

**THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON**

**A Resume of Government Happenings in the National Capital**

Are we on the road to a depression? Or is this just a break in the inflationary spiral and a real boon to the consumers of the nation? These two questions and their answers were of paramount interest in Washington while most of the lawmakers were junketing about the country taking advantage of a lull in congressional activities.

Indictment of the CIO and its president, Phillip Murray, for violation of the Taft-Hartley law and action of the national labor relations board telling John L. Lewis and the coal operators to "get together or else" also occupied top billing in the nation's capital.

Most observers here do not believe a depression, at least a depression comparable with the 1929-1930 crash, is anywhere near in the offing. Break in the commodity prices in the grain exchanges and in stocks on Wall Street are believed to be connected, with the break in grain prompting the stock market decline. The fact that the markets did not continue to skid, but recovered somewhat, leads to the opinion that declines in prices will be gradual down to where they should be in a stable economy, and that other price declines will necessarily follow.

There is real mass buying power in the country, some 150 billion dollars in savings, production continues high, and demand for commodities in all lines has not lessened. These things are basic, and the observers declare do not indicate any depression within the foreseeable future.

later maybe, but not soon.

It appears that Phil Murray and his CIO union will beat the government indictment against them for violation of the Taft-Hartley act, which prohibits unions from making any expenditure in political campaigns. Murray deliberately made a test case in a special Baltimore election last July by printing and distributing an endorsement for a congressional candidate. Murray contends that section of the law is unconstitutional, and most observers agree with him. Even Sen. Robert Taft of Ohio, co-author of the law, now has changed his tune from the stand he took in the senate while the bill was under debate. Then, on June 5, 1947, Senator Taft said . . . "If (a union newspaper) were supported by union members as union dues it would be a violation of the law to support a political candidate." However, Senator Taft is reported, from Gary, Ind., as saying that the indictment against Murray is invalid of the CIO News, the paper in question, is a regularly circulated newspaper. Senator Taft was further quoted as saying he had no objection to clarification or amendment of the Taft-Hartley law to allow papers circulated to union members on a regular subscriber list to carry political opinions and advertising.

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asked congress to carry out mandates of the constitution by passage of laws giving equal civil rights to all citizens. Of course in the south this means Negroes and they have a few equal civil rights in the matter of voting or education or working. The southern politicians feel this their own local problem although, as a matter of fact, economic plight of the south, according to economists, affects the whole nation. They believe they can work out the problem without a law. But since, President Truman has reiterated his stand. In spite of it, the South won't bolt. It will stay Democratic, according to the best informed observers here.

**HIGHWAY AID**

President Truman has asked Congress to continue the federal highway aid program for the fiscal years 1950 and 1951 at an annual rate of \$500,000,000. The funds would become available for commitment after Jan. 1, 1949, and actually would be spent in the two-year period beginning July 1, 1949. The legislation was requested at this session in order to permit "continuity in planning and construction."

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE IN THE SUPERIOR COURT, NORTH CAROLINA—WATAUGA COUNTY.**

**PAUL J. FOX AND WIFE, WILMA HARMON FOX, PETITIONERS VS. HARRY TOWNSEND HARMON, (DECEASED) HEIRS; JASON TOWNSEND AND WIFE, CORA TOWNSEND (SINGLE); JOE TOWNSEND AND WIFE, GEORGE TOWNSEND AND WIFE, JOHN TOWNSEND, (DECEASED) HEIRS; MARY RICH (DECEASED) HEIRS; MARY CALLOWAY (DECEASED) HEIRS; S. E. HODGES (DECEASED); A. M. TOWNSEND (DECEASED); SETHIE TOWNSEND (WIDOW); DOLLIE TOWNSEND EGGERS, AND HUSBAND, CLYDE EGGERS; FLORA TOWNSEND HARRIS AND HUSBAND, ALLEN HARRIS; MAUDIE TOWNSEND BROYHILL (DECEASED) HEIRS; FRANCIS BROYHILL AND FORD EGGERS (MINOR), TOGETHER WITH ANY AND ALL OTHER HEIRS OF GEORGE AND S. E. TOWNSEND, DECEASED—DEFENDANTS.**

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This 16th day of February, 1948.

**FRED M. GRAGG,**  
Clerk of Superior Court, Watauga County, North Carolina.

2-19-4c-b

**HATCHER CITES PATROL'S DUTY**

Statesville — State Highway Patrol Chief Colonel H. J. Hatcher said yesterday that the patrol must advance in public esteem or face a possible drastic cut in strength.

Speaking before 210 members of Troops C and D, which cover the western half of the State, Hatcher asserted that further incidents which tend to bring the patrol into disrepute will not be tolerated.

He added that the misbehavior of a few will not be allowed to besmirch the reputation of the patrol as a whole. He emphasized the role of the patrol as the guardian of highway safety and declared that duty in this role comes first.

He said that numerous transfers would be made in the near future.

The talk reiterated many of the points Hatcher made in an address to eastern patrol members at Rocky Mount earlier in the week.

Colonel L. C. Rosser, State Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, also attended yesterday's meeting.

**BAMBOO 4-H CLUB**

The Bamboo 4-H Club met February 3. Several of the members gave a play called "The Good Teeth Fairy". Those taking part were Juilla Hampton, Muri Watson, Junior Jones, Franklin Jones, Jo Ann Critcher, Faye Critcher, Evelyn Hayes, Roger Cook, Emilie Coffey, Mary Ethel Cook, Vance Northern, Tracy Watson, Margaret Storie, Howard Hayes, C. M. Critcher, and Tommy Kerley.

Miss Dillingham talked with the girls on personal appearance. Mr. Kirkman discussed artificial breeding with the boys.

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**NOTICE IN THE SUPERIOR COURT, NORTH CAROLINA—WATAUGA COUNTY.**

**Doretha Anderson, Plaintiff VS. Dell Anderson, Defendant.**

The above named defendant, Dell Anderson, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court, Watauga County, North Carolina, by the plaintiff to secure an absolute divorce from the defendant on the ground that the plaintiff and defendant have lived separate and apart for more than two years next preceding the bringing of this action; the defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Watauga County in Boone, North Carolina, within twenty days after 17th of March, 1948, and answer or demure to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 17th day of February, 1948.

**FRED M. GRAGG**  
Clerk Superior Court  
2-19-4c

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**

Having qualified as the administrator of the estate of J. Allen Miller, late of the county of Watauga, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to present them to me for payment within twelve months of the date hereof or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All those indebted to the estate are asked to make immediate payment. This February 12, 1948.

L. M. Miller, Admr.  
J. Allen Miller, Decd.  
2-12-6p

**NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND BY TRUSTEE**

North Carolina  
Watauga County

WHEREAS, on the 24th day of October, 1944, James Lackey and wife, Sarah Lackey, executed and delivered to J. E. Holshouser, Trustee, for B. W. Stallings, a certain deed of trust which is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Watauga county, North Carolina, in Book 53 at Page 213; and whereas, said deed was made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured as therein provided and the said Trustee has been requested by the owner and holder thereof to exercise the power of sale therein contained; now therefore, under and by virtue of the authority conferred by the said deed of trust the undersigned trustee, will, on the 8th day of March, 1948, at the Court-house Door of Watauga County in Boone, North Carolina at eleven o'clock a. m. offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate:

**LYING AND BEING** in New River Township, Watauga County, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of J. J. Miller and Andrew Wood.

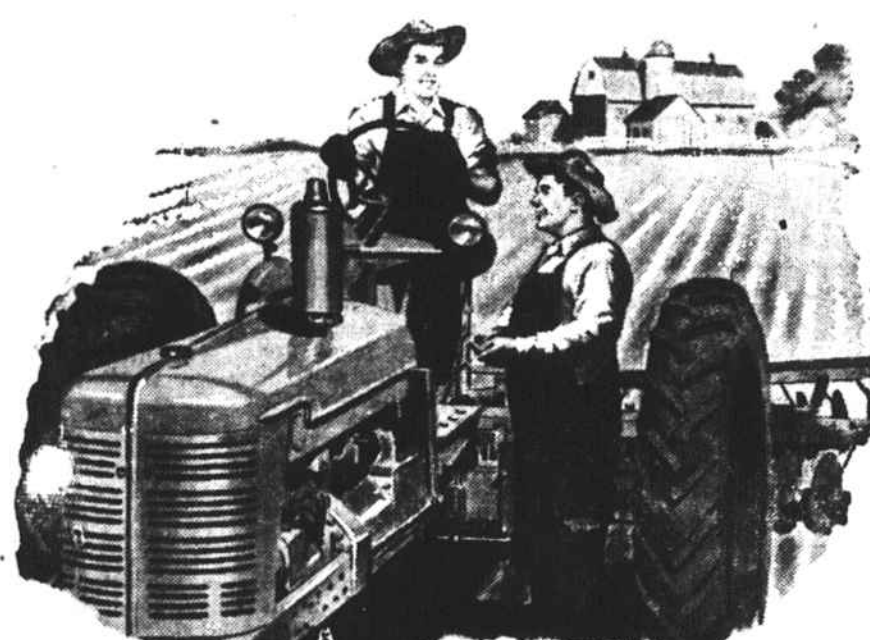
**FIRST TRACT:** Beginning on an iron wood in Miller's line, runs thence South 4 deg East 46 poles to a stake on the bank of the road; thence South 54 deg East 7 1/2 poles to a stake in the road; thence North 87 deg East 27 poles with road to a stake in the road; thence North 5 deg East 50 poles to a stake in Miller's line; thence South 85 deg West with Miller's line 34 poles to the beginning.

**SECOND TRACT:** Beginning on a chestnut running South 48 deg West 53 poles to a wild cherry; thence West 10 poles to a small maple in the old line; thence North with Coffey's line 39 poles to a chestnut; thence East 50 poles to the beginning, both tracts containing 17 acres, more or less.

Also a road out over the lands of Charles Hardy as shown in deed from H. H. Brown and wife, Pearl Brown, to D. L. Wallace and wife, Bertha Wallace, recorded in Book 54, at Page 479.

This the 6th day of February, 1948.

**J. E. Holshouser, Trustee**  
2-12-4c



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