

Raleigh, N. C.—The General Assembly, somewhat stunned by the developments in the banking world over last week and as were the people of the State and Nation, shook off the fear and hesitancy early in the week and settled down to clearing up business looking toward the receipt of the larger revenue and appropriations bills, clearing away numbers of less important bills.

Governor Ehringhaus asked, in a message early in the week, that these two bills be carried over and that they could devote their time to the other bills before them until the banking situation cleared up a bit. Evidently the Governor feared that if the law-makers went into the important measures at that time they would let the fear and uncertainty sway their better judgment and produce measures that would not be satisfactory in more stable times. He asked that he be permitted to address a joint session soon, and that invitation was extended him, leaving the time to him.

The Governor accordingly delivered his message Monday evening, asking ample funds for the support of the State's credit, its school system, and the maintenance of its highways, and urging a sales tax as a means to that end. While professing a personal loathing for this sort of levy, the Governor advocated it, as a last resort in saving the credit of the State. The Chief Executive called on the Assembly to follow the course which in its judgment would rest less heavily on the backs of the people. "My chief concern," he said, "is adequate though economical provision and an unmistakably balanced budget."

The banking holiday was continued in North Carolina to an indefinite date, pending the decision of the President. All are hopeful that something will be done and at an early date, and a spirit of confidence prevails. Governor Ehringhaus asked that Christian people pray for President Roosevelt Sunday for strength and power to handle satisfactorily the problems before him. The holiday was expected to be declared over early in the week, when business was expected to resume its almost normal course.

The Senate was struggling over the new Constitution when public matters were ended Friday until Monday night, and this measure will be taken up again. The House fought out the Machinery bill, which fixes methods of tax collections, dates, and sets up the machinery for operations of the counties. This was not finished however. Truck bills have been considered, those growing out of the railroad-truck competition, and are not finished. Many controversial measures have been considered and progress made, but much more remains to be done. The medicinal liquor bill was killed. Uncertainty prevails as to the convention for the 18th amendment vote, authorities differing.

The national financial trouble has resulted in a temporary hold-up of legislation, but it is expected to finally serve to hasten the completion of the work of the General Assembly. The need for early completion of the task is apparent in order to let business in the State resume its natural course. The uncertainty of what the legislature may do has a tendency to retard, and that is realized by the law-makers. They are earnest in their desire to wind up and get away, for personal reasons, too. Early talk of recess or adjournment was objected to by Governor Ehringhaus and the members are now bent upon sticking to it and finishing the job before going home.

An unexpected spurt in introductions of new bills developed last week, the week's grand numbering about 140, more than 100 in the House and nearly 40 in the Senate. This brought the total number of bills for the session up to some 1285, 365 in the Senate and 920 in the House.

Also, the number ratified increased, numbering 117 for the week, including 26 public bills and resolutions and 91 local bills. This brings the session's total to 376 ratified measures, bills and resolutions, 107 of which originated in the Senate and 268 in the House. Half of the public bills ratified last week had been passed and were ready for ratification the week before and were noted in this correspondence last week.

Two of the new laws were brought about by the banking condition. One was the measure to provide the banking holiday to conserve assets of banks, giving the Commissioner of Banks and Governor unusual powers to regulate banking during the emergency. The other gave the Insurance Commissioner additional power, so he could extend the days of grace in life insurance policies for the period of the banking holiday, so policies would not lapse while funds are tied up.

Finally the bill abolishing the Cor-

Rainey in the Chair



Here is the new Speaker of the House of Representatives, Henry T. Rainey of Illinois, who used his gavel for the first time in calling the House to order a few days ago, opening the special session called by President Roosevelt.

DR. LINNEY COMES TO BOONE FOR PRACTICE SURG'RY

Charlotte Man Takes Offices in Drug Store Building. Will Confine Practice to General Surgery. Educated at University of Pennsylvania. Well Known Locally. To Open Offices Next Week.

Dr. R. Z. Linney, who for the past several months has been located in Charlotte, arrived in Boone last week and rented offices in the Boone Drug Company building. Equipment is being installed, and Dr. Linney, who will confine his practice to general surgery, expects to be ready for work within the next ten days.

Dr. Linney, who is a nephew of the late Frank A. Linney, received his A. B. degree at the University of North Carolina, class of 1924. In 1928 he was awarded his M. D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania. In 1929 Dr. Linney completed a one-year rotating internship at the Graduate Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, and began a three-year fellowship in surgery at the Graduate School of Medicine. This fellowship was completed in June, 1932, at which time a Master of Medical Science in Surgery degree was obtained.

During his fellowship in surgery Dr. Linney was chief resident physician of a large Philadelphia hospital. He practiced in Charlotte from September 1st, 1932, to March 1, 1933, and was a member of the surgical staff of Mercy Hospital and the Charlotte Sanatorium. Dr. Linney is also a member of the Mecklenburg Medical Society, the North Carolina Medical Society, and the Tri-State Medical Association.

Since boyhood Dr. Linney has visited in Boone frequently, and has cultivated a host of friends who will welcome him as a permanent resident, also his wife and small son, R. Z. Jr. For the present the family will make their home with Mrs. Frank A. Linney on Main Street.

620 WATAUGA MEN GIVEN WORK BY RELIEF AT EYES

Raleigh, N. C.—Watauga County men, numbering 620, were given employment during the month of January and were paid \$5,182.00 from Federal relief funds distributed through the Governor's office of relief, a report shows.

The report reveals that 95,686 men in North Carolina were employed in January, to whom more than 750,000 was paid in wages, which wages amount to about 65 per cent of the \$1,250,000 spent for relief purposes in the State during January. About two-thirds of the heads of destitute families were at work for the aid they received, the others receiving direct relief because no one in the family was able to work or no work was available.

The work was all of a type benefiting the public, as highway repairing and beautification, school house building and repairing, street repairs and construction, and like projects. While all was of benefit, much of it would not have been done but for the present emergency and the available funds, it was stated.

BANKS REOPENING ON SCHEDULES AS GIVEN OUT SUNDAY

Federal Reserve Group Open Monday. Those in Cities Having Clearing Houses Resume Business Tuesday, and All Others Meeting Requirements Authorized to Open Wednesday. No Local Information.

Explanation of why some of the banks are opened on one day and some on other days was made by President Roosevelt in his address to the Nation Sunday night on the bank situation. This explanation follows:

"It is necessary that the reopening of the banks be extended over a period in order to permit the banks to make applications for necessary loans, to obtain currency needed to meet their requirements and to enable the government to make common sense check-ups.

"Let me make it clear to you that if your bank does not open the first day you are by no means justified in believing that it will not open. A bank that opens on one of the subsequent days is exactly in the same status as the bank that opens tomorrow."

A number of North Carolina banks located in cities having clearing houses were opened for business on Tuesday, following the opening of the Federal Reserve units on Monday, both these movements having been authorized from Washington Saturday. The Secretary of the Treasury also authorized other banks to make applications for reopening beginning Wednesday, and applications from State institutions have been pouring into the office of Bank Commissioner Hood in Raleigh, and are being acted upon as rapidly as possible. Those banks which are proven to be 100 per cent sound, are in regular order granted licenses to renew their operations.

Reports from over the nation indicate that deposits in banks have shown a confidence unparalleled in any other national emergency, and immediately the doors were opened thousands rushed to deposit their hoardings, and no less than \$100,000,000 in gold has been brought in for deposit, or for exchange for currency as authorized by President Roosevelt.

Local Folks Co-operate

Mr. G. P. Hagaman, cashier of the Watauga County Bank, states that Wataugans have been bringing in gold coin and gold certificates in answer to the Presidential decree, and exchanging it for currency. He urges strict compliance in this connection and states that the order affects all gold coin, even to keepsakes. Gold certificates came in also, and the local bank will exchange other currency therefor.

Local Decision in Few Days

Local bank officials, realizing the tremendous task facing the State banking department in attempting to determine the condition of more than 300 banks, have declined to make definite statements as to an opening date. The procedure outlined by the Federal government and which is being closely followed in Raleigh, calls for detailed inquiries into the condition of all State banks, and some time is required. It is believed, however, that within a very few days, it will be known when the local institutions may open their doors.

FRANK CLINARD PASSES SEVENTY-NINTH MILEPOST

Hickory.—Frank A. Clinard, one of Hickory's most popular citizens, Wednesday was receiving the congratulations of his many friends on the occasion of his seventy-ninth birthday anniversary.

Mr. Clinard was born in Winston-Salem on March 8, 1854, and has lived in Hickory off and on since his early manhood.

Several outstanding distinctions are claimed by Mr. Clinard, one that he is the oldest living Mason in Hickory, from point of membership, and another that his marriage to Mrs. Clinard, the former Miss Gertrude Jones, was the first church wedding to be solemnized in this city. Mrs. Clinard died the past year.

Another distinction that belongs to Mr. Clinard is that he is never seen without a flower in his buttonhole, summer or winter.

SUCCEEDS WALSH

Governor John Erickson of Montana has resigned in order to accept an appointment as United States Senator to succeed the late Senator Thomas J. Walsh.

RELIEF WORKERS OF TEN COUNTIES MEET IN BOONE

All-Day Session Held at State Teachers College Thursday. Ezell in Charge. Dr. Roy M. Brown of Chapel Hill Present. Discuss Home Gardens. Refreshments Served by Home Economics Department.

A very interesting and profitable meeting of welfare and relief workers from Surrey, Yadkin, Wilkes, Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga, Caldwell, Avery, Mitchell and Yancey counties was held in the assembly hall of Lovell Home at State Teachers College, Boone, on Thursday of last week.

The session was called by Mr. Ezell, State representative in charge of the ten counties. Dr. Roy M. Brown, of Chapel Hill was also present.

The meeting was largely an informal discussion of the problems of relief in this territory. The afternoon session was devoted to ways and means of getting every family to tend a good-sized garden, and raise several necessary field crops. It was the consensus of opinion that a more desperate condition will develop next year unless relief cases, as well as others, provide themselves with plenty of home-grown food. It was pointed out that Federal and State aid cannot continue indefinitely.

It was brought out at the meeting that the man who does not make a strong effort to produce his own support will not only be out of luck for relief, but in a bad way with his more industrious neighbors, who will not feel inclined to help until he himself has shown a willingness to do his best to help himself.

It was found by an exchange of experiences that the problems of these several counties is a common problem, with the exception of factory and mill towns.

Miss Lily Dale, of the Department of Home Economics of the College, aided by other women and organizations of the town, served a splendid luncheon to the visitors.

Score Killed in East Tennessee Tornado

Johnson City, Tenn.—With a death list rapidly mounting, it is known that at least a score of persons were killed Tuesday night in a wind storm of hurricane proportions which struck East Tennessee.

Cherry Hill, a suburb of Kingsport, was one of the principal sufferers, with a death list of seven and more than thirty injured. Other points suffering from the storm were:

Pruden, Tenn., 9 dead, many injured.

Nashville, Tenn., 3 dead, 50 injured.

Harrogate, Tenn., 2 dead, eight injured.

Oswego, Tenn., 1 baby killed.

Striking without warning about 8:45 p. m., the hurricane smashed the frame buildings of Cherry Hill to kindling wood, destroying nineteen homes and a score of smaller buildings. The little suburb called for help and members of the Hammond Post American Legion, Kingsport police and firemen and hundreds of volunteers rushed to the scene.

Fire broke out in the ruins as the injured were being removed, but was quickly extinguished by the Kingsport fire department. All available doctors and nurses in Kingsport were quickly at work rendering first aid and within a short time both the Marsh Clinic and the General Hospital were filled to capacity. Additional injured were taken to the Kingsport Inn, which was thrown open to them.

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Former College Student Gets Life Imprisonment

An Associated Press dispatch from Kansas City states that Maurice C. Marshall, 21, pleaded guilty Tuesday afternoon to the murdering of two firemen who lost their lives in the burning of the Kansas-Missouri grain elevator in the Middle Western city February 18, 1932, and was sentenced to life imprisonment. Marshall previously confessed setting fire to the elevator so he might get a job helping rebuild it.

The convicted man, who is a native of Illinois, was a student at Appalachian State Teachers College here during the fall term of 1929. His friends remember him as a quiet, unassuming youth.

Shipments of Broccoli are going forward from Scotland County by express until the crop matures to the extent that carlot shipments can be made.

New Treasury Ho



A Washington picture of William H. Woodin, Secretary of the Treasury, taken on one of his trips from the Treasury Building to the White House, being in constant contact with President Roosevelt during the trying hours of the new administration.

FUNERAL CHARLES BLAIR HELD THUR.

Well Known Resident of New River Passes After Long Illness. Son of Late George Blair. Two Brothers and a Sister Among Survivors.

Funeral services were held Thursday from the ancestral home three miles east of Boone for Charles Edwin Blair, 60, who died Wednesday from general debility, following a period of declining health of about a year. The obsequies were in charge of Rev. P. A. Licks of the Boone Baptist Church, and interment was in the Boone Cemetery.

Surviving are two half-brothers, Julius R. Blair of Ironsboro and J. Neal Blair of Boone, and one half-sister, Mrs. J. G. Dallen of Lenoir.

Deceased was a son of the late George H. Blair, was born and reared on the New River farm where he died, and had spent his entire life in that section. He had been a consistent member of the Boone Baptist Church for many years, and was well and favorably known throughout this section.

Confederate Veteran Recalls War Days

"Uncle" Marion Millsaps, venerable soldier of Lee's gray-clad army, submits the following interesting data concerning the part he played in the great conflict of the sixties:

Editor Watauga Democrat: Please move over and give an old hero a little room in your paper.

P. W. M. Millsaps, of Beech Creek, am the only member of Company D, 1st North Carolina Voluntary Cavalry, now living. I left Boone on May 13th, 1861, and went to Asheville, N. C. I left Asheville and went to Ridgeway, and from Ridgeway to Kinross; then went to Richmond, Va. and took part in the seven-day battle below Richmond. We were in our saddles day and night during that fight, and were in every battle and skirmish up to the Brandy Station cavalry fight, where General Stuart fought General Pleasant, a Northern commander.

Then General Pleasant crossed the Rapidan River at daybreak at Nethely and Kelly Forge. The battle lasted all day long and until sunset, when General Pleasant retreated back across the Rapidan River at dusk.

I was wounded at 7 o'clock that morning, the 9th of June, 1863, and lay on the battle field that whole day alone, until deep dark that night, when Captain Todd came to where I was.

A Yankee had passed by and left me a canteen full of cold coffee to drink. I believe that coffee saved my life. There were about 20,000 cavalrymen engaged in that fight.

This is for the benefit of those whose fathers have gone on, and my good friends. I was 91 years of age February 20th, 1933, and my health is still very good. I thank you, Mr. Rivers, and bid you all good-bye.

—W. M. MILLSAPS, Co. D, 1st N. C. Volunteer Cavalry, Beech Creek, N. C.

Prospects are good for a heavy peach crop this year, say those growers who have recently completed their dormant spraying.

HEARING GIVES NO NEW EVIDENCE IN JIM HIGGINS CASE

Graham Teague, Boone Youth Arrested Last Week, Not Mentioned in Testimony Before Recorder. Prepared to Prove Alibi. Other Minor Cases Disposed of. Entire Docket to Be Cleared Next Week.

Graham Teague, young Boone citizen who was arrested and placed in jail last Friday on a charge of murder in connection with the death of Jim Higgins of Lenoir a week previous, walked out of Recorder's Court Tuesday a free man, when no evidence was offered by the State tending to incriminate him.

Higgins, who, according to former testimony, met his death in a fall down the steps of an apartment house in Boone, was said to have mentioned the name Teague at one time when he regained consciousness, thus causing the warrant to be issued.

Dr. Rudisill, head of Caldwell hospital where he died, doubted, however, that the deceased had experienced any lucid moments while under his care. The court ruled out such testimony, and Graham Teague's name was not mentioned, other than by Bruce Higgins, son of deceased, who stated that to his knowledge Teague had not been in the apartment he, Bruce, occupies with his mother, in two years, at which time he delivered some coal there. It is further known that Teague could have proven an alibi.

Thus, in the present light of the affair, it is pretty generally believed that Higgins actually met his death in a fall down the stairway.

Other cases disposed of included: Noah Miller, of Deep Gap, larceny, guilty. Suspended sentence of four months. Assessed with cost.

Ivan Moretz, larceny, not guilty. Andrew Cornett, affray, four months sentence suspended on payment of cost.

Ed Williams, trespass, nol proes with leave. Dave Dishman, J. and a., nol proes with leave.

The court will again convene next Tuesday and continue from day to day until the docket has been cleared. Jurisdiction in civil cases has been established, but none will be tried until after the spring term of Superior Court, which will convene on April 24th.

DRYS PREPARE FOR VIGOROUS BATTLE AGAINST REPEAL

Washington.—Nearly 1,000 delegates representing thirty religious denominations and almost every dry organization in the country voted last week overwhelmingly to put the nation-wide campaign against ratification of the prohibition repeal amendment under control of a central organization headed by nine men.

After extended debate, the final session of the two-day conference here approved the one-unit project.

The plan of campaign will involve an attempt to build a political organization to oppose the anti-prohibitionists in the States in the selections which are to pass upon ratification of the pending proposal to repeal the Eighteenth Amendment.

TO ABANDON RAILROAD

The Norfolk and Western Railroad Saturday was granted authority by the Interstate Commerce Commission to abandon nineteen miles of railroad from West Jefferson to Elkland, N. C.

THE WEATHER

Weather report for week ending March 11th, as compiled by the Co-operative Bureau at State Teachers College:

Average maximum temperature, 46 degrees.

Average minimum temperature, 24 degrees.

Average temperature, 35 degrees.

Average daily range in temperature, 22 degrees.

Greatest daily range in temperature, 39 degrees; date, 5th.

Average temperature at 6 p. m. (time of observation), 37 degrees.

Highest temperature reached, 57 degrees; date, 5th.

Lowest temperature reached, 15 degrees; date, 6th.

Total precipitation (including melted snow) in inches, 2.03.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours, 1.98; date, 7th.

Total snowfall in inches, 0.50.

Number of days with 0.01 inch or more precipitation, 3.

Number of clear days, 3.

Number of partly cloudy days, 2.

Number of cloudy days, 2.

Date of killing frost, 6th.

Dates of high winds, 8th, 9th, 10th.