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News Events of World-Wide Interest

---Briefly Told---

MRS. COOLIDGE GOES TO EUROPE

When the North German Lloyd liner Bremen left New York, Wednesday of last week, for Europe, among her passengers was Mrs. Grace Coolidge, widow of the 30th president of the United States. On the pier, at the ticket office, strict security was observed, concerning her passage. Ever since her husband died on January 5, 1933, Mrs. Coolidge has avoided the limelight. Last September, in order to give her more seclusion, a wire fence was put around her Northampton home.

NINETY FIRST BIRTHDAY

Edith Root, Secretary of War under President McKinley, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague, planner of the Permanent Court of International Justice, celebrated his ninety first birthday on Saturday. The Carnegie Corporation of New York, presented to the Council on Foreign Relations, a bronze bust of Mr. Root, honorary president of the Council.

FIGHTS FIRE IN SKY-SCRAPER

Going up 41 floors in a midtown skyscraper, in New York City on Saturday night, firemen fought the blaze in the office of Samuel Rosoff, subway contractor. Three engine squads were whisked skyward by elevator to prevent the spreading of the flames to other sections of the gigantic building.

AAA SUBSTITUTE

On Saturday, administration forces won Senate passage of the \$500,000,000 soil Conservation-subsidy bill of crop control. The bill now goes to the house. The Senate vote eliminating 11 days of debate during which the measure's constitutionality was challenged and defended, was 76 to 20. Supporters argued it was constitutional under the Supreme Court's interpretation of Congress' appropriational authority in its decision killing the AAA which this bill is intended to replace.

TWO FIRES IN CHICAGO

On Saturday two fires, with damages estimated at \$250,000, raged into the 20th century, all available apparatus in Chicago. Twenty persons, including a dozen women, were injured when an explosion apparently of chemicals, following a fire wrecked the Arrow Match Company. In an earlier blaze a paper box factory was destroyed.

HUGGINS SAFETY CHIEF

A. M. Huggins, of Fayetteville, has been named safety director of the Carolina Motor Club and will immediately enlarge and intensify the club's accident prevention program. Mr. Huggins has been connected with the Carolina Motor Club for many years in various capacities.

FATALITIES ON HIGHWAY

Out of 192 accidents, 61 were killed and 502 injured by automobiles in North Carolina last month, the smallest motor fatality list for a like period since April, 1934. In January, 1935, 90 were killed and 506 injured. Only one of the 61 fatal accidents involved a woman driver. Out of state cars were involved in four fatal wrecks.

ICKES NAMES N. C.-VA. HIGHWAY

Secretary of the Interior Ickes has selected the name of "Blue Ridge Parkway" for the new Federal highway from the Shenandoah Valley to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, in Virginia and North Carolina.

SENTENCED TO DIE IN MARCH

Prison Richard Hauptmann was re-sentenced yesterday to die on March 1st for the murder of the Lindbergh baby. Every effort by leading lawyers to get the condemned man to tell more about the crime with which he is charged have thus far failed.

Captain Hannah Is Seriously Ill

The condition of Captain W. J. Hannah was termed Wednesday night as being "critical," and little hope was being held for him. For the past four days he has been desperately ill, and at five o'clock Wednesday afternoon he took a turn for the worse. He was a captain in the Spanish-American War, and was an outstanding attorney here until short time ago when he was forced to give up his practice because of his health.

School Officials Urge New Plan For Allotting Teachers

To Urge State Commission To Base Allotments On First Four Month's Attendance

The Haywood school masters went on record at their monthly meeting in Canton this week, favoring seeking action from the state school commission to base teacher allotment on average daily attendance of students for the first four months of the school year.

Because of bad weather after the first four months of the year, the attendance is cut down, especially among the lower grades, it was explained.

Superintendent of the Canton Schools, A. J. Hutchins, was in charge of the program, and was also named to contact school authorities in western counties regarding the plan.

M. H. Bowles, superintendent of the Waynesville Township schools, said the average attendance here now is ten per cent lower than that of the first four months of the school year with the greater number being absent from the first few grades.

This will bring the average attendance down to such a low point for the year, that it will in all probability mean the loss of several teachers for the coming year, he explained.

At the meeting in Canton, it was decided to have the annual Haywood County Day on April 16th. Definite plans will be announced later.

Sarah Welch To Represent D.A.R. Chapter In Contest

Miss Sarah Welch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Welch, member of the senior class of the high school, has been selected to represent the Dorcas Bell Love Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in the state contest for the Ruth Bryan Owen Citizenship award. The contest was inaugurated last year and is awarded to one girl in each state, with the forty-eight winning girls being given a trip to Washington, D. C., during the week of the National Congress of the D. A. R., with expenses paid. The selection locally is made by the student body and faculty.

The award is based on the student's activities, both in and out of school, scholarship and general citizenship for the three and a half years of high school. If Miss Welch's record keeps to her present standard, for the remainder of the term, she will be eligible for the citizenship medal given by the local chapter at commencement. Last year Miss Anne Peck, of Lake Junaluska, received the award.

Funeral Held For Mrs. B. Evans Tues.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. J. Bennett Evans, 49, who died on Sunday at 10 P. M. at the Haywood County Hospital, from the Baptist church at Maggie. Rev. Frank Leatherwood and Rev. P. C. Hicks officiated. Interment was in the Lowe cemetery.

Mrs. Evans was active in the community and will be greatly missed. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Coker. She is survived by her husband and five sons.

Haywood Teachers Hear Dr. Hunter

Dr. H. T. Hunter, president of the Western Carolina Teachers' College, was the principal speaker at the meeting of the Haywood County Teachers' association, which met on Saturday morning at the Waynesville Township High School building. The general topic for discussion was "Character Education," and Dr. Hunter spoke along this line, giving the great character builders among the teachers.

The devotional period was conducted by Rev. Albert New, whose topic was "Truth." Special musical numbers were given by Mrs. Richard N. Barber, Jr., violinist, accompanied by Mrs. Evander Preston.

Other speakers and their subjects were: Fred L. Safford, "Fundamental Factors in Character Education;" Carleton Weatherby, "Student Activities Valuable for Character Building;" and Thomas Irwin, "Character Education Through the Regular School Subjects."

MOUNTAINEERS TO PLAY FINES CREEK HERE FRI.

Friday night the Mountaineers will meet the Fines Creek teams in a double-header on the local court. In their first games the Waynesville boys lost by the same manner. Coach Weatherby's quintet has improved much since this game and hopes to make a much better showing against the fast-stepping Fines Creek. Summerville, Moore, Cathey, Franklin, and Chaffin will start the boys' game. Welch, Burress, Rogers, Jones, Phillips, and Milner will be in the opening game.

Pilot Reveals Secret Of Why Plane Failed To Fly At Fair 25 Years Ago

A twenty-five-year-old secret has been revealed. A question that has been asked hundreds of times, and a topic that has been the subject of many conversations for the past 25 years, will no longer remain a secret.

"Why didn't the plane fly at the Haywood County fair in 1911?"

This past week, the pilot of that plane told The Mountaineer the whole story. The pilot, Mr. Hugh T. Gratz, of Louisville, who was booted and made all manner of fun of in 1911, came back here last week to speak before the Rotary Club, and after the meeting revealed the secret.

Mr. Gratz, and his partner, signed a contract to fly at the fair—and at that time flying was quite an added attraction to the fair program.

Mr. Gratz' partner was bitterly sore because he felt that flying in this high altitude would be most dangerous, and did not want to keep the contract, but Mr. Gratz intended to keep the bargain made with the fair officials, and shipped the plane on here for the event.

He was aware of the fact that at this altitude that the motor would require high-test gasoline. Not knowing whether he could get the required fuel here, he had five gallons put in a can and wrapped—then boarded a train in Louisville for Waynesville.

A short distance out of Louisville, the conductor smelled the

gasoline, and became afraid that the fuel might catch on fire, and ordered Mr. Gratz to dispose of the gasoline at the next stop.

He came on, thinking that certainly some high-test gasoline would be available in Asheville, but he was mistaken. The only gasoline on sale there was "regular" gasoline, which at that time was just about like ordinary kerosene today.

Mr. Gratz came on to Waynesville, assembled his plane and poured in the "regular" gasoline, knowing all the time he would experience difficulty in getting off the ground, if he even got that far, but nevertheless he was determined to give the folks the best show possible.

The large crowd assembled to witness the flight, and Mr. Gratz carried the plane around the field several times, but to no avail. Several times he rose to about ten feet, but no higher. The crowd roared that he was afraid to fly in the mountains, but the real reason was the fuel.

He also recalled the man who was almost drunk, who held onto the plane as it rose to the maximum of ten feet, thinking he would get a free ride. The plane quickly came to earth, dragging the man along the ground, scratching and bruising him.

At the time he made no explanation, except to say he was sorry that he couldn't get the plane off the ground to fly.

Just Sentenced For Crime Committed in 1909



ANCE PHILLIPS

This is an exclusive photograph, and the only one published, of Ance Phillips who was sentenced from 18 months to three years for a murder committed on December 24, 1909. The above picture was made a few hours before he was sentenced last week. (Photo by Homer Davis)

C. Of C. Directors Will Be Named At 7:30 Tonight

Meeting Will Be Held At Court House. No Formal Speaker On Program

Tonight at 7:30 o'clock, at the court house, will mark the first meeting of the Chamber of Commerce for 1936, at which time ten directors for the year will be elected, and reports of last year's activities given.

A ballot of fifteen names will be presented to the group attending tonight's meeting, and ten of the fifteen will be elected. From those elected, will come the president.

Every effort is being made to have a large crowd attend, because this is always considered one of the most important meetings of the year.

President Charles Ray has announced that there will not be a formal speaker for tonight's meeting, but a general discussion made of the problems that are facing the community at this time.

The ballot that will be presented tonight, has the following names: L. M. Richeson, E. J. Hyatt, L. N. Davis, E. L. Withers, T. G. Masch, Charles E. Ray, Jr., Ralph Proctor, W. Curtis Russ, Dr. S. P. Gay, Paul Hyatt, C. N. Allen, Jack Messer, W. L. Hardin, Jr., and Clyde Ray, Jr.

Supreme Court Upholds TVA By 8 To 1 Decision

Long-Waited Decision Stirs Enthusiasm. New Deal Leaders Jubilant Over Opinion

WASHINGTON.—The right of the Federal Government to transmit and market surplus power from its huge TVA project was upheld in the Supreme Court Monday, 8 to 1, with Mr. Justice McReynolds the only dissenter.

HOW COURT RULED

The court decided three major issues: 1. The Government had the right to build Muscle Shoals under its war powers and its authority to aid navigation.

2. Surplus power produced at Wilson Dam may be sold by the Government.

3. The Government may purchase and operate transmission lines carrying its power to a fair market.

A fourth question, whether the Government may sell its power in retail lines, was not covered by the two cases decided, and the court specifically noted that it withheld its opinion on the matter.

The court's decision brought jubilation to new deal supporters and an immediate damper on proposals to curb the court's power, which arose after the adverse 6-to-3 decision throwing out AAA.

By inference, the opinion gave constitutional endorsement to all the other "yardsticks," now built or building by the New Deal over the country. The opinion, of almost unprecedented length, was delivered by the Chief Justice. Though endorsed by seven other members of the court, the majority divided into two groups. Four of the judges supporting Mr. Justice Hughes were of the opinion that the Alabama Power Company, bringing the suit, had no standing in the court, and that the whole matter should have been dismissed by the tribunal without opinion. Mr. Justice Brandeis wrote the concurring opinion for this group, which included also Justices Stone, Roberts and Cardozo.

THREE WAY DIVISION

Thus there was actually a three-

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Court Order Enjoins Confirmation Of The Lake Junaluska Sale

Hearing Date Is Set For March 2nd Before Judge Oglesby In Bryson City

A court order, which temporarily restrains confirmation of the foreclosure sale of the Methodist Assembly property at Lake Junaluska, was signed by Judge Felix E. Adley here last Thursday.

A hearing has been set for March 2, before Judge John M. Oglesby, in Bryson City, to determine whether or not the restraining order will be made permanent.

The temporary restraining order was signed upon the application of F. E. Adley, Jr., attorney, in behalf of James Atkins, Jr., receiver, and the Lake Junaluska Methodist Assembly, Inc., and is directed against the Mercantile Commerce Bank and Trust Company, successor as trustee of the Mercantile Trust Company, of St. Louis; W. G. Byers, clerk of the Superior Court of Haywood county, and E. M. Durham, 3rd, who submitted the high bid for the properties.

In the application for the restraining order, it is set forth that the properties, including improvements, are worth at least \$400,000 and that the bid price of \$50,000 is grossly inadequate and inequitable, and if the sale is confirmed at this price, the Lake Junaluska Methodist Assembly and unsecured creditors will be irreparably injured and damaged.

Hubert C. Jarvis, Asheville attorney, represents the St. Louis parties. E. M. Durham, 3rd, of St. Louis, submitted the high bid of \$50,000 for the Lake Junaluska properties at a foreclosure sale held the week of February 3. The sale was subject to confirmation of the court after a lapse of 10 days provided during this period no higher bid was submitted. It was to restrain the confirmation of this sale that the court order was signed here on application to Judge Adley and the matter will be held in abeyance until the hearing is held on March 2, before Judge Oglesby in Bryson City.

Mr. Durham, in submitting the bid of \$50,000, represented the bondholders who own first mortgage bonds in the amount of \$94,000 with accrued interest. Haywood county also has a tax claim of approximately \$18,000.

The mortgage covered all the properties of the Junaluska Methodist Assembly, Inc., and the Southern Assembly, Inc.

Mrs. Frank Trull, Passed Away 12th

Mrs. Frank Trull, 21, of Bethel, died suddenly Wednesday at her home in this community.

Mrs. Trull was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Galloway. She attended Bethel high school in 1929-30-31, being prominent in school affairs, and especially as a member of the basketball squad during her student days. She was married in 1931 and is the mother of two children, Bobby Sue, 3, and a twelve days old baby.

In speaking of Mrs. Trull, Mr. C. C. Hanson, who was her principal when she attended Bethel high school, said: "She was a student who entered into the spirit of the school life while she was here. She was a person of ideals and appreciated good things."

Federation Group Name Local Board

At a meeting of the stock holders of the Farmers Federation here Wednesday, Arthur Osborne was named chairman and R. T. Boyd, vice-chairman, of the Haywood group.

Other members named were: Henry Francis, J. R. McLeod, R. F. Davis, R. C. Chambers, N. W. Carver, and C. S. Green.

R. T. Boyd was named as candidate to the nomination to the regular board of directors. This county has two directors on the board, H. Arthur Osborne is the other.

James G. K. McClure, Jr., president of the organization, was here for the meeting.

Today's Market

The following cash prices were being paid Wednesday by the Farmers Federation here:

| Date | Max. | Min. |
|------|------|------|
| 13 | 45 | 40 |
| 14 | 45 | 40 |
| 15 | 48 | 34 |
| 16 | 58 | 34 |
| 17 | 58 | 30 |
| 18 | 55 | 31 |
| 19 | 56 | 16 |
| | 26 | 14 |