanted to look after Turkey's "interest and well-being"—was delivered dramatically to the Turkish president yesterday, but official quarters declared it would have little effect on the pro-British policy of this country.

Hitler's note was brought to President Ismet Inonu by airplane by a five-man Nazi mission, members of which were understood also to have suggested that Turkey act as an intermediary to make peace between Greece and Italy.

This was reported after a long cabinet meeting, Turkey would refuse to do.

The fuhrer's emissaries, it was said privately by qualified informants, offered assurances that Ger-

many had no threats; that she only wanted to help Turkey. This offer of assistance, as some observers saw it, was intended to make certain that Turkey did not enter the war.

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