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Gets Cabinet Post



Senator Cordell Hull of Tennessee, who will be Secretary of State during the Roosevelt administration...

MERCHANTS HAVE AID OF CITIZENS AGAINST SALE TAX

Petitions Are Circulated Asking that Levy on Sales be Left Off, and that Some Other Means of Balancing the Budget Be Tried...

A petition signed by practically all the business men and leading citizens of the town, has been forwarded to Representative R. T. Greer in Raleigh...

While the passage of some sort of sales tax appears imminent as a result, independent merchants of the town and county are distinctly hostile to any such measure...

So far only 160 bills have been ratified, 48 Senate and 112 House bills. The past week saw many local bills complete the round and become laws...

One resolution was adopted last week, requesting the U. S. Congress to refrain from further invasion of sources of taxation heretofore left to the State...

WILLENE REESE DIES AT BANNER ELK HOSPITAL. Willene Reese, the nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Reese, Zionville, died at Grace Hospital, Banner Elk, Friday morning at 7 o'clock...

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at Zionville, with Rev. R. C. Eggers in charge and interment took place in a nearby cemetery. Survivors include the parents, one brother, two half-sisters and two half-brothers.

Willene was said to have been a most lovable child, and her untimely demise has brought sorrow to a host of friends she had made during her brief lifetime.

Up to Veterans Now to Support Legion's Fight

The American Legion's fight against drastic changes in veterans' legislation without first giving it careful study seems to be won at this session of Congress. Determined efforts to continue the drive against the disabled in the next session seem just as certain...

An especial effort is to be made locally, it is said to recruit a full membership in the Watauga Post to aid in the contingency.

Prospects for major reductions in veterans' appropriations in the present session has diminished almost to the vanishing point, it is said, and Congress will do well to get under the wire with its mandatory program.

WELFARE BOARD STRESSES NEED OF RAISING GARDENS

Organization to Be Perfected Looking to Growing Sufficient Food to Supply All Local Needs. Relief Work Cannot Continue, and New Plans for Livelihood Must Be Considered. Situation Serious.

These in charge of the Welfare Department in Watauga County see the end of federal appropriations for relief of the destitute and are sailing upon the people of this county to pursue intensive gardening campaigns to the end that outside supplies of food will not be needed.

"On February 15 the Welfare Board of Watauga County had a special meeting at the courthouse with the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education and several influential citizens present. The object of this meeting was to devise some means to take care of the relief situation in the future. It is an evident fact that the Red Cross and the Federal relief cannot go on indefinitely. In the final analysis each county will have to support its own people. Such a thing we cannot do. Is it not wisdom to plan for the worst? Those present thought it wise for us to plan for growing food this year. All that are receiving aid will be asked to arrange for a garden and other food crops. Within a few days there will be perfected an organization for this purpose. The slogan will be, 'Grow enough food for every person in the county.'"

"The Welfare Board can only advise and serves without pay. We ask the good citizens of this county to help. We know that you will. Help your neighbor to help himself. See that he has a place to grow something. Watch the paper for announcements. If we fail to grow food this year, there is bound to be suffering—much suffering."

In every man's heart there is more or less pride of independence. If help comes too much from public funds, there is a possibility of breaking down this pride. Any sensible man will not let his pride be helped to come from the pockets of the people. There is no mistake about this. It is a better way than to grow his own food? Fellow citizens, the situation is more serious than you think. Let us start the season with the spirit of the pioneers. We can have the food to sustain life if we are willing to work.

County Commissioner Says Sparta Rebuilding

Mr. H. G. Green of Glade Valley, member of the Board of Commissioners of Alleghany county, in company with his son Thomas and daughter Mrs. Bruce Wagner, was a visitor for a short time in Boone last Thursday.

Mr. Green states that work is going forward rapidly toward rebuilding Sparta, which was almost totally destroyed by fire a few weeks ago, and that mercantile establishments have been opened all along the street in temporary quarters. He further states that the Commissioners are almost ready to start work on rebuilding the county courthouse which was also in the path of the devastating blaze. He estimates that this can be done at a cost of about \$17,000, and that it is not believed that the tax rate will have to be increased on this account.

LEES-McRAE SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED BY PRITCHETT

Banner Elk—Announcement of Lees-McRae Junior College scholarships for next year, to the amount of twelve hundred dollars, was made last week by Leo K. Pritchett, superintendent. The scholarships are for the sum of fifty dollars each, approximately one-fourth of the total cost of a year at Lees-McRae, and are offered to one student in each of a number of Western North Carolina high schools. The requirements are the same as in previous years. Mr. Pritchett said—outstanding scholarship, leadership and loyalty to the school in which the scholarship is offered.

Five students with Mr. Pritchett presented chapel programs at various high schools throughout the mountains this week. On Monday they visited Newland, Crossnore and Cranberry; on Tuesday, Spruce Pine, Bakersville and Dupton Hill; on Wednesday, Micaville, Burnsville and Bald Creek; on Thursday, Cove Creek and Jefferson, West Jefferson and Lansing; and on Friday, Mountain City, Butler and Roan Mountain. Tenn. Morganton, Lenoir and Marion are scheduled for tentative visits this week. The students, one of whom is Cline Farthing of Sugar Grove, present a short program of string music, songs and clog-dancing.

80-Year Sentence Given Man Who Made Effort to Assassinate Mr. Roosevelt



President-Elect Franklin Roosevelt, who was uninjured when five shots were fired in an attempt to end his life at Miami, Fla.

TAXPAYERS MAY SECURE LOAN TO SATISFY COUNTY

Arrangements Made to Aid Freeholders of County in Meeting Their Governmental Obligations. May Borrow on Cattle, Sheep, Poultry or Personal Endorsement. Local Citizens to Aid Applicants.

County Tax Collector A. D. Wilson states that for the past few days, collections of taxes have been fair, and that most people are making an effort to meet the demands of the county for sufficient revenue with which to operate the local government. However, as in all other parts of the country, it is hard for a lot of good folks to garner the cash necessary to detach a tax receipt, and Mr. Wilson calls attention to the fact that it is now possible for citizens to borrow money with which to pay their taxes, and save the penalties, advertising and attorneys fees which would accompany a foreclosure.

The loans may be secured, it is said, through the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation of Raleigh, N. C. Loans will be granted on cattle, sheep, poultry or on personal endorsement at an interest rate of 5 1/2 per cent, plus an appraisal fee of 1 per cent. These loans may be used for producing crops or for paying taxes, and Mr. Wilson urges the people to the county to consider this proposition in cases where money for taxes cannot be secured otherwise.

G. D. Brinkley of Boone and John H. Bingham of Sugar Grove are both authorized to assist the people in making out their applications for these loans and can give such further information as might be desired.

Marshal Gragg Has Unusual Experience

U. S. Marshal W. H. Gragg left his Greensboro office the other day en route to his home in Boone. A warrant was on his desk for the arrest of a man on a charge of prohibition law violations, who lived a short distance east of North Wilkesboro. Mr. Gragg concluded to serve the paper as he came along, which he did. He started to North Wilkesboro, with his prisoner, one Walter Love, and sighted two more Federal officers on the road meeting him. He stopped to talk with his fellow workers, and they told him they were going to Walter Love's to look for some counterfeit money. Mr. Gragg told them the man they wanted was in his car and under arrest, and that they could have him as soon as he could get bond filled.

Love, in the meantime, admitted to the officers that he had had some counterfeit money and still had one five-dollar bill with his other money, hid in the woods a mile or so from his home. Later they went with him and found the one spurious bill, along with his personal funds, buried in the ground, and took it, hoping to find the identity of the party responsible for its distribution. Mr. Gragg said that Love told the truth throughout, but didn't remember who gave him the currency in question. He didn't deny but that he "might" have received it in exchange for spirits.

Miami, Fla.—As scornful of the law as when he tried with fanatical zeal to assassinate President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt last Wednesday night, Giuseppe Zangara Monday pleaded guilty to four counts of attempt to murder and was sentenced to 80 years.

Zangara is 33. His sentences of 20 years in each case, running consecutively, constitute life imprisonment at Raiford State prison or hard labor in the Florida road camps.

However, should Mayor Anton Cermak of Chicago, or Mrs. Joe H. Gill, prominent Miami society woman, die of the wounds they received when spectators deflected Zangara's aim at Mr. Roosevelt, the State will seek a first degree murder indictment and the death penalty.

Monday's sentences were for trying to kill the President-elect, Russell Caldwell, Cocanut Grove, Fla., Miss Margaret Kruis, Newark, N. J., and H. J. Sinnott, New York policeman and bodyguard to Mr. Roosevelt. The latter three were slightly wounded by the bullets Zangara's pistol sprayed into the crowd which surrounded the car occupied by the President-elect in Bay Front Park.

STORY OF TRAGEDY

Miami, Fla.—A woman's bravery saved President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt from assassination, but five other persons were wounded by bullets intended for him and Monday they lay in a hospital, some near death, as a man who fired the shots was held in jail. Among the seriously wounded was Mayor Anton Cermak of Chicago.

After visiting the wounded at the hospital, Mr. Roosevelt took a train Thursday morning for New York. The attempted assassination came as a melodramatic climax to a happy scene of welcome in beautiful Bay Front Park last night.

The president-elect had just returned from a fishing trip, tanned, healthy and full of life after a long hard task ahead. He drove to the crowded park and spoke a few words of greetings to thousands gathered there.

Then Giuseppe Zangara, a former brickmason, warped in mind by unreasoning hate, climbed on a bench beside Mrs. M. F. Cross of Miami. He rested a pistol on the shoulder of a man in front of him and began firing at the Roosevelt car, some 25 feet away.

Turnout and uproar were immediate. Mrs. Cross threw herself upon the man beside her, clutching his arm and spoiling his aim. The president-elect was saved, but those close to him were less fortunate.

As citizens, police and secret service men hurled themselves on Zangara and the cry of "Kill him!" rose from the infuriated crowd. Mayor Cermak fell with a bullet in his abdomen.

Nearby Mrs. Joe Gill of Miami, also dropped to the pavement with a similar wound.

Miss Margaret Kruis of Newark, N. J., was shot in the hand and head wounds were inflicted on William Sinnott, New York policeman, and Russell Caldwell of Miami.

The reaction of the president-elect was immediate and his concern was entirely for the injured, apparently having no time for thought of his own narrow escape from death just as he was preparing to assume the highest office in the land.

Into his own car he ordered the secret service men to place the wounded mayor of Chicago. And they drove to the hospital thus, Cermak held tight in the arms of his party's leader. The other wounded were also quickly transported to the hospital and all five are still alive, although doctors had to resort to a blood transfusion on Mrs. Gill and Mayor Cermak was for many hours given but an even chance of survival.

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Special Writer Gives Full News at Raleigh

Readers of the Democrat are urged to follow the proceedings of the legislature through the columns of the county paper as reported by our special Raleigh correspondent, M. R. Dunnagan. Beginning on page 1, the Democrat carries each week, Mr. Dunnagan's complete resume of the previous week in the legislature, and those who are wont to "get lost" on certain proceedings as they appear in the dailies, will find this story a concise and accurate record. Stories of local interest are also taken care of by Mr. Dunnagan and the reader of a weekly newspaper, who cannot afford a daily, is enabled to keep close tab on what is going on at Raleigh.

RECORDS BROKEN AS SPRING TERM OPENS COLLEGE

1068 Students Had Been Registered at Noon Wednesday, the Largest Number in the History of the Local Institution, and Scattering Students Continue to Arrive. Previous High Record in 1927.

The Appalachian State Teachers College is going into its spring term with the largest enrollment in the history of the institution. Information from the office of the Registrar, Professor J. M. Downum, Wednesday forenoon, indicated that 1068 pupils have already been enrolled, and that several students continue to arrive from widely divergent points. While accurate figures are not yet available, Mr. Downum stated that as usual the ladies make up the greater part of the student body, but that there is apparently a notable increase in the number of men taking the college work here. This is likely due partly to the fact that athletics have become an important factor in the college life within the past two or three years, inducing numbers of athletes to come here.

Breaks All Records. The enrollment for the spring term has broken all records of the college, both for summer schools and for the regular fall, winter and spring terms. The closest approach to the present registration was in 1927, in the first summer term, when 1007 came to Appalachia, 51 fewer than the present high mark.

The ever-increasing popularity of the local college comes largely from the fact, it is thought, that thorough training may be had here, under the most favorable general conditions at low tuition and board costs. No institution in the State is being operated on such an economical basis, reports submitted in Raleigh indicated.

Vester Price Succumbs To Lengthy Illness

Vester Price, 32, of Zionville, died Wednesday morning, February 15th, following an illness of several months with a complication of diseases. Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock today noon at Silverstone Baptist Church, with Rev. R. C. Eggers in charge, and burial took place in an adjacent graveyard.

Survivors include the father, S. J. Price, three brothers, Hardin Price of North Dakota; Walter of the New River section, and Coy of Zionville; five sisters, Mesdames F. P. Wilson, Ira Ellison, Roy Pierce and Clarence Gevaire, of South Dakota, and Miss Elizabeth Price, who lives somewhere in the northwest.

Mr. Price was an ex-soldier, and had served his country in the regular army for more than six years. He was well known in Western Watauga where he was born and reared, and had surrounded himself with an admiring circle of friends.

State Expenditures in Big Gain Over Receipts

(Special to the Democrat.) Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 21.—North Carolina's general fund expenditures for the month of January were more than \$1,500,000 in excess of the receipts, the result being a cash overdraft January 31 of \$699,792.98, while the highway and other special funds showed a drop of nearly two million dollars, to a balance of \$3,390,850.18 at the end of January, the combined statement of the Auditor and Treasurer, issued Saturday, indicates.

The general fund shows a cash balance January 1, of \$840,437.61, with receipts for the month of \$3,992,766.54, making a total of \$4,733,214.15, but the disbursements during the month were \$5,432,997.13, creating the overdraft of \$699,792.98 for the month.

The highway fund had a balance of \$5,214,400.62 January 1 and received \$10,915,112.78 during the month, a total of \$16,129,513.40, while expenditures were \$12,738,723.22, leaving the balance of \$3,390,850.18 January 31.

PERSONALITY CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 24-25

Banner Elk.—The date of the fourth annual Personality Conference for High School students of Western North Carolina has been set for March 24th and 25th. Leo K. Pritchett, superintendent of Lees-McRae Junior College, announced last week. The conference, which is held annually under the auspices of Lees-McRae, attracted last year some fifty boys and girls from a dozen different high schools in this section. They will be entertained with a full two-days program of sports and entertainment, with talks by three outstanding leaders in North Carolina and Tennessee. The list of speakers has not yet been definitely decided.