

## A State Dentist will help local school children

—to free dental work here  
in Sparta beginning Janu-  
ary 15. School children  
who are unable to pay can

have free dental work done by a State Board of Health Dentist, January 15. Dr. Robert H. King, Health Officer, has announced receipt of notice to this effect from Dr. Earnest Branch, Division of Oral Hygiene, Raleigh. Dr. Edwards, who is a member of his staff will be here for the purpose of cleaning, extracting and filling teeth for school children up to twelve years of age.

He will begin his work in Sparta School, and further announcements will be made in regard to other schools in this county. Parents who cannot pay for this service, which is much needed in this county, remember, bad teeth may cause various diseases, such as rheumatism, heart and kidney conditions which are difficult to cure.

## Lonnie Gambill passed away Friday evening

—at 5 o'clock in Bel Air, Mary-  
land, and the funeral was held  
Tuesday at Fountain Green, near-  
by.

Last week word came that he had been taken to the hospital for an appendix operation.

His passing will be mourned by many friends here in Alleghany. He was a brother to Mrs. Van Reeves and Mrs. John Edwards.

## NYA Office Moved

The NYA Office of Alleghany County, which was originally in the Court House, has been moved across the street directly over the Irwin Barber Shop, and opposite the Telephone Company entrance, according to Lee M. Woodruff, Supervisor for Alleghany County.

## Christmas Bride



Mrs. Reece Caudell, Galax, who was before her marriage in Pulaski, on Saturday, December 23, Miss Virginia Elizabeth Joiner, Sparta. The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. Francis Hume Scott, pastor of the Pulaski (Va.) Christian Church.—Photo Courtesy Roanoke Times.

## A new serial— "Hills of Destiny" —will begin

—in the Times next Thursday,  
January 18, and continue each  
week, for 14 weeks, until the  
entire story is published.

"Hills of Destiny," by Agnes Louise Provost, relates how Lee Hollister, strong of hand and stout of heart, returned unexpectedly to the Circle V from a trip abroad to find—and correct—the strange situation confronting the girl he loves. Thrills . . . Romance . . . Love in a Western setting. That's the "thumbnail" on "Hills of Destiny."

Miss Provost is the author of many best sellers, including "The Closed Door," "Fortune's Wheel" and "Honeymoon Wife," and spent years in the country she writes about.

Don't miss a single installment of this exciting serial!

## John R. Watson bought a 120-acre farm near Stratford

—during this week. Purchase of  
the farm was made possible by  
the tenant-purchase program of  
the Farm Security Administra-  
tion. That agency lent Mr. Wat-  
son money to buy the farm and  
to add needed improvements.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson and their daughter expect to move to their new farm immediately.

Improvements will include the repair of dwelling and construction of new outbuildings.

Mr. Watson will have 40 years in which to repay the Government for the money borrowed. A variable payment plan will enable him to make lighter payments in bad crop years and heavier payments in good years. The interest is 3 percent. A short term loan of from 2 to 5 years from the same agency will furnish money, for seed, fertilizer, and other farming operations.

He will follow a live-at-home program with tobacco, beans, sheep, and cattle for cash income. The loan entitles the family to advice from County FSA Supervisors as to good farming practices. W. Bryan Oliver is the county supervisor for Ashe and Alleghany Counties. He may be consulted in his office at the Court House on Tuesday mornings.

## In a Jackson Day message to the nation Monday

—night, in Washington, D.  
C., President Roosevelt care-  
fully shielded his third-term  
plans and warned Demo-  
cratic leaders that the party must  
cling to New Deal policies if it is  
to win in 1940.

Speaking directly to the cream of the capital's Democracy at a \$100-a-plate Jackson Day dinner and to thousands of radio listeners at similar functions throughout the nation, the President defended the achievements of his administration and said they must not be "chipped away."

The American people, he said, recognize two facts today:

1. That the world outside our hemisphere is "in really bad shape." He said that this fact is so big that few people have grasped its meaning and so big that "our little partisan squabbles are shameful in the light of it."

2. That the nation has made "great gains" in our economic prosperity and the security of individual citizens.

"These gains must not be chipped away; they must be only a foundation on which to build further gains," he said. "Behind us lies accomplished a really big job."

Although his remarks were good-humored, Mr. Roosevelt's warning that the Democratic party must continue to earn the support of liberal Republicans, progressives and others who flocked to its standard in 1932 and remained there in 1936, was blunt and forceful.

It was an unmistakable declaration that Democrats can not win with a conservative candidate for the White House.

The president pleaded guilty to the "soft impeachment" that too many persons in his administration are not active party Democrats, but explained that he believes in party organization only in proportion to its proper place in government. In this, he said, he shares the feelings of most people who are more concerned with getting "the big jobs" done than with the label of the party that does it.

Because they did "the big job," he said, Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson and Abraham Lincoln were his heroes—Hamilton because he brought stability out of chaos of currency and banking difficulties; Jefferson because he established the new republic as a real democracy; Lincoln because he made possible a united country and Jackson because he saved the economic democracy of the union for its westward expansion into a great nation.

Speculation about his third-term plans will have prompted the President to observe that "I am supposed to be a self-made riddle—in fact, a cross between a riddle and a Santa Claus." He professed humorous amazement at the refusal of three Republican congressional leaders to attend the dinner after being assured that his speech would be non-partisan.

## The Blue Ridge Parkway will be opened

—to common carrier pas-  
senger service soon. Facili-  
ties of the nation's most  
magnificent scenic drive are  
made available to a larger num-  
ber of folks; development means  
much to all of western North  
Carolina.

A highway nearly five hundred miles long, extending along the crest of the southern Appalachian range from the Great Smokies National Park to the Shenandoah National Park, unfolding a continuous panorama of forest-mantled hills and secluded valley farms, silvery streams and flashing waterfalls, billow clouds below sun-kissed peaks, yet designed with such consummate engineering skill that it is as easy to drive as a city park—that is the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Construction of the Parkway and development of the adjacent area means that there has been opened up to travelers and sight-seers a country whose natural beauty is unequalled. Not only has this development afforded opportunity for millions of people to enjoy the scenic beauty of the mountains, it has also provided communication with the modern world for a people whose section used to be known as the "Lost Provinces" because of its isolation and inaccessibility.

The Blue Ridge Parkway belongs to the federal government. The states of Virginia and North Carolina provided the right of way, and the government is building the road. Approximately \$20,000,000 has been appropriated for construction, and most of it has been spent. When completed the Parkway will connect the Shenandoah National Park in Northern Virginia with the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on the Tennessee-North Carolina line, and will cost about \$35,000,000. The road is an integral part of the park system and is administered by the National Park Service.

There will be no signboards along its 500 miles; no lumbering trucks will clutter the road; occasional filling stations and refreshment stands will be under strict government supervision. There will be nothing to mar the pleasure of motorists who may glide along this cloud-high parkway at attitudes heretofore attained only by airplanes. The average altitude of the parkway is just under 2,500 feet, with its highest point of 4,355 feet near Grandfather Mountain.

Besides the scenic beauty of unexcelled mountain vistas, Western North Carolina offers attractions for the sportsman and pleasure seeker. The famous deer and bear hunts in adjacent Pisgah National Forest bring hunters from all over the country each year. More bears have been killed this season in three Western North Carolina counties than were killed last season in the whole state of Maine.

The Parkway is intersected by dozens of improved state roads, connecting with towns nestling among the hills and with quiet pastoral retreats, thus extending its advantages for miles on both sides of the main travel artery. National publicity given the two parks and the linking parkway is beneficial to the whole area and will bring into the state millions of tourist dollars.

There remains only one step to make the scenic glories and recreational facilities of this bountiful land accessible to the (turn to page 4, please)

Another state law became effective Jan. 1st—requiring all expectant mothers to take blood tests for syphilis. Under the measure, which was passed by the 1939 legislature, "every woman who becomes pregnant shall have a blood sample taken and submitted to a laboratory approved by the North Carolina state board of health for performing the Wassermann test or other approved tests for syphilis."

Violation of the act will constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$25, imprisonment for 30 days, or both.

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"Any duly licensed physician shall, upon application, secure the required blood sample and submit it to the laboratory. Midwives may not take such samples but shall refer their patients to a duly licensed physician. Any pregnant woman who is not able to pay a physician to take the blood sample may have such samples secured by the county health officer."

## A. O. Joines Asst. Supervisor of Census



## A new principle of fish hatchery design is being

—tried out in the Roaring Gap  
Fish Hatchery and is proving itself  
efficient, and promises to be of  
immense benefit in growing young  
fish until they are large enough  
to be released in open streams,  
Guy C. Wallace, superintendent,  
said here yesterday.

The Roaring Gap hatchery is a part of a state-wide system operated through the department of conservation and development. Last year approximately 750,000 young fish were released for future angling, and there are now on hand a million more fingerlings and fries, the latter just hatched. Both trout and small mouth bass are being grown.

The new principle originated by Wallace and now about half completed through a WPA project is an underground sewer line running along under the entire series of hatchery ponds with an individual drain for each pond. In the majority of hatcheries now in operation, the top pond is drained into the one below and so on down the line until all are finally drained.

But at Roaring Gap each pond drains separately into the underground pipe and all polluted matter is removed without it having to go through another of the ponds. It not only makes for healthier and disease-free fish but it speeds up the drainage and simplifies it considerably.

The fish are kept until they attain a length of four to six inches before they are released, which requires about a year after they are hatched.

## Mr. Ford preached his final sermon Sunday evening

—in the Sparta Baptist  
Church to a large and  
appreciative audience. Out-  
side the snow was falling  
heavily, but the full auditorium  
testified to the high place the  
Rev. Mr. Ford holds in the hearts  
of Sparta people.

Mr. Ford has resigned so that he can go further with his own education. He leaves immediately for Texas to take up studies. Many earnest good wishes go with him.

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## Carolínians Victorious in Texas



Happiest visitors to Texas on New Year's Day were Governor and Mrs. Burnet R. Maybank of South Carolina, who watched the Clemson Tigers of the Palmetto State defeat Boston College by a score of 6 to 3. They are shown above at a dinner given after the game by friends of Vice President John Garner, where the trophy emblematic of athletic supremacy and good sportsmanship was presented to the winners.

## Miss Rowena Woods was recently elected class editor

—of the Sampler staff at Sullins  
College, Bristol, Va.

Miss Woods is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Woods, and granddaughter of Mrs. James W. Hawthorne, of Alleghany County. Miss Woods is a senior at Sullins, where she was awarded a scholarship for outstanding work in her junior year.

Sullins College won the all-American honor rating for college annuals two years in succession from the National Scholastic Press Association. Fourteen girls comprise the staff and write the annual for 1939-40.

## It's news when a Sparta firm opens a branch

—store at a place down in  
Rowan County called Salis-  
bury. That is what is hap-  
pening right now. The Delp

Brothers, who conduct a furniture and antique business in Sparta next to the Dime Store are branching out, and Mr. Frank Delp who is known as the "selling" salesman hereabouts will have charge of the Rowan County store, a branch of the Sparta business.

## Only 12 in Alleghany

There are 12 places of business in Alleghany county licensed by the state to sell beer at retail, it was announced today.

Figures, compiled by the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors Committee as of January 1, disclosed that the state has issued retail beer licenses to 4,689 dealers in North Carolina. Mecklenburg County's 321 easily tops Guilford's 231. Forsyth is third with 210, and Buncombe fourth with 181.

There are in the state 37 places of business which have lost their licenses as a result of the beer industry's "clean up or close up" campaign in North Carolina, it was explained. Edgar H. Bain of Goldsboro, three-times state senator and state director of the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors committee, directs the drive against objectionable beer outlets in the state.

## The North Carolina Supreme Court found no error in the

—case of Glenn Maxwell, twice  
convicted of the first-degree mur-  
der of Charlie Shepherd in Alle-  
ghany County, some two years  
ago.

The court's ruling fixed Friday, January 19, as the date of execution for this case, as well as for seven other death sentences confirmed from county courts.

## Who took two slot machines and an auto tire

—from the D & W Motor  
Company store after closing  
time Sunday night? 'Twas  
done by someone with a key,

and gave a certain thrill to the boys in the jail across the way who watched, and who claim they recognized some of the three who apparently participated.

The incident has caused two or more arrests. The slot machines were rifled and abandoned, and later found after considerable search.

Around the town there is some discussion as to how far one can be prosecuted for stealing a slot machine, which has something of a questionable standing at best.

## Warning us to guard children against Diphtheria,

—the County Health Officer, Dr.  
King says:

"Immunization against diphtheria, or membranous croup, is required by law for all children over six months of age. It is also required of older children before they enter school in 1940.

"This law is entirely in the interest of the children, every parent or guardian should see that it is complied with, not because it is a law, but because it is such a simple means of warding off possible severe illness and even death.

"The treatment is best given in two doses at intervals of three weeks. Formerly one dose was advised, but recent investigations have shown two doses to be best.

"Those having children within the ages given above, i. e., six months to six years, who have not been given this treatment, let me urge you to have it done at once by your family physician or by your Health Department."

Health Department office hours: Tuesday, 9:00 to 12:00 a. m. Saturday, 9:00 to 12:00 a. m.

## The first meeting of the new division of the Baptist

—Woman's Missionary Union will  
be held at Wilkesboro Baptist  
Church, January 19th.

Mrs. W. D. Briggs, State corresponding secretary, and Miss Mary Carren, Young Peoples leader, will be present.

Association officers are invited to attend. Special conferences will be held on Mission Study, Personal Service, Stewardship and Missionary Education of our Young People.

Mrs. A. O. Joines, Alleghany Association Superintendent of W. M. U., urges all officers to attend this meeting.

Presbyterian Church Service this Sunday evening at 7:15, the Reverend Mr. Berry preaching.

## Paul V. McNutt was the Jackson Day speaker

—in Raleigh Monday night,  
when the annual North  
Carolina Jackson Day din-  
ner was held there in the

Sir Walter Hotel. McNutt, federal security administrator, told North Carolina Democrats that "the things for which Franklin D. Roosevelt has given his best must not be allowed to perish."

McNutt is a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination if Mr. Roosevelt does not seek re-election.

"Look at the record and be proud," said McNutt, after praising Andrew Jackson as "one of the giants of Democracy" and President Roosevelt as "another great Democrat."

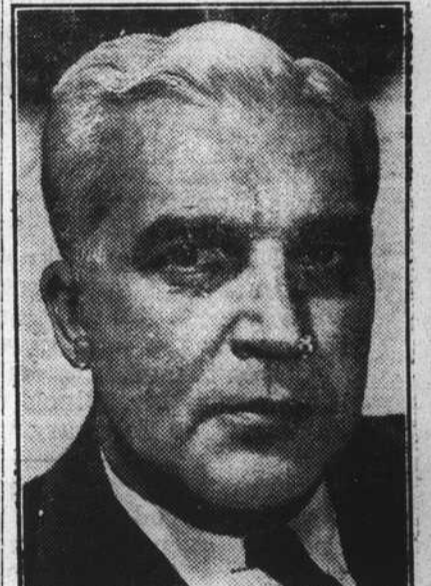
"Under Republican administrations," McNutt said, was "a record of wasted resources, of financial bubbles, of a government that refused to take care of American land and American people.

"Under the new deal, a record of building, of fighting against fire and flood, against poverty and disease—a record of youth and courage fighting its way toward a sound and solid prosperity. Look at the record and be strong. Democracy marches on."

"The plain people of today adore Franklin Roosevelt," asserted McNutt. "And why shouldn't they? Every ounce of his strength, every thought of his waking hours is dedicated to their service. No wonder the American people are reluctant to have the president relinquish his high office. No wonder millions of the humble members of society plead with him still to battle for their cause. What his decision will be, he alone can say.

Noting that the Thirtieth Division of the American Expeditionary Force in the World War

## Jackson Day Speaker



Paul V. McNutt, Federal Security Administrator, who was the principal speaker at the North Carolina Jackson Day dinner Monday night in Raleigh.

consisted mostly of North Carolinians and bore the nickname "Old Hickory," the same given Andrew Jackson, McNutt said:

"The events of the last 20 years have taught us that we must stand apart from the war resulting from the political intrigues of Europe, and have made us resolve that lands beyond the seas must never again be enriched with the blood of American boys. We require a defensive system for America, second to none at sea and meeting the needs of adequacy on land."

McNutt said Jackson was remembered not for his deeds as a soldier but for his part "in the war between the American people and consolidated wealth and finance."

The issues in Jackson's time were clear, he added, just as they have always been clear between the Democratic and Republican parties. The main point was whether government was "to be a servant of the people or one that is their master."

## Boys who enrolled at the Laurel Springs Camp, Thursday,

—January 4, from Alleghany  
County were: Clay Caudill and  
Earl Richardson, Whitehead; Ray-  
mond Deboard, Redgie McMillan,  
and Coy Pettijohn, Piney Creek;  
Kenneth Jones, Galax, Route 2;  
Lonnie McMillan, Ennice; Roy  
Rash, Sparta, and Earl Sturgill,  
Stratford.