Siftings From the Legislature

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Raleigh, N. C .- Acceptance of the \$15,000,000 item for the eight month school term in the conference report by the House of Representatives indicates that the 1933 General Assembiy is well on the way toward ad-journment. Some even think it possi-ble that the session will end this week, but the majority belief is that will continue through all or nearly all of next week.

Possibility of a deadlock between the House and Senate practically vanished with that action, which, in final analysis, commits the General Assembly to a sales tax. For, it is pointed out, there is no other way in sight for raising the revenue needed for the eight months school and other needs except a sales tax. But, even yet there are members who voted for the eight months school who say they will still oppose the sales tax. This number however, apparently will not have sufficient strength to hold up the measure for long.

Sales Tax
A general sales tax of three per cent has been agreed upon by the House Finance Committee and comes un for consideration Tuesday in the Revenue bill, which was received on its first reading Saturday. The house will go into a committee of the whole and hopes to be able to finish in time to get it passed on its three House readings the latter part of this week. It will then have to be considered by the Senate which may spend from 3 to five days on it. That is why it seems impossible for the session to end before the latter part of next

The appropriations bill may be considered out of the way. The house adopted the conference report 51 to It is considered a matter of formality for the Senate to adopt it. This measure, as stated, provides \$16-000,000 for the eight months school. It makes a cut of 38 per cent, com promise on the House 44 and Senate 32 per cent cut in salaries of State employecs, on the 1931 basis. On the whole, it is almost the figures sub mitted by the Senate, which was less drastic in its cuts of salaries and appropriations than was the House.

The solution almost reached on the problem is not satisfactory to many members but it is considered a fair

the sale of beer, wine and other light beverages May 1 has brought out reg-ulatory and supplemental measures. One by Frances sets up the machinery that time. for manufacturing and handling such beverages, placing the licensing in the hands of county commissioners, the hands of county commissioners. it may be too stringent as introduc-ed and may be modified. One other also allows manufacturing, especially interesting to grape and other fruit growers. And another, ratified, per-mits billboards, as well as newspaper mits billoogras, as well as newspaper and radio advertising. The town of Belhaven, which B. P. (before prohibitson) had a \$1000 license tax on drink handlers, wants it removed inthe light of new developments.

Few Ratifications

few important measures were ratified last week, along with the usual run of the mine legislation. Measures ratified last week, 57 local acts and 34 of a general nature, several resolutions and bills to supplement other acts, making a total of 91 for the week and 704 for the session, including a dozen or more passed but not actually ratified yet.

Nor was there a let up in introductions. In fuct, increase is noted

ductions. In fact, increase is noted the law is May 1. He is in his office name a superintendent of State inover the past few weeks. Many cor- in Boone this week looking after list rect or change laws passed, but the taking. usual number of session-end local bills were put in the hopper. The past week 134 bills were introduced bring ing the total for the session to 1768. Two locally important ones made appenrance Friday. They are the two

Machinery Act Ratified

The Machinery Act was actually tasty as woman ever baked. ratified the past week, and a bill to State Bar bill also became the law, the guests enjoyed themselves under after stormy sailing, the Highway Patrol was transferred to the Revenue the shade trees on the lawn. After would be extended to include the purchase of lands in any county and bers, any above that number to repeated and the purchase of lands in any county and bers, any above that number to repeated and the purchase of lands in any county and bers, any above that number to repeated and the purchase of lands in any county and bers, any above that number to repeated and the purchase of lands in any county and bers, any above that number to repeated and the purchase of lands in any county and bers, any above that number to repeated and the purchase of lands in any county and bers, any above that number to repeated by the lawn. After would be extended to include the will pay for not more than five members, any above that number to repeated and the purchase of lands in any county and bers, any above that number to repeated and the purchase of lands in any county and bers, any above that number to repeated and the purchase of lands in any county and bers, any above that number to repeated and the purchase of lands in any county and bers, any above that number to repeated and the purchase of lands in any county and bers, any above that number to repeated and the purchase of lands in any county and bers, any above that number to repeated and the purchase of lands in any county and bers, any above that number to repeated and the purchase of lands in any county and bers, any above that number to repeated and the purchase of lands in any county and bers, any above that number to repeated and the purchase of lands in any county and bers, any above that number to repeated and the purchase of lands in any county and bers, any above that number to repeated and the purchase of lands in any county and bers, any above that number to repeated and the purchase of lands in any county and the purchase of lands in any county and lands in any county and lands in an

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defunct banks. Continued on Page 7)

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Robert W. Bingham, publisher of

the Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Jour-

nal, has sailed for England to be-

come the United States Ambassa-dor at the Court of St. James, re-

BASEBALL LEAGUE

C. W. Teal Named President in Sat-

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ed. Each Club Must Deposit \$10

As a Guarantee.

EVOKES PENALTY

ing Now Going On. Failure May Bring Prosecution

Andy Greer Entertains

out more than 3,000,600 a week.

Boone Friends at Dinner

MEETING IS HELD

placing Andrew W. Mellon

BOONE, WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 1935

\$1.50 PER YEAR



NEW PARK AREA Representative Coffey Would Create National Park Embracing 240,000 Acres in This and Other Counties. Cut-over Lands Would Fit in With Roosevelt Reforestation Program. Bill Gives Boundaries. Raleigh, N. C. - Provision for a great "Daniel Boone National Forest

Park," embracing approximately 240, 000 acres of land now owned by the Federal Government and located in a dozen northwestern North Carolina counties, the upper Blue Ridge area, is made in a bill introduced in the General Assembly by Representative F. H. Coffey, of Caldwell County, and placed on the calendar.

The counties included in the area are Madison, Mitchell, Yancey, Buncombe, McDowell, Burke, Caldwell, Avery, Watauga, Ashe, Surry and Wilkes. In these, Mr. Coffey states, the national states of the second states. the national government now owns cut-over lands which would lend them elves admirably to the reforestation program sponsored by President Roosevelt, and in addition to this 240,000 acres, other State and privately-owned lands would be added for improvement, the entire acreage to be embraced in National Forests C. W. Teal, local business man, and National Park areas.

was named president of the newly-conceived Watauga Baseball League, at a meeting held at the Boone De-partment Store last Saturday. Repre-toward the reforestation of the Tenentatives of six baseball teams of nessee River basin and its tributar the county were present, and it was ics, the purchase of additional lands ruled that the managers of the several clubs should constitute a board ervoirs for impounding water, catch of control which would draft the dams, planting and reforesting marrules and regulations of the league's ginal land; and similar enterprises diamond activities this year.

It has been ruled that each club shall deposit the sum of \$10 which mountains, lakes, woods and waters shall be forfeited in each instance and resorts owned by Federal and where the team represented fails to State governments and individuals stay in the league for the season, which are more suitable for parks

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Seven clubs have already joined the league and it is hoped that the final crganization will contain eight. Those Boone National Forest Park" outling who have signified their intention of ing its boundaries, beginning in the compromise and is expected to work joining in and making the first seatout fairly well if business conditions improve as is promised and expected under the "new deal" of President Rousevelle.

Mabel and Boone.

Another meeting will be held at Rlack Mountain. Chimney Rock road. the Boone Department Store Thurs- to Lakey's gap and the forks of the Enactment of the law legalizing day evening at 8 o'clock when the Broad River-Cruoked Creek country e sale of beer, wine and other light details for the league will be worked road, then westward to Highway No. out. All clubs interested are asked 28 and northward with No. 28 to the o have a representative on hand at Catawba River near Old Fort, then down the Catawba to include Lake James to Highway No. 18 and with that road through Lenoir, Moravisi Falls, the Wilkesboros, then down the Yadkin River to Elkin, then northward with No. 28 to Doughton-Spar-ta and with No. 18 to the Virginia North Carolina line, which it follows Fax Supervisor Says Property Own-ers Slow in Making Returns. List-the Tennessee-North Carolina line to Tax Supervisor Says Property Own-

the beginning point. The land now owned and to be ac-County Tax Supervisor J. S. Mc-Bride states that since list-taking forest Service for park and forest started in the county there has been small response, and incidentally calls quired by the Federal government

> terests to devote full time to the area, working in co-operation with Federal officials. Objects would be to promote tourist travel and regulate hunting and fishing.

Hereafter no lands would be ac quired in this State by the Federal Andy Greer, of Sugar Grove, en- Government, except by gift or donaomnibus bills, naming the board of education members and the justices elected by the people in case of the Department of Conservation friends Sunday at an old-fashioned \$5 an acre, and no land would be boards of education, the other the township, with an additional justice urge everyone to procure licenses because of the peace in the 100 counties. the male to make affidavit from tuproducts. Roast pork, gravy, hot bispercular or veneral diseases for two
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continues. One company is turning the park area, as contemplated in the fied, are validated by the act.

Justices of the peace are



Easter bunnies will be right on time this year, as always. These two maidens were slightly in doubt, so they went out and around and about and did they find bunnies, well yes! So now Sara Belle and Evelyn Tiffany, maidens fair of footlight fame, want all good little boys and girls to know that they have the evidence and that Easter bunnies and all their friends will be right on the job on Easter morning.

Stockholders Accept Plan To Reopen Watauga Bank

An enthusiastic meeting of the stockholders of the Watauga Coun-ty Bank was held last Wednesday afternoon, with a view to reorganixing and opening the instituiton through changes in the "capital structure" of the bank. The plan which was immediately approved by most of the stockholders provides that new capital be contrib-uted by the old stockholders and depositors jointly and that non-assessable, common stock be issued to each one in proportion to the amount paid in.

Arrangements are being made for holding meetings of depositors this week in different sections of the county, the action of 15 per cent of which will start the of actual reorganization, which

should be completed within a reas-

onable period of time.

Bank officials and depositors alike will be pleased to note that the reorganization proposals have brought about praise from State Bank Commissioner Gurney Hood, who believes that the reorganized bank should be able to "weather any financial storm that may break about it." An excerpt from Mr. Hood's letter of approval fol-

"The plan, as proposed, appears to be sound, particularly in view of the distribution to be made of the common stock which it is understood will be held by present depositors and stockholders of the bank. Unquestionably this plan will create a sound institution which should be able to weather any fiancial storm that may break about it, and it would appear that this would be the best plan for all concerned.'

The directors meeting was well The directors meeting was well how soon the depositors may lend attended and a spirit of hopeful-

ness was in evidence. Reorganization was endorsed by many in short talks and E. G. Finley of North Wilkesboro, a stockholder, heartily commended the proposal and believes that no other course remains to be followed, which would absolutely solidify the bank. N. B. Smithey, of North Wilkesboro, a large depositor, also lent endorse-ment to the plan and spoke en-couragingly of the future. During the course of the meeting the following resolutions were and endorsed by the stockholders:

affecting all the banks in North Carolina was declared by execu-tive orders on March 8, 1991, and whereas, the said boliday is still ineffect on the Watauga County Bank; and, whereas, the Commis-sioner of Banks of North Carolina requires that certain changes be made in the capital structure of the said bank before it may be re-opened; and, whereas, the General Assembly of North Carolina did on March 15th, 1933, enact a cartain law known as House Bill No. 943 of the Seccion of 1933; and, whereas, the undersigned stockholders and depositors desire to take advantage of Section 5, Sub-section C of said act; and, whereas, the undersigned stockholders and de-positors realize that it is essential to the welfare of themselves as well as the county that said bank be reorganized and reopened."

While officials of the closed bank were not in position to give out the probable date of epening, they see no reason for predicting any unusual delay. The progress the reorganization proposal is able to make, will depend largely upon

GENERAL BROWN NOW ON TRIAL FOR HOMICIDE

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eneral Brown, citizen of the ville section is on trial in Supe-Court Wednesday for the fatal shooting of his father-in-law, Dillon Pennell, which occurred last November, and which at that time was accapted generally as an act of self-

Evidence which was accepted up until Tuesday evening tended to show that Pennell carae to the home of his son-in-law while drinking, and an argument ensued regarding some corn, which precipitated the firing of the fatal shot. A number of witnesses for the State were examined and their testimony left the impression that notwithstanding the argument and the drinking, the shooting was without very much provocation. Brown, however, proved an excellent character.

The defendant himself was the only witness for the defense, and his story indicated that his life had been threatened previous to the argument, and that he shot Pennell in the back as he walked toward the door. He suffered more or less of a breakdown and proved an easy mark for the ross-examination of the State's at-

A number of other defense witesses are to be examined, and it is thought that the case will have been settled today (Wednesday). The State had previously agreed upon tri-al for murder in the second degree. Other Cases Tried

Three other cases have been dis-posed of in Judge Finley's court, which has been lightened considerably by the new recorder's court. They are as follows:

Paul Klutz, driving while intoxi-

cated, \$50 and cost.

Paul Klutz, assault with deadly weapon, four months on rogds, suspended on payment of \$50 to R. W.

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on roads.

Recorders Court

Only two cases were disposed of in Recorders Court last week, Judgment against Charles Dougherty for forcible trespass was suspended on payment of cost, while Fate Dickens was sentenced to 60 days on the roads for forcible trespass and public drunken-

TROUT FISHING **LEGAL SATURDAY**

No Changes in State Laws Affecting Hunting and Fishing in Watauga County. License Fees the Same. Streams in Good Shape,

The trout fishing season is to be officially ushered in next Saturday, according to County Game Warden H. Grady Farthing, who believes the treams are in excellent condition for this year's angling.

There has been no change in the State laws concerning hunting and of the Department of Conservation

Favorable Reports Given

Raleigh, N. C .- The General Assembly has ratified the bill fixing the terms of court in Avery, Mitchell,

quest from Representative Green, who was absent, asked that it be sent ga, E. B. Cox, Clint Baird, four back to the committee on counties, cities and towns, that some of those affected by it wanted to be heard on In 1905 there were 800 hotels in the boundary line changes. This was done.

Local Board Education And Justices Are Named be required to buy county needed, costing \$1.10, while any resident wishing to fish in another county than his own, must buy State-wide license costing \$2.10. Non-resident license costing \$2.10. Non-resident license costing \$2.10. The heads

followed by generous helpings of controlled by the U. S. Government.

The boards of education are named for two years, unless terms are othersty as woman ever baked.

This measure would not interfere for two years, unless terms are othersty as woman ever baked. While Andy washed the dishes and fishing license fees in the area. The bers are to be named to oust or dishave more copies of it printed. The tidied up the dining room and kitchen provisions of Section 8057, Consoli- place other members whose terms Walker and T. H. Coffey Jr. State Bar bill also became the law, the guests enjoyed themselves under dated Statutes, and all amendments, have not expired by law. The State The special judges act was passed, by the genial host presented each government, and would not be congiving to a vernor authority to name in his ection, six special judges, in his ection, six special judges, as at present, to Western walking cane, whittled from native North Carolina.

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Justices of the peace are named New York. Today there are 500.

Raleigh, N. C.—The much dis-cussed and locally important "omni-ified, the hill introduced to have two named by the resident Superior court fore going fishing, and thus avoid judge for each additional 20,000 popthe possibility of paying court costs, ulation, is still in process. If it should be passed, as introduced, the justices now appointed and all others would end their services soon after the next On Two Local Measures election, when justices could be el

> The Watauga County board of education members named in the bill terms of court in Avery, Mitche are as follows: J. B. Horton, Will C. Watauga and Alexander counties.

W. S. Moretz, E. B. Hardin; Watau-