

Raleigh, N. C.—The General Assembly has responded in a peculiar manner to the message of Governor Ehringhaus of a week ago, asking for a balanced budget, the eight months school term, supported as an emergency by a sales tax, abolishing all charter school districts, and leaving the highway fund alone for highway maintenance and paying bonds and interest.

Governor Ehringhaus had asked the bodies to wait a few days on the main appropriations and revenue bills, until he could appear before them, probably so they could consider these measures with calm sober judgment, unswayed by the hysteria and fear of the banking holiday. Now many observers say the appropriations measure is being considered with the basis of fear that few banks will open again and that no sources of revenue will remain.

The House spent much of last week on the revenue machinery bill, which it passed and sent to the Senate, and the appropriations bill, which is far from finished. However, the House in a sort of whoop-it-up fashion, adopted the substitutes offered by Tam C. Bowie, who had in some manner brought to his support Gregg Cherry, which substitute cuts appropriations to a point which many sober-minded legislators and others think will undermine the State's institutions, departments and the public schools. The measure is extremely drastic in its cuts, and fear is that the functions could not continue under it.

Bill Would Slash Appropriations

The measure aims at slashing so there will be no sales or production tax and no additional levies. The educational institutions have been completed in the item by item consideration by the House as a committee of the whole, and the educational leaders are in consternation, except in a few instances in which even the low budget bureau figures have been raised—supposedly to get support for the measure. This week the House will continue the items, and when the measure is finished, will send it to the Senate, where it will probably meet with more sympathetic consideration.

And now those who have been expecting an adjournment in three or four weeks are predicting another deadlock that may even approach the two months session in 1931. They feel that the Senate will not meet the low figures the House will send over for appropriations, and will follow closer the program of Governor Ehringhaus, and the conflict will begin. Also, the revenue bill, with or without a sales tax, is to be considered after the appropriations measure is out of the way. Many other important measures are still to be completed, and it would take three or four weeks at best—and at worst, probably two months.

Daniels Backs Economy Bill

Even Josephus Daniels, who leaves this week to begin preparations to represent this nation in the Republic of Mexico as ambassador, who has been an open foe to Governor Ehringhaus, has come out with a front-page editorial in which he urged "Follow President Roosevelt" and follows with "Follow Governor Ehringhaus," in his recommendations. But the General Assembly, or at least the House side, is showing some disinclination in the following.

When President Roosevelt got his beer and wine measure through Congress, another bill bobbed up in the General Assembly to provide for wine and porter, ale and beer of 3.2 per cent. alcoholic content, and to tax it, both in the sale and in the manufacture in this State. All other bills have been killed.

Banking Situation Clears

The banking situation is clearing up gradually. Only those banks that are entirely safe and liquid are open now without restrictions, except against hoarding. Commissioner of Banks Gurney P. Hood has been given unusual power to regulate banks, power following closely that given the national officers as to national banks. If a bank cannot open without restrictions, then a conservator—of the depositors' interests—will be named to operate and to reorganize it. About half of the State banks are open, and others will open without restrictions, but conservators will be named in some of them. A bill now ratified provides for setting aside a reserve fund instead of the double liability of stockholders, which the banking department feels will make the deposits much safer and will result in surer liquidation if a bank fails.

The Senate, in a tabling notion, killed the bill regulating hours of work of State employees, providing longer hours and no Saturday afternoons off, and the bill requiring one of a married couple employed by the State to be fired out. Members opposed trying to "regulate everybody and everything."

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Thaw Now Air Pilot



Russel Thaw, son of Harry Thaw, has long since qualified as an expert aviation pilot. He has just made a flight, Los Angeles to New York, delivering a beautiful monoplane sky sedan to the home of Mrs. E. A. Guggenheim on Long Island.

FINLEY TO PRESIDE AT SPRING TERM SUPERIOR COURT

Solicitor Spurling Will Prosecute Docket of Twenty-odd Criminal Cases. Sixty Civil Cases Calendars. Jurors Selected for Service Listed by Clerk. Recorders Court to Handle Civil Cases.

The Spring Term of Watauga Superior Court will begin on Monday, April 10th, with Judge T. E. Finley of North Wilkesboro presiding, and Solicitor L. S. Spurling prosecuting a docket of twenty-odd criminal cases.

A great number of minor criminal affairs have recently been transferred from the Superior Court calendar to the newly-formed Recorders Court, but no civil cases will be handled by the local tribunal until after the spring term. About sixty civil cases, many of which have been carried over from several terms, are calendared for trial before Judge Finley.

A. E. South, Clerk, has released the following list of jurors selected for service at the Spring Term:

First Week—S. M. Church, Frank Potter, H. H. Johnson, D. F. Greene, Lewis Norris, Spencer Warren, John Lentz, Will C. Knight, Dewey Mitchell, H. C. Hayes, C. A. Underdown, N. L. Harrison, Will Todd, Sam Atkins, S. S. Gragg, R. A. Taylor, J. J. Miller, R. F. Edmisten, Vann G. Hinson, J. Frank Wilson, Arthur Isaacs, Joe Wheeler, Charles Tester, J. L. Shull, A. E. Hodges (Meat Camp), D. C. Coffey, Sam S. South, L. F. Kent, R. D. Edmisten, Willie Greene, H. E. Greene, J. D. Cook, Elbert S. Norris, Roby Story, Tom Church, Hard Thomas, Lee Lawrence, J. H. Taylor.

Second Week—C. C. Ragan, Eugene Lentz, John A. Beach, A. C. Swift, J. M. Brown, I. C. Critcher, W. L. Trivett, D. C. Hagaman, S. T. Icenhour, D. F. Greene, C. B. Duncan, A. E. Vannoy, A. R. Smith, I. N. Minton, Dave Hodges, W. S. Houck, Jason Moretz, C. E. Vannoy.

LEGION ENDORSES ROOSEVELT STAND

Local Post Forwards Letter to Chief Executive Endorsing Program and Asking for Consideration of Permanently Disabled.

Watauga Post, American Legion, had a spirited session in Legion Hall Friday evening, when the principal order of business centered about the recent economy bill passed by the Congress and giving President Roosevelt the right to cut the pensions of World War veterans. A resolution was proposed to commend the President for his efforts toward stabilizing the government, which after more or less heated discussion was adopted. Accordingly, a message was forwarded by the officials to the White House, commending the President; but insisting that no action be taken which would reduce any disabled veterans to the point where they might become objects of charity. It is understood that the vote on the resolution was extremely close.

Envy is more irreconcilable than hatred.

McBRIDE NAMED AS TAX SUPERVISOR BY COUNTY BOARD

Cove Creek Man Succeeds Henry J. Hardin, Who Has Served for Past Four Years. Well Qualified for Important Position. Tax Listers Named for Ensuing Year. Failure to File Constitutes Misdemeanor.

J. Smith McBride, of Sherwood, who was appointed county tax supervisor by the Board of Commissioners at its March meeting, has assumed the duties of that important office. He succeeds Henry J. Hardin, of Boone, who has served as supervisor since the position was created by the General Assembly of 1929.

Mr. Hardin's four-year tenure has been most satisfactory. He has transformed the antiquated system by which Watauga garnered its revenues into an orderly, well-regulated routine, and his perfectly-kept records have elicited the admiration of auditors who inspected them. Mr. Hardin will now devote his entire time to the operation of his splendid farm near the city.

Mr. McBride for many years was connected with a Boone mercantile establishment, is a business man of undisputed ability, and will undoubtedly serve the county efficiently. For some time he has been engaged in the conduct of his farm near Sugar Grove postoffice, and is prominently identified in the social and religious affairs of that community.

Name Tax Listers

The newly-appointed supervisor last week named a slate of tax listers for the ensuing year, which was approved by the County Board, in special session Friday. The list follows:

Blue Ridge, Marion Coffey; Bald Mountain, Glenn Howell; Blowing Rock, Ellen Coffey; Beaver Dams, Dudley Greene; Boone, J. S. McBride; Cove Creek, John Perry; Elk, P. G. Carroll, Laurel Creek, Ollus Mast; Meat Camp, C. G. Hodges; North Fork, W. C. South; Shawneehaw, W. L. Welch; Stony Fork, Walter Moretz; Watauga, E. B. Fox.

Mr. McBride urges that taxpayers co-operate with the listers, in order that the task may be accomplished during the brief listing period which begins April 1st. He states that failure to do so constitutes a misdemeanor, and cites citizens to chapter 244, section 521, Public Laws of 1929:

"In addition to the ten per cent. added to the tax as herein provided, any person, firm or corporation owning or controlling any property, real or personal, and wilfully failing to list the same, within the time allowed, with the list takers or assessors, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. The failure to so list shall be prima facie evidence that such failure was wilful and the Board of County Commissioners shall present names of all such persons, firms and corporations to the grand jury."

Plan to Organize a County Ball League

Niley G. Cook, former major league pitcher and for several years one of Watauga County's most ardent diamond enthusiasts, announces that a meeting of ball players will be held in the courthouse here Saturday afternoon, 3 o'clock, for the purpose of forming a county league.

All teams are invited to send representatives, and Mr. Cook believes that a permanent organization of not less than eight clubs will be effected. He declares that Watauga abounds in fine amateur players, and that if the various communities co-operate in the effort, a season of real good baseball is in store for local fans.

Initial plans call for Saturday games only, with a play-off between the two high teams at the season's end, possibly in Boone.

Yonahlossee Road to Be Opened by June 1

Construction work on the Yonahlossee Road is nearly complete. It has gone forward steadily despite bad weather, and the culverts and bridges are all complete except two small ones. Stone is being put on a part of the road and the contractors expect to have the road surfaced and open by June 1. All the work has been done with the idea of making the road conform to the wildly beautiful scenery through which it goes. The right-of-way includes some of the most magnificent views in the Southern Appalachians and the road is destined to become nationally famous.—Caldwell Record.

A man cannot make a pair of shoes rightly unless he does it in a devout manner.—Carlyle.

First Step Toward Banking Reform



President Roosevelt, with Secretary Woodin of the Treasury at his side, signing the drastic banking bill by the Seventy-Third Congress during the first day of the extraordinary session which was called to meet the financial crisis.

Duties of Tax Collector Given Divorce From Sheriff's Office; Sheriff To Get Salary Of \$75,000

Watauga Woman in Earthquake Zone Escapes Uninjured

Watauga County was represented at Long Beach, Calif., devastated by the recent earthquake, in the person of Miss Lula Ward of Blowing Rock, a sister to Mrs. Dudley Moretz of Boone.

Miss Ward writes to friends and home folks in the vicinity telling of her escape from injury when the upheaval almost demolished the famous tourist city.

Ward, it is related, had made preparations for leaving for home and was dining in a restaurant when the subterranean ramblings began. She made a dash for the open air at top speed for a distance of three or four blocks where an opening of sufficient size made her safe from falling buildings. There she remained, while the town was razed about her, and she suffered no injury. Seven persons who remained in the restaurant where she was dining were killed.

RECORDERS COURT IN BUSY SESSION

Six Cases Disposed of Tuesday and Court Continues Into Wednesday. Judge Suddreth Deals Severely With Drunken Drivers.

The Recorders Court convened in regular weekly session Tuesday, and despite hard work on the part of the officials, the tribunal was able to dispose of only six cases during the day and today (Wednesday) the hearing of evidence continues. Judge Suddreth frowned on drunken drivers brought before him, and in two cases meted out fines of \$100 and the costs, which were supported by suspended sentences of six months on the roads. The work of the court on Tuesday follows:

- Fred Greer, driving drunk, fined \$100 and cost. Six months suspended sentence.
- Willard Greene, larceny, dismissed.
- Don Dotson, manufacturing, dismissed.
- Don Totson, larceny, nol pros with leave.
- Grady Ward, liquor, \$20 in costs. Sixty days suspended on good behavior.
- Grady Walls, driving drunk, \$100 and costs. Six months suspended sentence.

MOUNTAIN CITY BANKS OPEN FOR BUSINESS THURSDAY

Mountain City, Tenn.—Both banks here reopened Thursday and report new records for amounts of deposits in one day, with no withdrawals. I. W. Nave, president Merchants and Traders Bank, and J. A. Shull, president Bank of Mountain City, were highly pleased with business done and said "old saddle-blanket" bills poured out of the mountains in a volume never before seen."

BLOWING ROCK'S BANKING HOUSE OPENED FRIDAY

Two Boone Banks Still Closed, Pending Action of State Bank Commissioner. Officials in Raleigh First of the Week. Expect Opening Soon. Blowing Rock Bank Doing a Fine Business.

The Bank of Blowing Rock was the first Watauga bank to resume business, the institution having opened on an unrestricted basis Friday morning, following a telephone call from State Bank Commissioner Gurney P. Hood, and information is that the Boone banks are expected to resume regular business by next week.

Mr. W. D. Farthing, cashier of the Blowing Rock bank, states that business has been good since the banking holiday, and that there have been fewer withdrawals than was usual in the ordinary course of business. He says that considerable gold coin and gold certificates have been brought in and forwarded to the Federal Reserve Bank, and that deposits have been good, a number of new accounts having been opened.

Watauga Bank to Open Soon

Meantime officials of the Watauga County Bank went to Raleigh Monday to interview Bank Commissioner Hood and had not returned Wednesday morning. Information is that the bank will likely open the first of the week, a delay having been occasioned on account of the congestion in the bank commissioner's office during the holiday.

Business in Boone is going on remarkably well, and little concern is felt generally over the situation, there being a confidence that the banks will open just as soon as a license can be acted upon.

GREER EXPECTS EARLY PASSAGE IMPORTANT BILL

Watauga Representative Urges Impending Appropriation Measure. Path of National Congress Stimulated Spirit of Legislative Economy May Be Effected Without Impairing Institutions.

The North Carolina General Assembly is "getting down to business," and many of the complexing problems facing that body will be settled within the next few days, Representative Roby T. Greer of Watauga forecast during his week-end visit to Boone.

Mr. Greer believes that the swift action of the National Congress in slashing appropriations will go a long way toward ironing out differences which have existed between legislative factions during the present session, and predicts that widespread economies will be made in State expenditures during the closing days of the Assembly. He looks for adjournment not later than April 15th.

As a member of the important Finance Committee of the House, Representative Greer has been brought face to face with the seriousness of the present economic crisis. He states that the courageous stand of President Roosevelt on the banking situation has stimulated the lagging spirits of North Carolina's lawmakers, and that optimism now reigns at the Capitol.

Mr. Greer said he was confident that the projected appropriations bill, which calls for a cut of more than ten millions of dollars during the next biennium, if passed would not seriously impair State institutions. He is of the opinion that hundreds of economies in various branches of government can be effected, and that slashing the Budget Bureau's estimate will scarcely be felt by the average man.

The Watauga Representative, who has always been looked upon as one of the staunchest friends of education, favors a general reduction of appropriations to the several State schools, but will oppose any measure which, in his opinion, will cripple the system.

The financial situation is clearing up all over North Carolina, Mr. Greer told his friends, and business men look to the future with a confidence which foretells an early return to prosperity.

Watauga County Bill Referred to Committee

A report from Raleigh Saturday stated that the Watauga County bill, to create the office of tax collector for that county, already passed by the House of Representatives, was received in the Senate last Friday and referred to the Senate Judiciary No. 2 Committee.