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LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD NAMES O. F. SUMMER PRINCIPAL SWAIN HI

Succeeds The Late
J. L. Dennis, Butts
Elected At Almond

Following a meeting of the District No. 1 School Board held last night at 8 o'clock, Warren L. Lathan, superintendent of Swain county schools, announced the election of O. F. Summer as principal of Swain High school. Mr. Summer, elected from among 25 other applicants for the position made vacant when James L. Dennis died of a heart attack on July 4, comes to Swain Hi school highly recommended by State school authorities. He is 38 years old, married and has one child. He has been principal of the Highlands high school since 1929 and for two years prior taught in the same school. Mr. Summer is a Mason, and an elder in the Highlands Presbyterian church. He has served as president of the Highlands Chamber of Commerce with a splendid record of achievements for his community. He is an undergraduate of Newberry College and has done graduate work at the University of North Carolina.

C. B. BUTTS AT ALMOND

Mr. Lathan also announced the election of C. B. Butts as principal of the Almond high school. Mr. Butts is a graduate of Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., and has done graduate work at Duke University. He is 38 years old, married and has one child, and is a member of the Baptist church. He has taught in the Gaffney, S. C., city schools, and since 1937 has been principal of Cleveland high school area, Madison, S. C.

CARL GOERCH GIVES SWAIN PUBLICITY IN STATE MAGAZINE

Those who have read Carl Goerch's weekly magazine, "The State", have enjoyed reading his long article on Swain county, which appeared in the issue of July 18.

Goerch was in Bryson City on May 25, the day Federal court opened and almost without exception a few weeks after he visits a town of county you can read something interesting about that section, as well as read the things you said to Carl, if you had the pleasure to do that for that is one thing that is hard to do. Carl is just like a flea on a hot stove when he is out on one of his many trips over the state. Just give him a word or hint and—BANG—there is a big story. Carl said that the editor of The Times told him about the beautiful scenery in Swain county. And this is why we say, just give Carl a hint and he is off. The writer doesn't remember having had time to tell Carl all this about Swain Co., but anyway, he got it over just right.

Thanks, Mr. Carl and The State, for your fine article and come back when you can stay longer, then we will give you enough for a full issue, or maybe you would prefer to carry it as a continued story. You are always welcome in Bryson City.

Walker Seeks Asphalt For Soco-Cherokee Road

J. C. Walker, division highway engineer for the state highway and public works commission, has filed application with the bureau of public roads for sufficient asphalt to complete the surfacing of the Soco Gap road to Cherokee Indian Reservation. The road has already been graded and stone has been placed on it, Mr. Walker said. The contractor is now engaged in a general dressing up of the right of way. This is expected to take about three months.

Volunteers For Red Cross Cutting And Sewing Needed

All women who will volunteer to help cut garments for Red Cross are asked to be at the Presbyterian hut, on Monday, August 3, at 2 o'clock. All women who will volunteer to sew bed shirts should call at the Farm Security Office in the courthouse. Finished garments may be returned to Mrs. Bryson or Mrs. Black. Sweaters should be returned to Mrs. Caney Myers.

Ball And Shope Creeks Closed To Fishermen, Other Streams Open

Due to the large number of fish caught in Ball and Shope Creeks of the Standing Indian Cooperative Game Area it has been found necessary to close these two streams to all trout fishing for the remainder of the season. This closure goes into effect immediately. It is the policy of the State Game and Fish Commission, in cooperation with the U. S. Forest Service, to regulate fishing on streams within the cooperative game management areas in such a manner as to insure perpetual good fishing and to prevent total exhaustion of fish in any stream. All other streams within the game areas on the Nantahala National Forest continue to be open on prescribed dates as advertised at the beginning of the season.

Conservation

War production strength of the Nation's farms was increased last year by application of AAA conservation materials far above those of any previous year.

CITIZENS ARE URGED BY PRESIDENT TO SAVE ALL SCRAP

Warning that many shortages directly affecting the people lie ahead, President Roosevelt, Tuesday, made a general appeal for the fullest possible co-operation in the coming scrap salvage drive.

The President asked that cellars, attics and backyards be ransacked for old metal, rubber and rags and that waste fats be turned in at meat markets, and in case of doubt whether a particular article would be of help to the war effort, he said the citizen should assume it was needed, adding that it probably was.

Mr. Roosevelt said that the scrap salvage drive is an opportunity for every individual to take a personal part in the war effort. The people generally realize the seriousness of the situation, the President said, but it has not made an impact on the lives of many.

Big Chief Walkingstick Is Favorite At Jackson

Fort Jackson, S. C., July 28.—Had he been born a few generations earlier, he'd probably be uttering bloodcurdling yells as he chased the elusive deer or buffalo on the back of a fleet-footed pony. But such were not in the cards for Fort Jackson's Big Chief Walkingstick, full-blooded American Indian from Cherokee, N. C.

And so today Chief Walkingstick is looking forward to accompanying the drooping of an aircraft engine and dropping highly explosive "eggs" on his "tribe" to take part in the biggest scrap an Indian has ever taken part in.

"Five of us came down together," commented the keen-eyed rookie. "Three have been shipped out." Then pointing to a soldier in a nearby chow line. "There's my buddy now."

Joseph George, recently from the Reservation, also seemed anxious to lift a few scalps for Uncle Sam.

More soft spoken than his stockier built buddy, the rookie explained that he wasn't sure just where his army career would lead him. "I'm too new yet to know just what I want. I am sure the placement men here will be able to fit me in. I'd like to stick with the Big Chief if possible."

Two Weeks Training Union Courses Ends

The two weeks' Training Union course given at the First Baptist church closed with the Sunday evening service.

The first week was given over to conferences and promotion work. Each night of the second week study courses led by the four young workers sent out by the State-wide Baptist Training Union, were enjoyed by the members of the church.

Mr. Cline Ellis, one of the leaders, spoke Sunday night. Mr. C. W. Sparks is director of the local Training Union.

Adolph, Benito and Hirohito—the three blind mice. Make them run with ten percent of your income in War Bonds every pay day.

STATE COLLEGE OFFERS SHORT COURSES IN TECHNICAL TRAINING

Raleigh, July 27.—War work is demanding an increasing number of men and women with technical training, Director Edward W. Ruggles of the College Extension Division reported today in announcing opening for more students in several government-financed short courses at N. C. State College.

Training is available for additional men and women in aircraft sheet metal and machine shop work and for additional men students in electrical welding, Ruggles said.

The aircraft sheet metal course lasts six weeks and the other courses from 10 to 12 weeks. Classes are conducted eight hours daily five days each week.

With the exception of students' subsistence, all expenses of the course are paid by the Federal government. Upon satisfactory completion of a course, the student is prepared to accept a job in government or industrial work essential to the victory effort. Calls for trained men and women far exceed the supply, with aircraft plants and shipyards clamoring for all the trained help they can get.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for untrained men and women to learn a trade which will benefit them throughout their lives," Director Ruggles commented. "Most of those completing our courses are placed immediately in war work paying from \$50 to \$100 weekly."

Hundreds of men and women have been placed in vital war work after completing defense courses at State College.

Ruggles said anyone interested in enrolling should apply to his office immediately. Vacancies are limited in each course.

LONG PRISON TERMS GIVEN TRIO FOR STOREBREAKING

Two years in State's prison at hard labor was the sentence pronounced by Judge Don F. Phillips on three defendants in court here Tuesday. The trial of the four defendants, charged with storebreaking, took up most of Tuesday's session.

The three defendants, James Arnold Crisp, of Judson; Edward Cannon and Leroy Abernathy, of South Carolina, were sentenced. The fourth defendant, 16 years of age, was given a suspended sentence and ordered to live the next five years in the custody of his mother and help his younger brothers and sisters.

Sheriff Martin and other officers arrested the four men last month after they were reported to have taken the safe from C. O. Jenkins' store at Judson and carried it up Panther Creek for eight miles where it was hidden in laurel bushes. They also admitted taking cigarettes, pocket knives, and other merchandise from the store. The safe contained a large number of securities, but the men could not open it. After their arrest by Sheriff Martin two of the men took him to the hideout.

Lollis Brothers In Service, Write Relatives

Mrs. C. R. Medford has recent word from her brothers who are serving in the U. S. armed forces. Private Fred Lollis writes that he is well and getting along fine. He left Raleigh July 14 and arrived at San Diego, Calif., on the 18th. He writes that he has taken his examination and shots. Fred is the son of the late Mr. Tom and Mrs. Laura Lollis.

His address—care Planton—J-1, Recruit Depot M. C. B., San Diego, Calif.

Arthur Lollis, who has been in the service for two years, is stationed at Fort Jackson. He was recently promoted from sergeant to staff sergeant in the Coast Guard Service. He is the son of Mrs. Tom Lollis and the late Mr. Lollis.

Garbage

A survey of the nation's garbage pile shows that the waste totals 302 pounds a year for each person in 412 cities having an aggregate population of 53,000,000.

Six Local Boys Left Tuesday For NYA Welding Course At Wilmington

Frank Wright, Ray Seay, Clyde Russell Morris, T. D. Reece and Clint White, all local boys, left Tuesday from Asheville by bus for Wilmington where they have been enrolled in the NYA welding school. The boys will be eligible for well paying defense jobs when their course is completed.

Miss Inez Calhoun, in charge of recruiting boys for this course, said yesterday that another bus will leave in two weeks and if there are other boys interested in taking this course they should see her at the courthouse on Friday and Saturday morning.

YOUNG MEN HAVE BIG CHANCE TO ADVANCE IN U. S. ARMY AIR CORPS

Swain county young men between the ages of 18 and 26 who want to become aviation cadets in the Army Air Corps now may enlist through the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

The V. F. W. is prepared to give candidates preliminary physical and mental tests and correct minor physical defects, also to assist candidates, through the cooperation of the local school authorities to "refresh up" on subjects they may be "rusty" on.

This program is authorized by the State V. F. W. with all expenses paid for the applicant including transportation for final examination.

We want a corps of 25 cadets, and all persons interested to be present at our first meeting next Monday night, August 3, at the courthouse in Bryson City, at 8:30 P. M.

While intraining the Aviation Cadet receives \$75.00 per month and all expenses together with a paid up \$10,000 insurance policy. If the cadet qualifies as a 2nd lieutenant, he receives \$245.00 per month with a bonus of \$500 per year's service at discharge. Remember: Monday night, 8:30, at courthouse.

Civilian Defense Office Opened In Courthouse

McKinley Edwards, chairman of Civilian Defense in Swain county, has announced that an office with a full-time secretary is now in the courthouse, occupying the room formerly occupied by the draft board. Mrs. Iva Francis is in charge of the office.

Mr. Edwards has appointed Gardner Woodard Coordinator of the Swain county office. Mr. Woodard will go to Chapel Hill for a special course in Civilian Defense work before organizing the work here.

Recent Adverse War News Emphasizes The Grim Hard Task Facing All Americans

There probably aren't many people in the United States who are still naive enough to think that this is going to be a war easily won—a war won without great sacrifice at home and on the field of battle. "If there are any so naive, last week's news must have gone a long way toward making them realize the sort of war we are really in.

Last week brought news from the armed forces, from the field of transportation and the vital field of materials and supply which served to underline the grim, hard task before us all. The Office of War Information released the total casualties suffered by our armed forces since hostilities broke out. The figure stood at 44,143 soldiers, sailors, marines, coast guardsmen, and members of the Philippine Scouts, killed or wounded or missing—many of those missing are believed prisoners of the Japs—and their sacrifice emphasizes the pettiness of those who complain of restrictions on our normal lives at home.

Here at home our one concern must be, as it has been since Pearl Harbor, to see that every bit of material we spare goes to make weapons for our troops and that there are trains enough and trucks enough and ships enough to take these weapons where they are needed.

This great task may be sub-divided into three main jobs—the job of supplying materials or our factories, a job which includes the important work of salvage and saving—the job of production, a job which enlists all



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LIONS CLUB TO TAKE ACTIVE PART IN U. S. O. DRIVE

The Bryson City Lions Club agreed, at their meeting Monday night, to make a special effort to make the U.S.O. drive 100 percent successful.

The Lions have heretofore taken a lead in charitable causes and feel that a successful U.S.O. drive will help us to show the boys who have been wounded in action and their families that America at home is willing to do her part in consideration of the sacrifices the boys themselves have made.

President G. D. Franks is leading the club into one of the most beneficial and prosperous eras that Bryson City Lionism has ever experienced. He and the Lions Club urge every individual citizen to put their shoulder to the wheel and help Swain county to lead the nation in the U.S.O. drive in donations per capita.

WPA Office Closed, Weaver Goes With TVA

John C. Weaver, project supervisor for WPA in Swain and Graham counties for the past two years or more, announced today that he has resigned the WPA position and accepted a position with the C & M Division of TVA on the Fontana project. Mr. Weaver stated that the WPA office here has been closed, but projects now underway will continue. The only WPA project now in this county is a sanitation job with 18 men at work. The new courthouse job in Graham county has not been completed, he said. His successor, if any, has not been named.

LOCAL ROTARIANS HEAR DIS. GOVERNOR AT THURSDAY MEETING

Dr. Green Spoke On Rotary's
Contribution To Civilization

"Rotary's Contributions to Civilization," was the expansive topic of the talk by Dr. Green before the local Rotarians at the regular dinner meeting last Thurs., at 7:30. In this talk he pointed out especially the contributions that Rotary and similar organizations will be able to make in the rebuilding of the world after the war.

In his introduction he traced the contributions that America as a nation has made to the progress of civilization, and upon which the philosophy of Democracy is based and has developed. "These are America to the rest of the world," he pointed out, "and they are America to those of us who stop to think. America has emphasized peace, religious toleration, votes for all, a welcome for all comers, and a diffusion of well-being for everyone. These five things the late President Eliot of Harvard described as America's major contributions.

"But they are true for the future as well as for the past. They are the basis of a glowing patriotism. They are essentially moral, for beneath each lies a strong ethical sentiment, a strenuous moral and social purpose. These make our Democracy, and by them we teach the world. So today we face the task of preserving a country where such achievements are possible. We have a two-fold job: to win the war, and to win the war after the war. The latter will be war against poverty, injustice, and hate—the very qualities out of which wars are born.

"At least five things Rotarians will contribute and teach others to contribute. The very genius of Rotary makes these contributions possible. We must insist on a just peace for all. We must see that religious liberty becomes an universal possession. We must see to it that all men have a voice in the government under which they live. We must be allowed to go and come about the world with no fear of molestation, sharing with others the good things we have and sharing with them the art and literature and life that they enjoy. We must help all the world to live happily and in good health for the good of all.

"These things are not impossible. They must be universal. We no longer live unto ourselves. But helpfully making ourselves part of a new day, we shall be instruments for the building of a new world. An in that new world war will be less likely, and peace will have a firmer basis, and truth and righteousness will be real and not superficial. To such tasks the true Rotarian dedicates himself gladly and nobly."

This was Dr. Green's first visit to Bryson City, which he stated he had looked forward to with much pleasure. He expressed himself as being delighted with our little city and also said that he plans to come back again and stay longer. He was entertained in the home of President Warren L. Lathan while here.

Jack Cordell At Fort Benning

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cordell have received word from their son, Jack Cordell, that he has been transferred from Fort Walters, Mineral Wells, Texas, to Fort Benning, Ga. Jack is taking the cooking course with the army and the Fort Benning school is said to be one of the best the Army maintains.

Local Men Going To Pearl Harbor Job

James Cordell and Kenneth Marr will leave Sunday for the west coast from where they will sail for Pearl Harbor. These men have accepted work with the Utah Construction company on a naval base job at Pearl Harbor.

Rail Official Dies

Otis B. Price, 44, assistant general passenger agent of the Southern Railway system, died from a heart attack at his Asheville home Monday evening at 8:30. Mr. Price had complained of not feeling so well Monday afternoon before leaving his office.

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