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PRESIDENT SMILES AS HECTIC SESSION OF CONGRESS ENDS

President Visits Capitol and Signs the Few Remaining Bills on Closing Day. Senator Thomas Holds Floor During Last Four Hours in Attempt to Force Vote on Oil Investigation. Many Appropriations.

Washington, D. C.—The Seventy-first Congress passed into history on March 4th with the tumult and contention of its two years' existence prevailing to the end.

President Hoover who took office two years ago, came back to the Capitol to sign the last of the measures to get through the filibuster-bound Senate and the weary House.

He smiled broadly as the nine months congressional recess began at noon and seemed unperturbed that the Senate filibuster had refused to permit even the appointment of the customary committee to notify him formally of the adjournment.

The \$20,800,000 veterans hospital construction measure with a \$5,000,000 appropriation to start it was all the major legislation that emerged from the closing hours of Congress. Mr. Hoover quickly signed it.

In the Senate, Thomas, Democrat, Oklahoma, stubbornly held the floor in the last three hours of the Senate session.

The chief legislative accomplishments of the session—\$65,000,000 in drought relief loans and \$500,000,000 in Federal construction to aid employment long since had been enacted.

Snapping off all entreaties, the tall Oklahoma Senator resolutely refused to yield the floor to the exasperated Senate as he sought unsuccessfully to obtain a vote on the resolution regarding a Senate inquiry into the oil industry.

In his hour at the Capitol President Hoover remained in the Presidential room just off the Senate chamber where his policies have met consistent opposition from a dominant group of Republican independents and the Democrats since the opening of the special session that he called for tariff revision and farm relief at the outset of his administration.

It was a smile of obvious relief that spread over the President's countenance as well as over the faces of the worn Senate Republican leaders as Mr. Hoover received them. He congratulated Senator Watson, of Indiana, Republican chieftain.

Finally accepting the Senate's hospitalization bill, the House turned to farewell ceremonies for its almost three years' departing. Republican members who just in the last election. But there was a thought of the future in the closing moments as Speaker Longworth in response to a demonstration of confidence conceded that the closely divided House to take office in December might choose a Democratic speaker. So close is the division resulting from the last election that Mr. Longworth said the choice of the next speaker "lies with all-wise Providence."

The Senate filibuster killed the House bills proposing a 90 per cent. reduction in immigration, the infancy and maternity measure, the vestal copyright bill. A stack of other minor business and nominations still awaited action.

A host of investigations and some election contests, including the fight of Pritchard for Senator Bailey's seat in the Senate, face the Upper House during its nine-months recess.

The seventy-first Congress put on to the statute books the Smoot-Hawley tariff act, established the Federal Farm Board and appropriated in its two years almost \$10,000,000,000 a record peacetime expenditure.

The Congress also a record administration opposition to increase the loan value on veterans adjusted service certificates to 50 per cent. of face value. It voted millions for pensions for World War and Spanish-American disabled veterans and expanded the veterans hospitalization program to about \$150,000,000.

Trial of Webster Begins Wednesday in Wilkes; Local Lawyers Appear

Trial of Seawell C. Webster in the killing of S. E. Day has been set for this Wednesday by Judge Michael Schenck, who is presiding at the term of criminal court being held at Wilkesboro.

Assisting Solicitor John R. Jones in the prosecution are State Senator W. R. Lovill and J. E. Holsinger of Boone.

Advice from the scene of the trial indicates that every effort will be made by the State to exact the death penalty. It is expected that all testimony will have been concluded by Friday and that the summing up of the case by attorneys for both sides will be started at that time.

New Ladies Store Will Open in Boone on 20th

Miss Louise Hodges left Sunday evening for New York where she plans to purchase a complete stock of ladies' ready-to-wear. After spending a week in the country's leading fashion market she will return to Boone to supervise the installation of fixtures and the decoration of the store she has leased in the Perry and Winkler building.

Miss Hodges plans to open her new store, to be known as the Louise Shoppe, on March 20th. A complete line of lingerie will be featured in addition to the selection of fashion's newest creations in ready-to-wear for ladies.

For several years Miss Hodges was connected with a local store and is well-known to the people of Boone.

Drives 700,000 Miles Without an Accident

What is believed to be an unusual record in these days of heavy motor traffic and numerous accidents resulting therefrom, has been compiled by Juna Russell, a traveling salesman with headquarters in Boone.

For seventeen years Mr. Russell has been traveling the states of Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. All of this has been done by automobile. In that time he has driven a car at least 36,000 miles a year, or approximately 700,000 miles. The mileage built up has worn out fourteen automobiles.

Throughout the years that Mr. Russell has been driving over the highways of four Southern States, he has never had an accident, except in one instance where he and another driver scraped fenders in an attempt to get out of a sand bog. The resulting damage to the paint was settled for seventy-five cents.

WARDEN ENGLAND GIVES DECISION IN FOX CONTROVERSY

Executive States That North Carolina Law Offers No Protection for Reynard. County Laws in Favor of Fox Are Validated by Statute. Letter Received by Greer Also Clarifies Rabbit Control.

Decisions governing three points in a controversy that has been waged by hunters in Watauga were recently handed down by C. H. England, State Game Warden, in a letter to the Honorable R. T. Greer, representative from this county.

In Watauga there is no law protecting the fox, says Mr. England. State laws regarding this animal offer no protection to foxes except in cases where steel-trapping is employed for the value of its pelt as fur. The State law, however, validates any county law which either protects or outlaws the fox. Consequently the only jurisdiction that the State exercises over Reynard in the State as a whole or Watauga County in particular is to classify this animal as game and require all fox hunters to purchase hunting licenses.

Sportsmen here, therefore, can catch foxes in any manner possible with the exception that no steel traps be used, provided, however, that they are in possession of a license to hunt the animal. The license fee to county residents is \$1.25 for hunting and \$2.00 for a combination hunting and trapping license.

With reference to the control of rabbits, another interesting decision is set forth by Warden England as follows:

"The State Game Law has legalized by provision every means that can be conceived of to keep rabbits under control by allowing them to be trapped in box traps the year through, by permitting drives made on them at any time of the year anywhere with large packs of dogs and groups of men. It is also provided by law that rabbits can be killed by the owner of the land, his family and tenants when they have become so abundant that they are destructive at any time of the year and in any manner, including shooting them with shotguns or other firearms.

"The only prohibition of rabbit killing is found in the provision that numbers of people cannot hunt rabbits the year through off of their own lands with shotguns, for the simple reason that if this were allowed, people under guise of rabbit hunting anywhere in their community for 365 days in a year would likely open up and result in gunning quail, turkeys and any other game animals or game birds found in the said community or county.

"In other words, if people were allowed to gun for rabbits the year through it would be absolutely impossible and foolish to attempt to enforce the law against killing quail, turkeys and other game animals and game birds at any time during the year."

Woodcraft Company Resumes Full Operation

According to David F. Greene, superintendent, the Woodcraft Novelty Company of this city has resumed full operations in the manufacture of rustic wood novelties. About thirty men are employed by this concern in making the products which have found their way into the markets of practically every state in the Union. Mr. Greene further stated that orders are coming in regularly and that business at this time is as good as it was last year.

At one time the products of this company were sold in the Dominion of Canada, but it is claimed that a retaliatory tariff act passed by that country recently has made it impossible to sell this type of merchandise profitably.

CITY SCHOOL GRADES TO PRESENT PROGRAM THURS.

A program by all representatives of the city schools will be given at the Demonstration School Thursday at 7:30 p. m. under the auspices of the Boone Parent-Teacher Association. The regular meeting hour is 3:15 but the program has been changed to the evening so that all those interested may be able to attend.

There will be music by the Boone Orchestra. An admission fee of 15c will be charged and everybody is cordially invited to attend.

"Now There Were Two Irishmen"



John D. Rockefeller, Sr., aged millionaire, regaling women golfers Jessie Firth, Mrs. B. B. Brindle, Diana Fishwick and Nona Dixon with a pet yarn at the Women's South Atlantic Championship matches at Ormond Beach, Fla.

Wardens Named to Patrol Trout Waters After 15th

The regular session of the Izaak Walton League was held on March 5th at the Daniel Boone Hotel. After minutes of the previous meeting had been read, a committee composed of W. G. Hartzog, Earl Cook, Professor J. T. C. Wright, R. F. Coffey and Harrison Baker was asked to report on the selection of two patrolmen to guard the waters of Howards Creek and Meat Camp and the tributaries of these two streams, namely Doe Creek, Curly Maple Creek and Norris' Fork.

Members of the Izaak Walton League have acquired the fishing rights of these waters for a period of five years and in order to protect their interests have appointed Forace Moretz to patrol Howards Creek and Glenn Coffey for Meat Camp.

The League has stocked the two streams with brook and rainbow trout and for the conservation of these game fish have found it necessary to patrol the waters and also to charge all fishermen with the exception of landowners, a special license fee of \$1 per day. This license is over and above the regular county or State license fee and the money gained therefrom is to be used to defray the expenses incurred in maintaining a patrol for the two bodies of water.

Both patrolmen are on full time and are working in close co-operation with the county warden and are apt to be found somewhere along these streams at any time of day or night.

It is their duty to protect the fish from lawless and unlicensed fishermen and also to see that no brook trout under 6 1/2 inches or any rainbow trout under eight inches are taken from the streams. A limit of ten fish has been set as a day's catch.

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MARKETING WILL BE DISCUSSED BY COUNTY FARMERS

Meeting to Be Held Thursday 19th for Purpose of Finding Equitable Markets for County Products. Representatives of State Wholesale Houses Expected to Be Present. Marketing Committee to Report.

There will be a meeting of the farmers of Watauga County in the courthouse in Boone next Thursday, March 19, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of discussing plans for the profitable marketing of the produce of this county during the coming season.

Representatives of the leading wholesale produce houses in this State will be present, and it is expected that some equitable system of marketing the crops will be agreed upon. All those interested have been asked to attend, and it is especially requested that the members of the marketing committee come. The committee which was formulated after the farmers institute last month is composed of the following members: C. J. Farthing, Lee Swift, John M. Greer, D. M. Edmisten, W. W. Mast, J. W. Harmon, C. M. Shores, F. M. Thomas, Lee Carender, Sam Atkins, H. J. Hardin, M. C. Holley, W. H. Greene, D. L. Greene, A. G. Miller, Clement McNeil, W. N. Howell, Z. T. Watson, J. T. Hampton, Ira Critcher, R. T. Greer, A. C. Moody and C. C. Triplett.

Good Will Air Tour in North Wilkesboro 20th

The good will air tour, a consort of more than thirty airplanes of the different varieties, which leaves Charlotte on the 15th, will visit North Wilkesboro Friday, the 20th, according to an announcement received by Mr. Horton Gragg, local aviator, the first of the week. The fleet of aircraft is expected to alight on the North Wilkesboro field at 1 o'clock, spend the afternoon there, and in the evening, America's foremost pilots are to be feted by the American Legion at a square dance.

Mr. Gragg has a limited number of tickets which are being offered local enthusiasts for \$1. This ticket admits to the field, where planes may be inspected close-up, and by the payment of an additional \$1.50, entitles the holder to a flight in any ship present. Stunt flying by both ladies and men, parachute jumping, etc., will feature the afternoon's entertainment, and it is expected that no fewer than 2,000 persons will be admitted.

Caswell County farmers are increasing their lespedeza acreage from 400 to 700 acres this year, despite a failure of the hay crop in 1930, due to the drought.

Prisoner at County Jail Installs Fixtures

And now Watauga steps forth and offers for the approval of the world at large a prisoner of luxe. The county jail, has taken on a gayer appearance since Cecil Critcher, of Blowing Rock, recently convicted in Federal Court on a charge of violating the prohibition laws, came there to serve a six-months sentence exacted by Judge Johnson Hayes. Critcher has long been known as a man of fastidious taste, so the day before he started his extended stay in prison he proceeded to put "his house in order." Two velvet rugs were purchased, along with a comfortable rocking chair, carried to the cell and placed. A six-tube radio set of popular make was installed, it is stated, and other details added for the prisoner's comfort during his enforced visit.

Commitment papers had not been received by the Sheriff's office late Monday, but Critcher had arrived in jovial humor, to begin his sentence so he was allowed to spend the night, beginning his official term Tuesday. And now, if reports are true, the county's guests are being entertained for the first time with choice programs coaxed through prison bars by the de luxe prisoner's receiving set.

LOCAL SOLOIST IS APPOINTED STAFF TENOR NEW LOOP

James Moore, Popular Tenor, will Begin Work With Columbia System on March 20th. Will Be Regular Singer on Southern Broadcast Hook-up. Received Training at Cincinnati Conservatory.

James Moore of Boone has been appointed staff tenor of the newly formed "Dixie Loop" of the Columbia Broadcasting System. The loop embodies twenty Southern radio stations with Station WBT, Charlotte, the central operations point. Complete facilities for the maintenance of talent for sponsored programs will be available at Charlotte and the addition of Mr. Moore as staff tenor will round out a selection of popular artists who have been gathered from the various sections of the South so that programs on the "Dixie Loop" will be distinctly Southern in their scope and flavor.

The local artist studied at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and under leading voice teachers in Washington and New York. He has also toured this and other states where his renditions have met with popular approval. He has appeared in various church programs and at the present time is soloist at Boone Methodist Church.

The first program on which Mr. Moore is to be featured will be broadcast on March 20th. This popular tenor will be featured regularly thereafter.

Training School for S. S. Workers to Be Held Early in April

Beginning with Easter Sunday and continuing throughout the week, the Fourth Annual Training School for Sunday School Workers will be held at the Boone Methodist Church.

For three years past these schools which offer training in leadership, have been well attended and have met with unusual success. The school is open to Methodists in Watauga County and others who are interested in equipping themselves for greater service in the church.

The pastor and his co-workers are looking forward with a great deal of interest to the forthcoming school and assure everyone in attendance a week of interesting instruction.

Doughton Will Aid in Securing Loans for Vets

Hon. R. L. Doughton, who returned to his home in Laurel Springs following the adjournment of Congress last week, informs The Democrat that he is anxious to render the World War veterans any assistance possible in securing for them the 50 per cent. loan granted them during the closing days of Congress. A letter from Mr. Doughton in this connection follows.

"I doubtless many of the veterans will desire to obtain loans under the law recently enacted for the purpose of making loans to veterans on their adjusted service certificates.

"Those desiring to do so can make application direct to the Veterans Bureau at Charlotte, N. C., or if they prefer, they can write me and I shall be pleased to send them the blanks and necessary information and assist in securing the loans.

"Anyone desiring my services in this or any other matter during the vacation of Congress can communicate with me at Laurel Springs, N. C., or Washington, D. C."

RECUPERATING FROM INJURIES

Mr. E. A. Resch, of Atlanta, Ga., member of the staff of Abernethy-Turrentine Advertising Agency, and editor of a group of trade journals, is spending two weeks at Daniel Boone Hotel, where he is recuperating from injuries received in an automobile accident several days ago. The visitor expresses himself as being delighted with this mountain section, and declares that the cold weather which now prevails is "delightful."

MAJOR PATTERSON VISITS WATAUGA IN INTEREST C. M. T. C.

County's Quota Placed at Seven for This Summer's Encampment. Five Lads Took Training at Fort Bragg During 1930. Officer Urges That Those Who Intend to Attend Make Application Early.

The enrollment for Citizens Military Training Camps started March 1st. Last year Watauga County sent five young men to camp at Fort Bragg. This year the quota assigned to Watauga County is seven. Application blanks can be obtained from the principal of Boone High School or from Mr. Smith Hagaman, county representative for C. M. T. C.

The camp this year is from June 12 to July 11 at Fort Bragg, N. C. All expenses are paid. Boys must be from 17 years to 21 years of age. There is no obligation whatsoever to the Government resulting from attendance at these camps.

Major R. B. Patterson, U. S. Army, from Statesville, visited Boone on Wednesday and Thursday of this week in the interest of the C. M. T. C. He found a number of the young men of Boone had already applied. Wednesday afternoon Major Patterson spoke to the student body of Cove Creek High School, explaining the life at the Citizens Military Training Camp at Fort Bragg. Principal Horton endorsed this camp highly. Over five boys from Cove Creek have sent in their applications.

So many applications have come into headquarters 1th Corps Area from young men of North Carolina to attend the Camp at Fort Bragg that Major Patterson is most anxious for all boys who want to attend camp to get their applications in at once. In less than two weeks the quota will be filled. Applications coming in after that will stand very little chance of being approved.

Thursday Major Patterson left for Blowing Rock and Statesville to continue his explanation of the Citizens Military Training Camps.

The young men from Watauga who attended camp last year are Oscar Underwood Brown of Vilas, Jake George Hagaman of Boone, Henry Clay Hennessy of Aumantha, Roy Jones Williams of Mabel and John Luther Yount of Boone.

Dogs Play Havoc With Sheep Herd Near Boone

A pack of ravenous dogs of sinister breed made an early morning raid upon a flock of fine sheep, belonging to Mr. William Winkler last Monday, killing two yearling ewes outright and perhaps fatally injuring two others. Winkler was on the job within a few minutes with his shotgun and succeeded in dispatching one of the prowling canines, another having made good his escape.

Meantime Mr. Winkler's fine police dog, which had been indoors during the night, became excited, joined the other dogs, and proceeded to snatch a sheep. William promptly ended his hitherto exemplary career with a load of buckshot. The animal was valued at \$75, but was caught in bad company and had to pay its penalty.

Sheep owners of Watauga are determined once and for all to exterminate the mongrels which have wrought such havoc among the flock—and as is evidenced by Mr. Winkler—it doesn't matter whose dog it is, just so they have the goods on him, and stockmen are thoroughly justified in accepting circumstances, evidence when dealing with these marauders.

Blizzard Comes on Heels Of Springlike Weather

Following on the heels of some very excellent weather during the past week or so came a blizzard of minor proportions Sunday, bringing with it a four-inch snowfall and a very cold wind.

Watauga has been shivering from the results of this storm, but local residents are predicting that the snow won't last very long. In connection with local weather conditions it is to be noted that all sections of the country have been heavily hit by snow and windstorms, from which some loss of life and property resulted.

Metropolitan cities hailed the arrival of snow as a blessing, in that it provided work for the thousands of unemployed who stormed employment offices to become members of the corps of workers necessary to clear away the snow and ice so that traffic and transportation would not be impeded.

BUNCOMBE RACING BILL CAUSES MANY PROTESTS

Churchmen throughout the State are voicing vigorous opposition against the passage of a bill before the present Legislature which would legalize horse and dog racing in Buncombe County.

Various of the State's leading ministers have wired to Raleigh asking that their representatives vote against the bill in that they believe that legalized use of the pari-mutuel machine would lend official sanction to gambling.

The bill was introduced by a representative from Buncombe County and has been given some support on the assumption that a racing season in Asheville would definitely establish that city as an outstanding resort and would attract tourists in greater numbers than heretofore.

The racing bill was tabled last week, but was revived again this week after a vigorous effort by its sponsors.