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## Snap Shots and Sun Spots

Isn't it positively amazing how little some folks say, as compared with the amount of talking they do? We spent a week in Holland years ago, and the windmills were very interesting, but always were at work when running, pumping water or grinding corn.

And none need say the wind in Sparta blows to no purpose, for the other day it simply blew in a large window glass at the D. W. Motor Co., and so scratched a nice new car that it had to be repainted. When you come to that corner you better hold your hat.

Did you go to see 'Thunder AFOAT'? That's what the sign said it was.

Will Rogers was a master in his own line, and none seems to have been able to take up and carry on in anything like his style. He wove in so much homely philosophy with his remarks, as for instance when he said, "You can always joke about a big man that is really big. But don't ever kid about the little fellow that thinks he is something, cause he will get sore. That's why he is little."

But really, Lew Lehr seems to come as near to the Will Rogers mixture of humor and philosophy as anyone we've noticed, and his crack the other day had a very Will Rogers sound. Lew Lehr was telling of the girl who got \$50,000 from a guy who broke her heart, and then he told of another girl who collected \$150 from a fellow who broke her ribs. So Lew then offers this philosophy, that if you're going to fool around with women, don't play with their hearts—cheaper to kick 'em in the ribs.

But now back to Sparta and the letter received by someone this week, telling of the back-country woman who protested against being given a bath in the hospital, but was overruled. Then came an alcohol rub—in spite of her objections. She lived through it, and was becoming calm, when a young man appeared with something resembling a dust mop. She raised up and demanded to know what next. He replied he was sent in to wash the transom. She told him to go—right now!—she wasn't putting up with any more nonsense that day, at all.

Yes, and this one is from Mecklenburg, not Alleghany. The WPA, or something, interviewer asked the applicant if he was Catholic or Protestant. He shot back, proudly, "Neither one. I'm a Baptist."

Someone sent to us from New York the "authorized translation" of Adolf Hitler's speech in Berlin on Jan. 30. This official and true text of the whole speech is sent out because "American newspapers did not print the speech in full," and atmospheric conditions had interfered with radio reception. Ho hum, we're so sleepy, and if anyone wishes to go through the eight pages of it, they are welcome.

Ah me, there are so many pleasant angles to life in Alleghany County. It is good to look out across the hills and mountains. Along the road one sees nice bunches of contented cattle, and sheep, yes, and some goats. In Alleghany we are rather removed from the "madding crowd's ignoble strife,"—well, somewhat, anyway.

Yes'm, only a week to Easter. Only a week in which to get the hair "permanitized" and the suit cleaned up and pressed. Better step along, 'cause Easter'll surely be here.

We're delighted to announce that we have secured the services of one of the country's leading columnists, who will write for us a column of editorial comment on national affairs, frequently. You may not always agree with him, and we may not, but at least it will be well to look at two sides of a matter, and you will appreciate the way George Peck of New York City will help in the endeavor to "let there be light."

And if Sun Spots bores you, just turn to page four and see Mr. Slim.

## Senator Bailey issues a statement saying,

—Editorial comment in more than one North Carolina paper calls for an explanation of my votes

against the proposed extension of the Hatch Act to include State, City and County employees in activities that receive Federal grants or loans.

"The effect of the proposed bill is to assert the right of the Congress to use Federal loans and grants as a means of controlling activities of State, County and City employees. It would even allow withdrawal of Federal aid to States or their political subdivisions upon failure to enforce prohibitions in the Act. It would without giving our public employees the benefit of the Civil Service laws, place them under supervision of the Federal Civil Service Commission. And this would include State, County, Town and City employees.

"It is unsound to put Federal aid to such uses. Gifts and grants ought to be made on their merits, on the basis of need or welfare. They ought not to be used as the means of coercing the States, their political subdivisions or their employees in any manner or degree. The States are neither dependencies, possessions, nor dominions. They are sovereignties, even though some of them do not act that way.

"The State of North Carolina is capable of forming its policy in such matters—far more capable than the Federal Government. The moral and political level in North Carolina is above the moral and political level of the Federal Government.

"I am opposed to giving the Federal Government control over public officers in North Carolina in any degree, under any circumstances or upon any considerations, and am not inclined to believe that upon reflections, those editors who have seemed to favor the Act will continue to do so.

"Let me make a suggestion by way of showing what this proposed policy of employing Federal funds to control State employees will lead to. If this extension of the Hatch Act shall become the law and the precedent, the next step will be to control our public schools, what they teach, who may teach, and who may attend. Even now they receive aid for vocational education and for school buildings. There are politicians ready to proceed, once the way is opened. Give the Federal Government control today, as called for in the pending Hatch Bill, and tomorrow you will discover all the activities and powers of our State controlled by politicians from the North and West and some Bureaus that know nothing about the State and care nothing about it. We now control our policy with regard to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. How long would we have control, if the principle of this new Hatch Act is sound?

"The advocates of this bill call it the "clean politics" bill. That is manifest humbuggery. Giving it a good name does not alter its (turn to page 5, please)



W. Kerr Scott, Commissioner of Agriculture, announces he will seek renomination for the office in the Democratic primaries.

## W. Kerr Scott, practical and progressive farmer

—of Alamance County, and Commissioner of Agriculture, announces he will seek renomination in the Democratic primary on his record as an impartial administrator and aggressive servant of the State.

"The rigid enforcement of North Carolina's inspection and regulatory laws will be continued in the interest of our farmers as well as the honest manufacturer and we will continue our efforts in behalf of an adequate marketing program to give our growers selling and grading methods that will put them on a parity with their best informed competitors," Scott said. "We will continue to consult with all agricultural agencies on programs for the welfare of the farmers."

Well equipped for the office of Commissioner of Agriculture, Scott was born and reared on a farm in Alamance county, served 10 years as a county farm agent, has been president of the State Farmers' Convention and master of the North Carolina State Grange.

He is a graduate of State College in agriculture and as Alamance county farm agent organized the World's largest Jersey Calf Club. Since an overall-clad boy of five, he has been a regular exhibitor at the Great State Fair and when the State Department of Agriculture took over the management of the Fair in 1937, he became the first Commissioner of Agriculture to operate the exhibition as a financially and educationally successful State institution, repeating his record in 1938 and last year.

Having served only one year as Commissioner of Agriculture, he was selected as "Man of the Year" in service to agriculture by the "Progressive Farmer" which is headed by Dr. Clarence Poe.

Scott's most aggressive fight in behalf of the farmers has been for a more adequate marketing program.

CIRCLE NO. 1 OF THE BAPTIST W. M. U. will meet this (Thursday) afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. P. L. Choate. A full attendance is urged.

## Holland's Queen and President Roosevelt to speak

—in behalf of peace over Columbia radio network on Saturday, March 16, from 2 to 3:30 p. m. Queen Wilhelmina of Holland and President Roosevelt will be heard in an hour and a half program dedicated to world peace.

Queen Wilhelmina's talk, along with music by a Dutch choir, will come from The Hague. The President will speak from the White House.

Others to be heard, speaking from a convocation in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City, include: the Rev. Dr. Charles R. Watson, president of the American University in Cairo, Egypt; Count Robert van der Straten-Ponthoz, Belgian Ambassador to the United States, guest of honor; Dr. George A. Butt- rick, president of the Federal Council of Churches; the Rev. Dr. John R. Mott, chairman of the International Missionary Council; the Rev. Dr. Charles T. Leber, chairman of the Committee of Reference and Counsel of Foreign Missions group, and the Right Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Marian Anderson sings in a portion of the program originating in the western part of Canada, the Westminster choir from New York, and Tuskegee Choir from Alabama.

While the program will originate in New York City, there will be some one thousand or more parallel convocations across the country. These convocations will have luncheon meetings and their own local programs previous to the 2:00 o'clock broadcast. Arrangements for such programs in North Carolina are being handled by the North Carolina Council of Churches, an organization which represents more than a million Protestant Christians in this State.

The program of the Christian Foreign Service Convocation is being presented nationally under the auspices of the Foreign Mission Conference of North America and is designed to awaken interest in the world mission of the church and to demonstrate the Christian solidarity in the struggle for world peace.

This will be the first occasion on which her Majesty Queen Wilhelmina has broadcast to other than her own people and it is also the first time two Heads of States have joined in such a radio program. In the face of great world need, it seems significant that these two unprecedented steps should be taken under the auspices of the Christian World Enterprise.

## Mrs. R. L. Berry was hostess

—to the Woman's Auxiliary of the Glade Valley Presbyterian Church Monday night at her home.

The meeting was presided over by the President, Mrs. W. C. Thompson.

The Devotional was conducted by Rev. R. L. Berry.

Mrs. Bruce Wagoner accompanied by Mrs. Ralph Gentry at the piano, sang "Others."

Mrs. John Guerrant gave a most interesting review of the Presbyterian Church at work in the homeland and abroad, closing her talk with prayer.

The treasurer, Mrs. Rush Thompson reported that the budget for the year had been met in full.

Officers elected for the new year were: Mrs. R. L. Gentry, President; Mrs. Ralph Gentry, Vice President, and Mrs. Page Thompson, Secretary and Treasurer.

The members sang in unison, "Work for the Night is Coming," after which the hostess assisted by Mrs. Clive Thompson and Mrs. A. O. Joines served refreshments.

The proper measure of a man's age is the degree of pain with which he receives a new idea.

## Your Government . . .

how familiar are you with it? The CONSTITUTION . . . 13. Does the Constitution guarantee every state in the Union a republican form of government?

Answer this question in your own mind, then look elsewhere in this issue for the correct answer.

## Miss Mead, of Washington, D. C.

—arrived in Sparta Wednesday night, and will be associated with the Alleghany Times, assisting the editor.

Miss Mead comes from three years of teaching French and Music in New Market, Va., and this year she dropped out of teaching to complete the college work for her A. B. degree. That was completed in January.

## Lucille Ford Circle of Sparta Baptist

—Church met Tuesday night at Mrs. Walter Taylor's, with Mrs. J. G. Mitchell as leader. The topic for the month, "Steadfast in the Homeland," was discussed by the following members: Mrs. Roy Burgess, Miss Stella Billings, Mrs. Walter Taylor, Mrs. Clennel Richardson and Mrs. Hugh Choate. Following the program refreshments were served by the hostess. The April meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Bruce Wagoner at Glade Valley, with Mrs. Clennel Richardson as leader.

## The Methodist Woman's Missionary Society will meet

—Friday, March 15, at 2 o'clock at Mrs. T. J. Carson's, with Mrs. Carson, Mrs. J. B. Lyles and Mrs. Granville Lyles as joint hostesses. Mrs. Jay Hardin will have charge of the program.

## Ennice

Ennice, Mar. 4.—M. A. Higgins made a business trip to Independence Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Edwards, of High Point, have moved to their new home near Dalhart.

Miss Estelene Andrews spent the week-end with Miss Emma Lou Jarvis.

Mrs. Edward Butcher spent the past week with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crouse, of Low Gap.

Mr. and Mrs. Posie Richardson left Saturday morning for their home in Bel Air, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Hort Spurlin and two small daughters, Elaine and Emolene, spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Edwards Friday.

Lonnie McMillan and Howard Hinchler returned to the CCC camps Sunday afternoon.

Miss Claire Richardson spent the week-end with Mrs. Martha Smith.

Isom Wagoner has purchased a new Ford coupe.

Emmett Smith returned a few days ago from Florida, where he spent the winter.

Mrs. Fannie Andrews, accompanied by Leonard, Ina Jean and Curtis Spurlin, visited her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Andrews, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Smith.

## Twin Oaks

Twin Oaks, March 12.—Maynard Landreth and Frank Sanders, from the CCC camp at Laurel Springs, spent the week-end with homefolks.

Earl Finney, Buchanan, Va., spent Sunday night with his family near here. He was en route to Townsend, Tenn., where he is employed in connection with the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Great Smoky Mountain National Park.

Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Bumgarner and daughter Shirley visited friends here Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Richardson and children Allen and Euna Lee, spent Sunday with Miss Etta Moxley.

Mrs. O. D. Hapner, who has spent three weeks with her brother, Arnold Jones, Scottville, spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Irwin, Mrs. Jack Thompson and Frank Jennings returned to their homes in Washington, D. C., Wednesday after spending a few days with friends and relatives here.

Mrs. Carl Bare and Mrs. Estel Halsey visited friends here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Hoppers have gone to Kennett Square, Pa., where they expect to make their home for a while.

Mrs. Edgar Mabe was here on business Monday.

Mrs. Garnett Sexton, who has been sick for several weeks, is much improved and visited relatives at Scottville this week-end.

Mrs. Clay Edwards, New River Farm, spent Monday afternoon with friends here.

Miss Ollie Caudill spent Monday night with Miss Lynore Bare.



James A. Bell, of Charlotte, State Senator, and now appointed to the headquarters staff in Raleigh of the Horton-for-Governor campaign.

## The Annual Music Contest will be held in Boone

—the district center, on Friday, March 29. It will be held in the college auditorium and in the Music Building at Appalachian State Teachers College.

In the previous years there have been fourteen different schools participating in the contest. These schools were from Ashe, Alleghany, Avery, Mitchell, and Watauga counties. This year the district has been enlarged and in addition to the above named counties have been added Alexander, Caldwell, Wilkes, and Yancy counties.

It is expected that this year there will be twice as many schools entering and twice as many entries. Judges will be sent out from the State Department.

The District Chairman urges that all entries be sent in by March 15th, which is two weeks before the Contest date. If any teacher, who desires to enter students, has not received the entry blanks from the State Department, just drop a postal card to Miss Virginia Wary, District Chairman, Boone, N. C.

## Twelve years on air . . . five days every week . . .

—200 different characters—that's the record of "Amos 'n' Andy" as birthday arrives next Tuesday.

"Amos 'n' Andy" was born March 19, 1928.

And on March 19, 1940, the world-renowned Columbia network comedians celebrate 12 full years in the roles which won them a vast devoted audience.

The story of "Amos 'n' Andy" goes back beyond this March 19 anniversary, for the association of Freeman Gosden (Amos) and Charles Correll (Andy) began in Durham, N. C., August, 1919, when they were producing amateur minstrel productions for a Chicago agency.

But, since they've been Amos 'n' Andy, they've sat in a radio studio twice a day, five times a week, for 12 years—and created the greatest continued story ever told.

Between them, this amazing pair has breathed life into 200 different characters. In all that time the nation has set its clocks by their organ theme—"The Perfect Song."

## The Library Gained

—by the Bridge party held at Four Oaks Tavern last Saturday night to the extent of something over \$28, and a very pleasant time was afforded those who attended, who numbered above 50. There were eleven tables for Bridge and other diversions.

## Please!—

Your Alleghany Times is mailed in Sparta before dawn Thursday morning, invariably. Whoever you are, and wherever you are, if your paper fails to arrive in reasonable time from Thursday morning, PLEASE send us a post card saying when your paper does come, usually.

We can check up on delivery when we have some definite information. Please help us to give better service by sending us a post card.

## The Methodist Young People's union met

—Friday night, March 8, at 7:30 o'clock, in the Sparta Methodist Church, of which Rev. L. F. Strader is pastor.

The following program was rendered: Opening song, "Sweet Hour of Prayer"; Scripture reading, Marjorie McMillan; Solo, Emogene Choate, accompanied by Wanda Choate, and an "Asket Basket" contest, conducted by Mrs. Guy Perry, Piney Creek.

Misses Lacey Lee Weaver and Wilma Crouse received the prizes in this contest.

Refreshments were served to thirty-five by Mrs. Jay Hardin, assisted by Misses Eula Parsons and Ellen Hardin.

The next meeting will be held at Shiloh Church.

## Cox's Chapel

Cox's Chapel, March 12.—Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Osborne went to Marion Sunday to see "Gone With the Wind."

Joe B. Cox, Dobson, N. C., spent the week-end at his home here.

Those shopping in Galax Saturday from this community were, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. Osco H. Ward, Miss Zenna Osborne, Preston Osborne and Joe B. Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Loy Phipps and son, Glenn Ward, spent Sunday with Mrs. Phipps' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. F. Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Osborne and daughter, Ada Ruth, spent Sunday with Mrs. Osborne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zack Cox, Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cox and daughter, Myrna Anne, visited Mr. and Mrs. Troy Cox Sunday.

T. C. Black and Mrs. Hoyt Cox were business visitors in Independence Monday.

Miss Zenna Osborne entertained the ladies of this community Thursday with a "quilting." Those present to enjoy the day were: Mrs. Staley Rose, Mrs. Muncie Cox, Mrs. Troy Cox, Mrs. Bob Walls, Mrs. Allen Osborne, Mrs. Hoyt Cox, Mrs. Osco H. Ward and Misses Idella and Mazy Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Reid Hampton and son, of Sparta, spent last Sunday with Mrs. Hampton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Phipps.

Those visiting Joe B. Cox Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Black, Miss Mazy Cox, Elze Cox and June Osborne.

## Shiloh

Shiloh, Mar. 11.—Dinner guests Sunday, in the home of Rev. Lee A. Hampton were Rev. L. F. Strader, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Mitchell and daughter, Emma Lee, and Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hampton and daughter, Edith Mae.

R. H. Joines spent Friday night with his daughter, Mrs. Ben Weaver, Piney Creek.

Bertie Lee and Mollie Hampton made a business trip to Elkin Friday.

Mrs. W. F. Joines spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Lundy Joines.

Blake Hampton visited the home of his father, Rev. Lee A. Hampton, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Weaver spent Saturday night with Mrs. Weaver's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Joines.

Mr. and Mrs. Blake Hampton have both been sick with flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Ward visited Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hampton Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Walls were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hampton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Walls and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hampton visited Mrs. Hampton's sister, Mrs. Mitchell Morton, of Independence, Sunday.

Roy Hampton and Luther Richardson made a business trip to South Carolina the past week.

Johnson Wyatt was visiting at Eugene Hampton's Wednesday night.

## BOOTS, BOOTS, BOOTS!

