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## SMITHWICK RESIGNS; W. D. SMITH NOMINATED

Will Entertain Royalty With Square Dance Tonight



This is the first published picture of the Soco Gap dancers that will cut figures for the King and Queen at the White House in Washington tonight, for eight minutes. They graciously posed for the picture in front of the Mountaineer, and were all set and ready to go—in fact it was hard to keep them still long enough for the photographer to get the picture. First row, left to right: Martha Moody, Beulah Caldwell, Iowa Lee Ferguson, Josee Platt, Mrs. Kyle Campbell, Carmen Platt, Mrs. Robert Hugh Clark, Sam Queen, leader, Juanita Massey and Queen. Second Row: Rankin Ferguson, Richard Queen, Wilburn Campbell, Ralph Moody, Kyle Campbell, Bill Leatherwood, and Joe Campbell. The little girl is Kyleen Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Campbell. Kathleen Boyd made the trip. She is not shown in the picture and will not dance unless one of the regulars had out.

### Dancers Escorted By Motorcade As They Leave Town

Soco Gap Dance Team Will Perform For King And Queen Tonight At White House

With a broad smile, having just been informed that a Broadway producer would be in the capital to talk over prospects for a contract for his Soco dance team, Sam Queen and his dancers left town yesterday afternoon for Washington around one o'clock in high spirits. They were accompanied to Asheville by a motorcade, headed by a highway patrolman. After arriving in Asheville they went to the Chamber of Commerce, where they were photographed and were given some final instruction. Shortly before five o'clock they were taken to the Southern station and boarded the special chartered car which will carry them to the capital.

Excitement prevailed up and down the main street as the motorcade formed near the upper end of the street, everyone trying to catch a last glimpse of the dancers as they left town.

"Yes, we are going to dance the King's Highway, because it was one of the figures our ancestors brought over from England," said Sam Queen, manager.

"Then we'll do the London Bridge, too, the Wagon Wheel, and the Ocean Wave, and we'll end up with the

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### First Choice



W. D. SMITH

### Second Choice



J. C. BROWN

### Chairman Brown Nominates Smith As County Agent

J. C. Brown, Vocational Teacher, Named As Second Choice By Board

Immediately following the resignation on Monday of R. R. Smithwick, county farm agent for the past two years, the county board of commissioners went into executive session and upon nomination by George A. Brown, Jr., chairman of the board, W. Dalton Smith, former county agent, was elected to fill the vacancy. The appointment was not unanimous, as R. T. Boyd voted against the nomination of Mr. Smith.

J. Colvin Brown, vocational agriculture teacher in the Waynesville High School, was nominated by R. T. Boyd. Mr. Brown was elected as second choice of the board for the position of county farm agent, with Frank M. Davis not voting.

Since the appointment of the county farm agent is a joint selection made by the county board of commissioners and the state extension service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Mr. Smith will have to be approved by the latter, before he will be officially acceptable for the position.

Chas. C. Francis, clerk of the board, was instructed to notify the extension service of the appointment of Mr. Smith.

Other appointments made Monday by the board included: the appointments of Miss Mary Margaret Smith to succeed herself as home demonstration agent; Robert M. Boyd, of Jonathan Creek, as fire and forest warden to succeed J. Q. Allison.

The appointment of Miss Smith and Robt. M. Boyd will also have to be confirmed by the state departments under which their work is grouped.

Bryan Medford was appointed to assist Weave; H. McCracken, tax collector and J. J. Ferguson, assistant tax collector, in the collection of taxes.

At a joint meeting of the county board of commissioners, George A. Brown, Jr., Frank M. Davis, and R. T. Boyd, and county welfare board composed of H. Arthur Osborne, Jimmy Boyd, and Clifford Brown, of which George A. Brown, Jr., as chairman of the county board of commissioners, automatically becomes chairman, when the two groups meet, no action was taken regarding the appointment of a county welfare officer. Two applicants for the position, Mrs. J. Dale

### Changes Made At Smith's Cut Rate

The interior of Smith's Cut Rate Drug Store has been completely repainted, and several counters and shelves added for display purposes.

An air-condition system, which draws air from outside the store and sends it by huge blower fans completely changes the air every few minutes.

The system is so arranged that in winter the same system warms the store.

### Firms Purchase Large Flags For Street Displays

Whenever the occasion demands, Waynesville business houses along Main street will be prepared to display Old Glory in front of every establishment.

A shipment of 34 large flags, 12-foot poles, were received this week, and street crews are drilling holes on the curb to fit the poles. This shipment supplements a large number already here.

A movement was started several weeks ago to have a flag for every business house, and as a result, it was said yesterday, that the campaign was almost 100 per cent.

C. A. George headed the work, and announced that those who purchased flags could call and get them from the Waynesville Book Store. The flags are identical to those used on all government buildings and ships, having been made by the firm who supplies Uncle Sam.

### W. Lee, Supt. Sewer Construction Painfully Injured

Lee Lost His Footing And Fell 18 Feet Into A Rock-Lined Ditch

W. Lee, superintendent of the construction of the Waynesville, Haywood, Lake Junaluska sewer lines, of the Blythe Bros. Company, of Blythe, suffered painful and serious injuries last Saturday morning, when he lost his footing on the bank of a ditch and fell about 18 feet.

Lee landed directly in front of a rock-lined ditch that was digging a ditch near a rock cliff. In the fall he landed on his back, broke a bone in one leg and received injuries to his head and body bruises.

The ditch is located on the outfall of the construction near the residence of C. R. Jaynes on the Crabtree road. The accident occurred about 10 o'clock in the morning.

Lee was taken to the Haywood Hospital for treatment, and it is reported that he has suffered greatly, his injuries are in view of his injuries were considered by hospital attaches, late in the afternoon, to be satisfactory.

Lee's wife and other members of his family from Chesnee, S. C., have arrived to be with him.

Lee's absence from the work is delaying the construction. It is reported that the foremen and workers are bending every effort to get the work kept up to schedule.

### Will Lead Soco Dancers



"Caller" Sam Queen and his dancing partner, Mrs. Gertrude Platt Clark, will lead the dance tonight in Washington. This photo made by Sherrill's Studio, was made for The Mountaineer.

### Energetic Jitterbugs Amazed At Fast Dancing Pace Of Soco Gap Dance Team

EDITOR'S NOTE:—The following news release was made to all newspapers from the news bureau of the Mountaineer.

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### Rotary President



BEN E. COLKITT

Ben E. Colkitt has been named president of the Waynesville Rotary Club for the coming year, and will assume office on July first.

New incoming president will also attend the international convention in Cleveland in the next few weeks.

M. H. Bowles, now serving as president, will act as vice-president for the coming year, Jimmy Neal as secretary and A. P. Ledbetter, treasurer.

### Voice of The People

There is a movement on foot in Waynesville to have a banner placed across Main Street the day President Roosevelt comes through enroute to dedicate the Park, which would read: "Welcome To The Third Term President." What is your opinion of this plan?

W. T. Rainer—Farmer and stock raiser—"The president is not coming here on a political mission, so, I think the banner would be out of place, and not in keeping with the occasion."

J. R. Boyd—President First National Bank—"I think they ought to decorate the streets for the president, but I don't think we will ever need a third term president. I think that is one reason we get on so well in North Carolina, is because we have a one term governor."

Robert V. Welch—Sheriff—"Good. I approve a banner with 'Welcome to the 3rd term President.'"

Dr. C. N. Sisk—District Health officer—"I am opposed to a third term for any president. The precedent set by George Washington still holds with me. I think there are any number of men capable of following Mr. Roosevelt."

R. T. Boyd—Member of the County Board of Commissioners—"I am for a third term for President Roosevelt. I think he is a great man and relieved this country when it was in the greatest distress."

Mrs. Doyle D. Alley—Active in the work of the N. C. Young Democratic Clubs—"I think the plan of placing a large banner across the street reading 'Welcome to our third term President' would be very timely and indeed pleasing to our Great President, as well as to the majority of visitors who will be with us that day from many cities of our own state, in celebration of this outstanding occasion. It, to me, would imply a renewal pledge of our faith and confidence in his able leadership and in the far-sighted program of such magnitude and effectiveness which he has so successfully inaugurated and directed throughout the United States, that here in our own community and state we have been able to see our citizens, old and young, working, well clothed and fed and enjoying the security of home and family life."

### Every Business Still Proves Profitable For L. H. Bramlett

Years In Business For 25 Years He Has Been In The Business, And Has Kept Pace With Times



L. H. BRAMLETT  
—Photo by Sherrill's Studio.

L. H. Bramlett rounded out twenty-five years as owner of a livery stable on May the 25th. In the last quarter of a century the livery stable has undergone many changes, and it has taken a keen business man to stem the tide of the transition from the horse and buggy days to the stream lined motor car of today, and stay in the business and make money.

For there is no denying the fact that when travel shifted from horse flesh to motor vehicles money was lost on the horse. But "Lush" has been able to meet changing conditions, and still make a profit.

"Boys and girls don't have the fun they used to. Now they don't think of anything but riding fast to another town—it's going places at a distance that seems to count with them. They don't know you can travel slow

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### Local Merchant Looks Back On 34 Years Of Business

T. M. McCracken Oldest Merchant On Main Street Philosophizes On Life

"I believe that the old saying, 'laugh and the world laughs with you, weep and you weep alone,' tells the story of life, about as well as any one expression I know," said Theodore M. McCracken, last week in reviewing the 34 years he has been in the clothing business on Main street. "For there is no getting around the fact, that the world just moves on. It wants to laugh, and if you have to stop to weep, you will be left along the wayside, so the best way, is to cast off your troubles, for nobody wants to borrow or share them, but your smile and your laugh will never fail to gather a crowd," continued Mr. McCracken.

Mr. McCracken is the oldest merchant on Main street in point of continued years in the same business.

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### 34 Years A Merchant



THEODORE McCracken  
—Photo by Sherrill's Studio.