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Senare Demands Scalp



David S. Barry, 73, veteran sergeant at Arns of the U.S. Senate, suspended in an unprecedented action by that august body for writing a magazine article for The New Outlook in which he said some members of Congress took money for their votes, faces the ire of veteran Senators who still insist upon his complete removal.

Raleigh, N. C.—Sub-committees of the General Assembly are now doing some deep digging, longing, probably with little hope, for subterranean vaults with buried treasures with which to balance the budget and provide for necessary State functions. Finding none of those, they are seeking to "find the money where the money is," if any, and will probably emerge in a week or less with a general sales tax, coupled with a State-wide eight-months school proposal, abolishing the charter districts along with it.

Many legislators express opposition to a sales tax and, under other conditions, would be found fighting it to the last ditch, but who now say it seems the way out, and, as obnoxious as it is, they are about reconciled to support it. The merchants are fighting it, naturally, and the opponents are going to the mat daily, but feel they are on the losing end. If the answer is not a sales tax of 2 or 3 per cent. of gross sales, it has not yet been discovered.

Coupled with it will be the eight-months State-wide school term, unless all signs fail, and as a part of that will be the abolition of special charter school districts, so far as operation goes. This will be opposed by the representatives of the larger centers which have nine months of school and other refinements and additions to the school work. They will claim that it is the smaller counties calling upon them again to carry their burdens, but if this triple measure, sales tax, eight-months school and abolition of the districts does not result, all present signs are at fault.

The finance, appropriations and school machinery bills are expected to be before the two houses within a week or two and should be disposed of within a week or ten days, unless unforeseen complications arise. If such progress is made, the accepted 60 days may be sufficient, but 75 days may be allowed.

The visible progress made the past and sixth week of the session cannot be taken as a criterion of what has been achieved. Very little has actually been completed, although many movements are in process. The committee on reorganization of the State government has only abolition of the Personnel Director to show for its efforts. The Corporation Commission abolishing only one person up and down. It was revived last week after an earlier death, passed up its second reading, and then was again referred, this time to Judiciary No. 1 committee, where it now resides. It was amended to provide for election each four years of the Public Utilities Commissioner but is not yet satisfactory. Like the cat with many lives, it dies and comes back, but its final destiny is problematical.

The sixth week showed more than 730 bills had been introduced, 210 in the Senate and 520 in the House, of which 109, largely local, has been enacted into law. Last week about 150 bills, 35 in the Senate and 115 in the House, were introduced, and in that week 35 were ratified, 19 local bills and 16 general bills and resolutions.

Except for half a dozen measures, passed but not actually ratified until last week, the important ones are given briefly. One reduced the 60-day road camp sentence minimum to 30 days. Another prevents officers from receiving witness fees for attending courts in their jurisdictions. The law requiring open bids for public jobs and supplies was slightly modified, as was the law on the assessment plan of some types of insurance companies. Shad fish cannot now be taken from the waters near New Hanover, Brunswick, Pender and Onslow counties. Several counties were added to the amendment to the "worthless check" law, giving magistrates jurisdiction in cases involving \$50 or less, so that it is now almost state wide.

Inspired by the disappearance of former Senator R. S. McCain, Henderson, the law providing for appointment of guardians for persons who disappear and are not located in three months, was enacted. The Insurance Department now has supervision over certain assessment life insurance associations under a new law. A resolution calls on the N. C. delegation to urge the Federal government to use granite for monuments and public buildings.

The Senate passed and sent to the House the bill permitting divorces after two years of separation, instead of five, and requiring residence in the state, one year instead of two. The House is still considering the "banber bill" to extend the present license law state wide, instead of to larger towns.

Hearing has been held on the bill seeking to abolish the Workmen's Compensation Act, or otherwise modify it. That act, however, appears well fixed and little fear is entertained of abolishing or crippling it. A hearing was held on the new constitution, written by the Constitutional Commission and embodied in a bill. How it will be received is uncertain yet.

Among the bills introduced last week was one to reorganize the De-

EDW. H. MORTIMER DIES IN JOHNSON CITY ON THURSDAY

Prominent Lumberman, Well Known to Watauga People, Inflicts Fatal Pistol Wound in Johnson City Office. Funeral Held Saturday. No Reasons Are Given for Suicide. Widow and Two Children Survive.

Edw. H. Mortimer, prominent lumberman and former resident of Elk Park, died in a Johnson City, Tenn., hospital Thursday from a pistol wound apparently inflicted by himself on the previous afternoon. According to available information, Mr. Mortimer had lunched with his family and had then gone to his office which is within fifty feet of the residence. Shortly afterwards a shot was heard and his brother, J. Mortimer, accompanied by E. H. Mortimer rushed to the office where they found the deceased man suffering from a severe wound in the head. A gun was found close by.

An ambulance was summoned and Mr. Mortimer was rushed to Appalachian Hospital where it was found that a bullet, fired apparently at close range, had pierced his right temple and had emerged just above the left ear, inflicting a fatal injury.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Johnson City, and interment occurred in the City Cemetery. Survivors include the widow, one son, one daughter and two brothers.

JULIUS P. COFFEY DIES IN CALDWELL

Well Known Farmer Succumbs to Heart Trouble. Was Well Known in Watauga County. Large Group at Funeral Services.

Julius P. Coffey, long-time resident of Caldwell County and well known to hundreds of Wataugas, was buried Sunday morning at Philadelphia Church in the Mulberry section, with Elder R. A. May in charge, according to information carried in the current issue of the Lenoir News Topic.

Mr. Coffey was 74 years of age. He suffered a stroke of paralysis last September and developed heart trouble shortly afterward. Death occurred Saturday.

The deceased man was an enterprising farmer and for many years had paid Boone and Watauga frequent visits. He was also interested in various cotton mills, veneer plants, wagon plants and allied interests.

Present at the funeral service was a host of friends and relatives. Mr. Coffey is survived by his widow and two adopted children.

BLOWING ROCK YOUTH MAKES SUICIDE ATTEMPT

Edwin Robbins, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Robbins of Blowing Rock, is thought to be recovering from a self-inflicted bullet wound, the suicide attempt having been last Saturday night. It is said the youth was drinking and in a car game with friends, and his mother went for him, took him home, and remonstrated with him as to his conduct. The report of the gun was heard soon after he went to his room. The bullet missed the heart and lodged in the left lung. His chances for recovery appear good.

BILL INTRODUCED RELATIVE LOCAL RECORDERS COURT

Senator McNeil of Ashe, Sponsor Measure to Confer Civil Jurisdiction Upon New Court Actions Involving \$1,000 or Less May Be Handled. Bill Referred to Judiciary No. 2 Committee.

Raleigh, N. C.—A bill "To confer civil jurisdiction upon the Recorder's Court of Watauga County" was introduced in the General Assembly Saturday by Senator McNeill, Ashe, representing the 29th District. The bill was referred to Judiciary No. 2 Committee.

Senator McNeill's bill would give the Recorder's Court of Watauga County jurisdiction to try and determine civil actions whenever the plaintiff or defendant is a resident of the county. The jurisdiction would be concurrent with that of Justices of the Peace and with the Superior Court in all actions founded on contract, wherein the amount involved, exclusive of interest and costs, does not exceed \$1,000, and in actions not founded on contract in which the amount involved does not exceed \$500, exclusive of costs and interest.

The actions of the court would be governed by the several sections of the Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina, including section 1591, down to and including the word "court" in line 3; sections 1592 to 1598, inclusive, and section 1550, the bill points out.

MRS. ALLEN PERRY DIES AT ZIONVILLE

Well Known Lady Succumbs to Long Illness. Funeral at Mast Graveyard. Husband and Six Children Survive.

Mrs. A. A. Perry, 59-year-old resident of the Zionville section, died at her home there on January 31, according to related information reaching Boone, Tuesday.

Funeral services were conducted on the 2nd at the J. H. Mast graveyard and were in charge of Rev. Ed Hodges of the Baptist Church.

The survivors include a husband and six children: Mrs. C. L. Warren of Zionville; Mrs. Clint Eggers, Vilas; Mrs. Floyd Greene, Silverstone; Mrs. C. F. Eggers, Forest, Va.; Harley and Ralph Perry of Silverstone.

Mrs. Perry was a native of the Cove Creek section and had spent her entire life in Watauga County, living in Boone for several years while Mr. Perry was in charge of the county jail. She was an unusually active member of the Baptist Church, a fine Christian lady, and had many friends in Boone and throughout the county who grieve her passing.

Sparta Bank Looted Of \$1,500 by Yeggs

Sparta—Yeggsmen forced an entrance to the Bank of Sparta Thursday night and robbed the safe of approximately \$1,500. Entrance to the building was gained through a rear door and the safe apparently was opened in the usual way by the combination, without resort to explosives.

The cash removed was limited to bills and silver, accumulated pennies being ignored by the robbers. No checks nor bank papers in the safe were molested. The robbery was discovered at the opening hour for business, after Cashier Edwin Duncan had opened the safe, as usual, to find that the cash contents of the previous evening had disappeared in mysterious fashion. The yeggs had made a smooth get-away, leaving no clues for officers to trail.

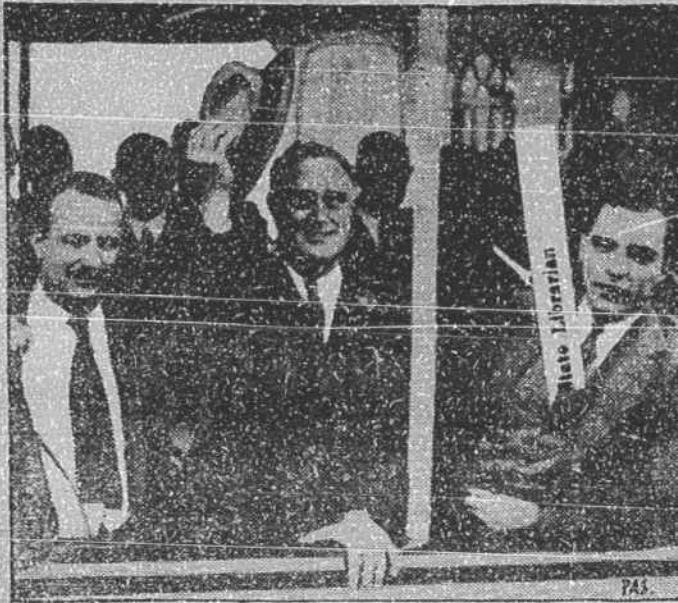
Tobacco Growers to Meet Here Monday

A meeting of the tobacco growers has been called for next Tuesday, the 21st, at 10 o'clock in the courthouse. The meeting is sponsored by the Abingdon and Bristol Chambers of Commerce and an expert will be on hand to explain tobacco diseases and remedies. All those interested in tobacco growing are urged to attend.

MRS. EARP DEAD

A Mrs. Earp, resident of the "China" section under the mountain from Blowing Rock, is reported to have died Sunday night from pneumonia. Interment was Monday. Five children are said to survive.

President-Elect Sailing Southern Waters



Waving farewell as he set sail on an eleven day cruise, his last vacation before taking over the Presidency, Franklin D. Roosevelt looked forward to a real rest and relaxation from cares. Aboard with him was his cousin, Kermit Roosevelt, son of former President, Theodore Roosevelt. Photo shows Kermit Roosevelt, President-elect Roosevelt and Vincent Astor, host and upon whose yacht, The Nourmahal, the cruise is being made. The start was made from Jacksonville, Fla.

BINGHAM NAMED ATTY. FOR CREDIT CORPORATION

Will Handle All Liens Chattels and Mortgages for Raleigh Branch. Announcement Made Monday by John P. Stedman, G. D. Brinkley to Aid Borrowers in Filing Their Papers.

Raleigh, N. C.—John H. Bingham, of Boone, has been designated as attorney for Watauga County whose certificates of title for liens, chattels and mortgages will be accepted by the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation of Raleigh, N. C., for loans to be made to the people of this county. John P. Stedman, executive vice-president and manager, announces.

Mr. Stedman also announces that G. D. Brinkley, Boone, has agreed to aid those of this county seeking to borrow money from the corporation in making out their applications in proper form, thus facilitating the preliminary work and helping to save time and eliminate "red tape" in getting the loans through.

Fees for attorneys, paid by the applicants, are limited to one-half of one per cent. of the loan, with a minimum of \$1 and a maximum of \$12.50 on chattels and liens, while the fees on real property will be governed by the amount of work involved in preparing the abstract and mortgage. Attorneys, as well as county farm agents, are agreeing to perform the duties connected with making loans largely for patriotic and community reasons. Mr. Stedman states, pointing out that county agents are co-operating splendidly.

Interest on the loans is at the rate of 5 1/2 per cent, and a small inspection fee, depending on the size of the loan, will be added, Stedman states.

Loans are not to be made to persons who may be interested in agriculture and receiving the major part of their income from other sources, but they will be confined to actual "dirt farmers" whose main livelihood comes from farming, poultry, livestock and dairy operations. Mr. Stedman states. It is the farm owner, too, and not the tenant farmer, who will be the beneficiary of the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation's assistance in producing

crops, raising cattle, operating dairies and raising poultry on their own land will be extended loans under the regulations of the corporation, the vice-president and manager announces.

Loans are made direct from the Raleigh office and do not have to be passed upon in Washington, thus eliminating time and trouble and permitting borrowers to get their money much earlier than otherwise would be the case, Mr. Stedman states.

Mr. Bingham states that all loans will mature in one year or less time. Anyone interested can get Mr. Bingham to fill out an application.

Appendicitis Fatal to Sixteen-Year-Old Girl

Jean Rogers, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Rogers of Co-shocton, Ohio, former residents of this county, died in a hospital in that city on last Thursday from peritonitis, following an operation for appendicitis performed four days before. Mr. Rogers will be remembered as the son of the late W. W. Rogers and Mrs. Rogers as the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Moody. They moved to Ohio when Jean was a small child, and have made their home there since.

Messrs. Charles Rogers, Plato Moody, Mrs. Bina Lovell, Mrs. Raymond Carroll and Miss Faye Vandy of this community, attended the funeral, returning home Tuesday night.

NORTH WILKESBORO WOMAN'S BROTHER AND SISTER KILLED

North Wilkesboro.—Miss Janie Barnes and Charles Barnes, sister and brother of Mrs. Gordon Finley of this city, were killed in an automobile at Jacksonville, Fla., Monday, according to a message received by relatives here.

Details concerning the accident were not learned. Mr. Barnes was killed instantly and Miss Barnes died soon after reaching a hospital. The funeral was held in Jacksonville on Wednesday afternoon.

"SIGNS OF THE TIMES" TO BE TOPIC OF SERMON SUNDAY

Rev. S. E. Gragg will preach at the Advent Christian Church here next Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour, and a cordial invitation is extended to all to join in the worship. Mr. Gragg will use as the topic of his discourse "The Signs of the Times."

Planting of lespedeza in Rutherford County increased from 140 acres in 1929 to 1,490 acres in 1932, according to facts gathered by the county farm agent.

TEMPERATURE AT AN AVERAGE OF 22 DEGREES IN WEEK

New Low Readings Are Submitted From College Station. Zero Weather Last Thursday for First Time Since 1930. Almost Five Inches of Snowfall Comes With Record Freezing. Other Interesting Data.

The weather man handed out to Wataugas last week a strip of the most consistently frigid weather recorded in many years. The thermometer at the College Weather Station registered five below zero on Thursday. The records there show that the last zero weather experienced here since the blizzard of 1929. In fact, the temperature has never fallen below zero here since 1917.

The average temperature was 22 degrees, Prof. Wright of the College Bureau submits the complete facts and figures as to the unusual condition of the elements last week:

- Average maximum temperature, 33 degrees.
- Average minimum temperature, 10 degrees.
- Average temperature, 22 degrees.
- Average daily range in temperature, 23 degrees.
- Greatest daily range in temperature, 37 degrees; date, 8th.
- Average temperature at 6 p. m. (time of observation), 21 degrees.
- Highest temperature reached, 43 degrees; date, 7th and 8th.
- Lowest temperature reached, 5 below; date, 9th.
- Total precipitation (including melted snow), 1.81 inches.
- Greatest precipitation in 24 hours, 1.27; date, 7th.
- Total snowfall in inches, 4.75.
- Greatest snowfall in 24 hours in inches, 3.50; date, 4th.
- Number of days with 0.01 inch or more precipitation, 5.
- Number of clear days, 2.
- Number of cloudy days, 5.
- Dates of fogs, 7th and 8th.
- Dates of sleet, 7th and 10th.
- High winds on 5th.

NILEY G. NORRIS DIES ON MONDAY

Brother of Local Man Passes After Long Illness. Funeral Conducted Tuesday by Rev. Payne. Burial at Sands.

Niley G. Norris, 58 years old, died at the home of a brother, W. C. Norris, near Boone, Monday morning after a severe illness of about six months with a kidney ailment.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday a 10 o'clock from the home by Rev. W. C. Payne, Baptist minister, and interment was at the Sands cemetery.

Surviving are three brothers: Robert Norris of Hickory, W. C. Norris of Boone, Gurney Norris of Boone; four sisters: Mesdames Scott Norris of Beaver Dam, Hunter Peters of Bristol, J. C. Rosenbalm of Bristol, and H. L. Ragan of Boone.

Mr. Norris was born in Watauga County, near Boone, a son of the late W. D. Norris. However, he had spent the past twenty-five or more years in various parts of the country, and in late years had made his home in Tennessee and Virginia. He returned here four months ago to make his home with his brother, pending his recovery. He was a member of one of the most substantial local families and had many friends throughout this section.

HEROIC ACTS OF FIREMEN QUENCH RAGING FLAMES

Large Section of City Threatened With Destruction as Blizzard Fans Flame in Blackburn Hotel Building. Volunteer Fire Fighters, Covered with Ice, Wage Successful Battle Against Destroyer.

A blaze which originated on the second floor of the old Blackburn Hotel building, and which is supposed to have been caused by flame from a hitherto abandoned fire, threatened to raze a large portion of the town of Boone last Saturday morning. The volunteer firemen came to the scene of the conflagration in record-breaking time, and but for their masterful handling of the situation, a number of buildings in the western limits of the town would now be in ashes. Undaunted by a raging blizzard, the dozen firemen sallied forth into the apparently doomed structure, men on top of the icy tin roof had their clothing frozen by the streams from the nozzles, but within a space of less than an hour not a spark of fire remained in the rambling framed structure.

One member of the fire squad, hit squarely with the tremendous force of the hose and with clothing and shoes frozen to his body, was in danger of death, when he was forced away from the scene and restoratives administered. Citizens of the community worked hard in removing the furnishings from several rooms occupied by different families, and there was practically no damage. The building had been used for apartments and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stevenson lived there, two or three groups of college boys had quarters, the law office of Ballou and Bingham was on the ground floor, and James Brown and son had "bachelor" there. Some members of Mr. Phillips family, who owned the building, also made their home there.

No estimate of the loss to the building has been made. The fire was confined to the eastern side of the topmost floor, and it is understood that repairs will be made.

The Blackburn Hotel is one of the old landmarks of the town, had been built for more than fifty years, and contained twenty-six rooms.

BIRTHDAY DINNER

A large crowd of relatives and friends of Mr. W. L. Henson of Vilas, gathered at the home of a son, Lonnie Henson, on last Sunday to honor Mr. Henson, on the occasion of his 63rd birthday. A sumptuous dinner was spread, which evidenced no sign of the depression, and a general good time was enjoyed, with all wishing for the esteemed gentleman many happy returns of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Reese were also sponsors of the enjoyable affair. Besides the immediate family, four brothers of the honoree were present, Messrs. Ben Henson, Watt Henson, Charles Henson and Ed Henson, and a grandson, Master Gene Reese. Invited guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Manley Williams, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Greene, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Horton and daughter, James Horton, Miss Constance Shoun, Mrs. Watt Henson, Mrs. Charles Henson, Miss Edna Holtzclaw and Mrs. Ed Henson.

North Wilkesboro.—Oscar C. Dancy of Brownsville, Texas, who is a candidate to succeed John N. Garner, vice-president-elect, as representative in Congress from the Fifteenth Texas District, is a native of Wilkes County. He is judge of the Cameron County court.