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CONGRESSMEN SEEK PLANTS

Proportionate Share of Defense Industries Proposed

A meeting of North Carolina's delegation in Congress, called by Senator Bailey considered possibilities of developing national defense industries in the state, in a move for a greater share in defense spending. Munitions plants in the west and ship-building facilities on the coast were discussed.

Efforts to locate a munitions plant in Old Fort was reported to the meeting by J. T. Anderson, of the state department of conservation and development representing Governor Broughton. A site and building is reported offered.

Weaver Cites TVA Power

Representative Weaver, of Asheville, said there were a number of sites in his mountainous district available for munitions plants, pointing out there were many protected valleys and ample power.

Weaver, discussing available TV A power, expressed the opinion power generated at TVA dams in North Carolina should be used for industries of that state instead of "being shipped to Tennessee."

Representative Barden of New Bern, and Bonner of Washington, outlined the advantages of their districts for shipbuilding facilities.

Bailey Cites Unequal Share

Bailey reiterated his belief the state was not receiving its proportionate share. Estimating defense spending would total \$25,000,000,000, he expressed doubt North Carolina's share would exceed \$250,000,000.

He added that on the basis of population North Carolina was entitled to \$640,000,000.

"When the bill is paid North Carolina will pay her share of about \$700,000,000," he said. "Unless we get something like that amount, we are going to be the loser."

Dr. Bellingrath Will Preach Sunday

Dr. George Bellingrath, president of the Rablin Gap-Nacoochee Industrial school, will deliver the sermon at the 11 o'clock Presbyterian service here Sunday. The public is invited to attend.

Influenza Closes Mulberry School

Owing to the epidemic of influenza in the Mulberry community, the school closed last Monday. A two teacher school, there were only 11 pupils in both rooms Monday.

As The World Turns

A Brief Survey of Current Events In State, Nation and Abroad.

INVASION THREATENING BRITAIN

Secretary of War. Stimson said that the probability of an ultimate British victory would be overwhelmed if Britain survives the crisis of the expected German invasion attempt this spring and summer.

He told the senate foreign relations committee that enactment of the lend-lease bill would go far toward stiffening the morale necessary for Britain to survive that crisis.

In addition, he said the bill would afford the United States a chance by that time to re-arm.

BRITAIN WILL FALL WITHOUT U. S. AID

Great Britain, China and Greece cannot continue to fight armed forces of the Triple Alliance unless President Roosevelt's "lend-lease" bill is approved, Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., told congress.

STATUS OF LEND-LEASE BILL

The house foreign affairs committee approved a mid 1943 time limitation and other amendments to the lend-lease bill while Secretary Stimson told a senate committee that the measure might save the British Navy if England fell.

PRESIDENT GREETED LORD HALIFAX

President Roosevelt broke all precedents when he steamed out into Chesapeake Bay to greet Lord Halifax, new British Am-

Draft Board

Receives Volunteers And Registrants

The local board of registration announces the following additional names of registrants received at the office this week: Volunteer, Billy Carl Long, Route 2, Franklin; new registrants, George McDonald, Franklin and Earl Thomas Elliott, Highlands.

According to Chairman Erwin W. Long, any single man, registered or not registered for selective service training, who is over 17 years of age, wishing to volunteer for a year's military training will please call at the local draft board and do so.

Anyone under 21 years of age wishing to volunteer are notified to bring their parents' permission in writing with them.

The local office expects the call for the next quota of registrants during the next 30 to 40 days to exceed the number of volunteers. So far Macon county's quota has been filled with volunteers.

Marketing Label For State Products

RALEIGH, Jan. 29.—A plan for increasing farm income in North Carolina through the adoption and promotion of a broad agricultural merchandizing program and use of a proposed uniform label to denote farm products of quality was presented by the State Department of Agriculture Tuesday, January 28, at a meeting of growers, packers and others.

An elaborate exhibit of merchandizing methods and advertisement programs successfully used in the State of Maine were shown at the meeting at which Sturges Dorrance of New York City, president of a nationally known merchandizing-counsel firm, was the principal speaker.

Governor Broughton, Senator L. Y. Ballentine of Wake, and Rep. L. L. Burgin of Henderson, chairman of the General Assembly's agricultural committees; State College Extension Service officials and other state leaders attended.

Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott, commenting on the marketing proposal, said that "obviously North Carolina needs and must have a broad merchandizing program for agriculture if the farmers are to receive a just share of the consumer's dollar," adding that "our farm products are relatively unknown in the great market centers of the nation today, and in order to successfully compete with products of other states and secure the appreciation of quality products grown by our farmers, it seems most necessary that we adopt some uniform label that will attract the buyer's eye."

WILLKIE TOURS LONDON IN RAIDS

Wendell Willkie is spending strenuous days in London, touring ruins and bomb shelters talking to people in all walks of life, and conferring with leaders of the government while incendiary bombing is again resumed by Germans after a 10 days lull.

Willkie intends to return by plane late next week ahead of his schedule.

BRITAINS CAMPAIGN IN AFRICA

On five fronts war rages in Africa. The British have taken Italy's Libyan base of Derna and are driving towards Benghazi. Gen. De Gaulle's "Free French" mechanized units and camel cavalry swept 225 miles into southern Libya, destroying the Italian garrison at the oasis of Marzuck. British air forces gave support in Eritrea and Ethiopia where Emperor Haile Selassie is leading his former subjects against the Italians. Italian Somaliland has been bombed and penetrated by patrols from Kenya. British colony to the south.

METAXAS, GREEK PREMIER, DIES

General John Metaxas, Greek premier, who has directed her victorious defense, died last Tuesday.

Navy's New Chief



Rear Admiral H. E. Kimmel was named commander-in-chief of the United States Fleet in a sweeping reorganization of America's sea forces. Currently commander of the battle force, he will succeed Vice Admiral James O. Richardson. The Atlantic patrol force is being elevated to the status of a full fleet.

Fire Insurance Rating Changed

Advances of 25 per cent will be made on fire insurance rates in Franklin, where electrical defects have been established, has been announced by the N. C. Inspection and Rating Bureau at Raleigh.

Notices have been received by the mayor, the city electrical inspector and fire insurance agents of Franklin from the bureau that the rates would be increased on buildings not complying with regulations.

The owners of buildings recently inspected who receive notices from the inspector pointing out electrical defects are urged to have corrections made immediately so that their rates will not be advanced.

Dr. Beecher Joins Staff Of Angel Hospital

Dr. G. H. Beecher, of New York City, who came to Highlands the first of January as a resident physician, has accepted a position on the medical staff at Angel hospital.

Dr. Beecher, who has had extensive medical experience, will specialize in urology. He was graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1932 with the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. In 1937 he was graduated in medicine from the medical school of McGill University in Montreal, Canada.

Lions Club Holds Ladies Night

The Franklin Lions celebrated "Ladies Night" last Monday evening, entertaining wives and guests at Panorama Courts with a delightful dinner party.

Thad D. Bryson was toastmaster at the after dinner festivities which were enjoyed by all. One interesting feature was a question-and-answer contest. Mrs. Jack Sanders won out, standing up to the last question, Bill Johnson coming out second. A ham was auctioned off, the proceeds going to the work of the club. The music lead off with the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner", with Mrs. Avereil presiding at the piano.

Nantahala National Forest

Did You Know That

The Governor of North Carolina this month received a check from the U. S. Treasury in the amount of \$14,094.53, representing one-fourth the value of the timber cut from National Forest lands in North Carolina during the fiscal year ending July 1, 1940.

The Nantahala National Forest contributed \$8,450.64 of this total, better than one-half of the total sum, although the Nantahala acreage is only one-third of the total National Forest land in North Carolina. Macon county's portion of these receipts will be approximately \$3,500.00. This money is to be used by the county for schools and roads.

Of all the timber sale receipts for timber cut on the Nantahala National Forest, one-fourth is returned to the counties in the forest for roads and schools. In addition, 10 per cent is returned to the Forest Service for the construction of roads and trails within the National Forest.

Crop And Feed Loans Now Available Here

S. R. Tiffin, Jr., field supervisor for the emergency crop and feed loan office, announced today that emergency crop and feed loans for 1941 are available to farmers in Macon county and applications for these loans are now being received in Franklin at clerk of the superior court's office.

As in the past these loans will be made to farmers whose cash requirements are small and who are ineligible for a loan from other sources including production credit associations. Money will be loaned to meet the applicant's necessary cash needs for preparing and cultivating his crops or for purchasing or producing feed for livestock. Borrowers who obtain loans for production of cash crops are required to give as security a first lien on the crops financed and, in cases for loans for the purchasing or producing of feed for livestock, a first lien on the livestock to be fed.

Bills Passed

And Pending In Assembly In Past Week

In its third week, the 1941 General Assembly passed one important measure, providing for congressional redistricting, and virtually passed another relating to the letting of emergency highway contracts for national defense. Other important legislation was introduced featuring a number of measures dealing with transportation and transportation facilities, and in particular the bill to provide retirement pensions to school teachers and state employees.

The highway contracts bill would permit the Highway and Public Works Commission to let contracts for national defense highway projects without competitive bidding.

Sent to the House Committee on Education, a 24-page bill provides both for old-age retirement and for disability pensions for teachers and state employees, to be financed through joint contributions of employers and employees.

Highway Measures

Ten highway measures, many affecting transportation, were introduced. Perhaps the most important to local units is a bill appropriating \$3,000,000 from gas tax and license fees during 1941, 1942 and 1943 for highway improvements in cities and towns throughout the state. The allotment would be made on population and state highway mileage ratios, and although the money would be used primarily to improve highway streets, the balance may be applied to streets forming connecting links with the highway or county system, or farm-to-market roads.

Other measures related to transportation would: place a 90-day minimum sentence for second convictions for driving drunk or under the influence of narcotics; require school bus drivers to secure certificates of fitness and competency from county school bus chief mechanic as well as from highway patrol; and, because of its value to national defense transportation, make the injuring, capturing or killing of any homing pigeon a misdemeanor.

Other Bills Introduced

A bill to provide an annual fund of \$100,000 to aid and equalize public library service in the state was introduced, as was one making mandatory the revocation of the beer license of any person who sells beer to an intoxicated person. Another public act, which would probably affect only Clay and Cherokee counties, would extend tax exemptions enjoyed by N. C. electric membership corporations to similar out-of-state organizations serving N. C. towns and rural communities, if the N. C. REA finds that state companies cannot feasibly supply the communities.

First among bills of legal significance is an effort to reduce the punishment for first degree burglary, first degree murder, arson and rape from death to life imprisonment, when recommended by the jury. Another measure would allow divorced women to resume the name of a prior deceased husband, or her maiden name.

In the interests of sanitation a measure was presented to dispense with the requirement that the Holy Bible be kissed in-taking oaths, while another bill was offered providing for the purchase of \$20,000 worth of pocket editions of the New Testament to be given by the state to army draftees. The Senate received a measure calling for the installation of an elevator or escalator in the State Capitol Building, and both Houses passed a resolution calling attention to the week of January 23 as "Peasant Week."

John May Dies From Auto Accident

The funeral of John May, 32, of the Kyle section, who died last Friday night of a broken neck suffered in an automobile accident, was held at the Briartown Church last Saturday afternoon. Rev. T. D. Denny officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

The accident occurred on Thursday night, when his automobile rolled down a 50-foot embankment near his home, landing in White Oak creek after turning over several times. The accident was due to a slippery road, it was reported. A cousin, Roy May, who was also in the car, was uninjured.

The deceased was a member of the Briartown church. He was employed on the Nantahala dam project.

Surviving are his widow, two small children, his mother, Mrs. Mark May and four brothers, Ebb, Carl, Grady, and Britt May. World turns

Parkway Bids Asked For Six-Mile Sector

Bids on a six-mile section of the Blue Ridge Parkway between Soco Gap and Witch Gap in Jackson and Haywood counties will be received in Washington February 20, the Highway Commission was informed last week.

The sectors in question extend through the Cherokee Indian Reservation and their construction will mark the end of a long dispute with the Indians over right-of-way through their lands. The Highway Commission met its share of the parkway burden by settling with the Indians for \$40,000 in cash and a road between Soco Gap and Cherokee.

ESTABLISHED NEW OFFICES

On Account Of Fire Damage

The mattress project will resume work Monday morning, February 5, in its new quarters in the Andy Reid building near the river bridge on U. S. 23, Sam Mendenhall, county farm agent, announced today.

Mr. Mendenhall stated that the offices of the farm agent and his assistant, and of the AAA are doing business as usual in the Agricultural building, since that part of the building was not damaged by the fire that occurred on January 18.

FSA In Leach Building

K. F. Montague, of the Farm Security Administration, announces that offices have been established on the second floor of the Leach building over the Tavern. Home Demonstration Headquarters

Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill is making her headquarters at present in the curb market building belonging to the Macon County home demonstration clubs.

The county commissioners will take early steps to repair the building as soon as insurance adjustments and other preliminaries can be settled, it was learned today.

Highway Comm. Resigns Pending Reorganization

Broughton Asks Assembly For Term Of 4 Years With Governor's

Following the resignation last week of the state highway commission, Governor Broughton will ask the general assembly to reorganize the state highway and public works commission so that the terms of the chairman and members of that body will expire with his own, it was announced Monday.

The governor confirmed reports that he planned such action, but declined to state whether the proposed reorganization would include a change in the present number of 10 highway districts.

Four-Year Terms

Under his plan, the chairman and members of the commission would be appointed for four-year terms. This would mean that in the future each governor would appoint his own commission, without either legislative reorganization or the voluntary resignation of the old commission.

In Broughton's case, the commission appointed by Governor Hoey, with staggered terms of six years, resigned voluntarily, so that he might appoint his own body. "I would not want to make ap-

CELEBRATION AND BENEFIT

For Infantile Paralysis On President's Birthday Tonight

A large crowd is expected to attend the President's birthday party tonight at the Panarama Courts when a square dance is planned by the Franklin committee.

The proceeds will go to the funds for the nationwide fight against infantile paralysis under the auspices of the National Foundation established by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. One half will go to the national fund and one half remain in the county to help local cases.

In Washington and from one end of the country to the other birthday parties will be held tonight in honor of President Roosevelt's 59th birthday. The president, himself a victim of the dread "polio", will speak over all the major networks tonight at 11:24 p. m.

Screen stars from Hollywood, have arrived in Washington to attend the ball tonight, but the President will celebrate quietly at the White House with a dinner and birthday cake.

Ernest Dills Wins High Score in FFA Contest

The seed judging team of the Franklin Future Farmers of Macon County won first place in a contest held at Sylva, with Macon, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Swain and Haywood counties competing.

The team from Bethel in Haywood County, won second place and the team from Hayesville Clay County won third place.

Ernest Dills, of Franklin, was high scoring boy of the contest, Ned Clark, of Bethel, was second high and Sam Ramsey, of Franklin was third high.

Arial Elected Director Of Jackson County Bank

At the meeting last week of the board of directors of the Jackson County Bank, R. L. Arial, executive vice-president, was added to the board of directors.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: S. W. Enloe, president; R. L. Arial, executive vice-president; E. L. McKee, vice-president; R. W. Harris, vice-president; W. J. Fisher, cashier; W. W. Bryson, assistant cashier; Thomas A. Cox, secretary; R. L. Arial, assistant secretary.

Vice-president Arial reported to the stockholders' meeting that the bank deposits and resources showed a gain of more than 25 per cent during the year, stating that deposits had increased from \$991,000 at the beginning of the year to \$1,253,000 at the close. The bank paid a dividend of ten per cent to the stockholders on December 10, an ten per cent of the capital stock was added to the surplus account.

The Jackson County Bank has a branch bank in Highlands.

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