CONSOLIDATION OF **COUNTIES IS URGED** IN ADDRESS BY AL

Raleigh Treatre Packed to Capacity as Former New York Governor Speaks in Behalf of Gardner Prograin. One Thousand People Stand Outside to Get Glimpse of Na-tional Figure. Uses "Plain Talk."

Raleigh, N. C .- Alfred E. Smith, former Governor of New York, came to North Carolina Monday and vig-orously endorsed Governor Gardner's program to reorganize State govern-ment, consolidate counties and a whi-ish night work for women and evil-dren in industry.

The Democratic Presidential can-didate in 1928 spoke to a joint meet-ing of the General Assembly in the State Theatre on one of the few oc-casions the State's law-makers have ever met formally outside the walls of the capitol

of the capitol.

The theatre was packed to capacity and a throng of more than 1,000 stood outside the doors to hear the

address by radio.

Smith, speaking plain language gave the Gardner program a viger ous boost as he lauded the Brookings report on governmental reorganizatory to useded in North Carolina and suggested that the State have only three elective officers—the Governor and Auditor.

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discourse centered

the satisfactory results attained, ic puring his stay in Raleigh, Gov-part During his stay in Raleigh, Goyernor Smith was asked many pointed political questions by newspapermen, but gave out little information. Of the prospect of his again being the standard bearer of his party, he said: "I have such a high regard for the leadership of the Democratic party that I don't think anybody ever accomplished anything by seeking it."

A luncheon was tendered he and Mrs. Smith during their Raleigh vis-

Mrs. Smith during their Raleigh vis-it by Governor and Mrs. Gardner, to which several officials and legis-lators were invited.

Civic Club Organized At Banner Elk Last Week

The men of Banner Elk held a meeting at noon Wednesday of last week at Banner Elk Hotel, looking to the formation of a civic club in

24 degrees.

Average temperature, 36 degrees, 31, despite a small increase in the Average daily range in tempera-ire, 21 degrees. Reduction of these three crops is

Number of clear days, 14. Number of cloudy days, 10.

Number of partly cloudy days, 4. one of the m Direction of the prevailing wind, since the war."

and 27th.

Dates of fogs, 9th.

Yeager, County Agent.

Ends Long Service



F. M. SIMMONS

Veteran North Carolina Senator Retires After Thirty Years of Service

New Bern, N. C. Furnifold Mc

Surrounded by his children and about his experiences with similar grandchildren, the 77-year old vet-reorganization work in New York and the satisfactory results attained ic political era, of which he was a

State's Farm Income Reduced Last Year

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Average minimum temperature, creased from 1,342,000,000 pounds in 1929-30 to 1,100,006,000 in 1930-

Greatest daily range in tempora-ture, 35 degrees; date, 6th. unich will cover the cost of produc-Average temperature at 6 p. m. (time of observation), 43 degrees.

Highest temperature reached, 58 degrees; date, 7th and 8th.

which will ever the cost of produce tion this year, the bulletin says The cost of produce tion the year, the bulletin says The degrees; date, 7th and 8th.

degrees; date, 11th.

Number of days with freezing temperature, 26.

Number inches of rainfall (including melted snow), 1.78.

Number inches of snowfall, 3.35.

Greatest rainfall in 24 hours a conduction of continues with a falling off incomposition with a falling off incomposition of continues with a falling off incomposition of continues with a falling off incomposition with a falling off incomposition of continues with a falling off incomposition in dire circumstances in 1931 and 1932. "Referring to the tobacco sit-Number of days with 0.0- inch or untion, the bulletin says that, if the ore rainfull, 8. tions are that North Carolina ducers will experience during 1931 one of the most disastrous years

Dates of heavy frust, 3rd, 5th, 23rd DON WYLER, 4, DIES AT HOME IN COSHOCTON, OHIO

Other phenomena described as follows; Solar halos, 5th, 8th, 12th, Boone states that Don, four-year-old 16th, 24th, 25th, 27th; lunar halo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wyler, 27th.

27th.

27th.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wyler, died at the home of his perents in Coshocton. Ohio, on Saturday, February 21. Mrs. Wyler, previous to marriage, was Miss Margaret Hodges, in a soil building demonstration for five years on four or five plots of poor land in Rowan County by W. G.

The family spent several weeks with Yeager, County Agent relatives in Watauga last summer.

Bill Introduced in House Would Incorporate Todd

Raleigh, N. C.—The Town of Todd, located in the two counties of Watauga and Ashe, is to be in-corporated. If the bill introduced the General Assembly by Representatives Ira T. Johnston of Ashe and R. T. Greer of Watauga is enacted.

Todd, with a population of 92 in 1920 and with 104 in 1930, is to be in the form of an exact octathe boundary to be computed at three-fourths of a mile from an iron stake now at the east corner of the postoffice, in the eight directions—the four points of the compass and the four intermedi-

The officers are to consist of a mayor, three aldermes and a marshal, the aldermen having author shal, the alderman having authority to elect a secretary, troasurer and tax collector. The bill names as mayor, W. G. Cook, and as aldermen, T. A. McGuire, J. L. Miller and H. M. Winkler, to serve until an election to be held the first Monday in May, 1931. The hoard circus the marshal.

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The aldermen, to be known as commissioners, are given full au-thority under the laws of the State. They are limited in leaving taxes to 50 cents on the poll and 15 cents on the \$100 valuation of

WATAUGA COUNTY STREAM POLLUTION CONTAINS .27 OF 1 PROHIBITED IN BILL PCT. N. C. WEALTH OF LOCAL SENATOR

Figures Released by Life Insurance Lovill and Harmon Sponsor Measure Sales Bureau Show That This Which Would Make It an Offense Sales Bureau Show That This County Is "Small Potato" in Tarheelia. Forsyth Contains 8.76 Per Cent' of Wealt'i. Craven and Moore Are Two Average Counties.

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having I per cent. of the State's wealth.

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Teachers College Nov Ranks Fourth in Stat

The enrolment at Appalachi State Teachers College is now 84 according to information comis from an official vesterday. What this is a record-breaking care ment for the spring term, the mo-interesting part of the story of that the local college now rare fourth in enrelment among all the educational institutions of the O'd North State. Duke has the largest North State. Duke has the large student body, Carolina comes second, with N. C. State taking third place and Appalachia fourth. The local institution was made

a standard college only two years ago, and its remarkable strides have won attention throughout many states.

Sugar Grove Farmer to Plant Large Acreage

Ira Edmiston, of Sugar Grove R. F. D., whose Watauga River farm has been a showplace for many years, was in town Friday and told The Democrat of his plans for the coming season. One-half acre will be planted to onions by Mr. Edmisten, which would make it an Oriense to Dinnted to Onions by Mr. Edmisten, another 1-2 acre will be set to rutaling Streams of Watauga and longas, still another 1-2 acre to car. The fixery Counties. Passes Senate and Coes to House Saturday.

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Aud Colvard Dies on

ary 27th, following an illness of several mus law will be directed and blanks ary 27th, following an illness of several months duration. He was 55 to per cent loam. conducted from Zionville Baptist COVE CREEK DOZEN CLUB Church, of which he was a long-Church, of which he was a forgetime member. Satisfay afternoon, Rev. K. C. Eggers, pastor, and Rev. L. A. Wilson being in charge of the cites. A large crowd was in attendance, and following the timeral burners, and following the timeral burners. Andews ackson, and was made in the gently constant. inl was made in the nearby cemetery

The Miller was a well-known cattleman and farmer, made friends theman and farmer, made friends the laboring man, have a summer of the laboring man, have a summer of the laboring man, have for a great concourse of admirphosphare to be summer of the laboring man, have a summer of the laboring man, the widow, five children, three brothers and two sisters, all of whom reteresting review of Osgood's "So this creating review of Osgood's "So this creating review of Osgood's "So this creating review of Osgood's "So this

LITTLE THOMAS JOHNSON IS INTRODUCED TO THE HOUSE

The Greensboro Daily News re- course. ently carried the following Raleigh

to the House as a future Representa-tive by Representative Crouse of Alleghany Young Mr. Johnston was accompanied to the Capital by his mother, and both had opportunity to ober, and both had opportunity to ober the Gentleman from Ashe act in North Wilkesboro, which was ar-

TRIAL OF WEBSTER FOR DAY KILLING BEGINS NEXT WEEK

Solicitor Jones Will Ask for Death Penalty in Trial of Sensational Murder Case. Day, Former Wa-tauga Mar, Died Several Weeks Following Infliction of Wounds. Jealousy May Have Played Part.

A news story from Wilkeshore to State papers hears the information that Solicitor John R. Jones stated Monday that the State will seek a first-degree verdict of murder to exact the extreme penalty against Sea well C. Webster, former Wilkes dep uty, against whom a grand jury working in Judge Schenck's court returned a true bill the first of the week for the killing of S. E. Day, Wilkesboro butcher and former Watanean

Plant Large Acreage
To Truck This Season
The trial of Webster, who is a member of a well known Wilkesboro family, will be started on Tuesday morning of two weeks duration. It is expected that a special cenire of at least one hundred will be removed to fine plans for the composed on the plans for the composed of the prominence of the p

The fatal difficulty between Web ster and Day is said to have been instigated by Day's alleged attentions to Webster's step-daughter. Webster has been held in jail since

crat today have been supplemented by circulars, and a large crowd may be expected to be present when the

Tresday Morning

My Aud Colvard, 31 years old, a resident of the Brushy Fork section near Boone, died at his home there in the brushy for the property of the brushy for the property of the brushy for t

Communder Charles L. Younce of Watauga Post American Legion, re-quests that all members attend the At Zionville Home quests that all members attend the regular meeting to be held Friday night, March 6th, it the rooms over Boone Feed Company. The new book property and blanks

MEETS WITH MISS STOKES

"She Shall Have Music," were dis-

is Jazz," and the subject, "Sperichil and Blues" was charmingly discussed by Miss Ruth Bingham. Miss Hattie Johnson, assisted the

hostess in serving a delicious solad

Guests present were Mesdames Stanley Harris, R. N. Brooks, Hattie "Thomas Johnston, six-year-old Johnson, Coy Billings, John Combs, son of Representative Ira T. John Paul Spainhour, Scott Swift, Stokes, ston of Ashe County, was introduced Charles Bingham and Miss Ruth Bingham.

serve the Gentleman from Ashe act as presiding officer when he was called to the Speaker's chair to pinch hit for Speaker Will's Smith."

Professor and Mrs. 1. G. Greer will give a folk-lore program at Virginia-Interment College, Bristol, on Saturday evening.

In North Wilkeshore, which was arranged for by interested and public spirited citizens some wast ago. The management of the tour stated to Carl S. Coffey over the telephone Tuesday morning that the fleet of planes would come to the Wilkeshore.

Saturday evening.

Observer J. T. C. Wright's report for February shows that during that must also. The low price of cotton month temperatures in Boone averaged 36 degrees, and that fourteen was due to a world over-supply of American cotton, which increased of the twenty-right days were clear. The report in full follows: Average maximum temperature, 48 degrees. Average minimum, temperature, crossed from 1930, with a corresponding drop in use of cotton by mills. Tobacco stocks on hand in exponding drop in use of cotton by mills. Tobacco stocks on hand in vegeta for crossed from 1.342,000,000, pounds. The report in full follows: Average maximum temperature, crossed from 1.342,000,000, pounds.

APPROVE COLLEGE MERGER

The administration bill to bring about a consolidation of the University of North Carolina, State College and North Carolina College for Women was given a unan-imously favorable report by the House committee on reorganization Tuesday.

SHOALS BILL VETOED

President Hoover's veto of the Muscle Shoals bill was sustained Tuesday night by the Senate. The bill, which the President said squarely presented the issue of government operation in competi tion with private interests, was killed when its friends failed to obtain the two-thirds vote neces-

sary to pass it over a veto.

MT. PISGAH ROAD

An all weather motor road, six d one-half long and 22 feet wide up Mount Pisgab, is included in a new hig'sway program for Pisgah National Forest, according to word coming from M. A. Mattoon, supervisor of the area.

TO STOP NIGHT WORK,

The North Carolina House has approved the bill of Representative Newman, of New Hanover, to prevent night work in mills for women under 18 years of age. The measure now goes to the

HEFLIN'S FAREWELL ATTACK Unable to speak above a whisper, Senator Heffin, Democrat, of Alabama, retired to his bed Tuesday with a badly strained set of vocal cords resulting from a farewell attack of two hours on Al Smith and John J. Raskob. He was expected back on the floor today when his 27 years of service in Congress will end. He was defeat-ed by John H. Bankhead.

250 MEN EMPLOYED

Two hundred and fifty men will be employed in connection with the several road building and im-provement projects which will be underway in Pisgah National Forest for the next six months. All men are being engaged by the project foremen, and none will be hired at the offices of the Pisgah National Forest located in the Federal building in Asheville.

GASTONIA BANK TO OPEN

The First National Bank of Gastonia, which was closed last De cember 16, will reopen before Mar-15, officials have announced. Cash stock subscriptions amounting to \$500,000 have been raised confirmation is expected soon from the comptroller of the currency. Washington. The bank closed when depositors withdrew approximately \$800,000 following the Asheville