

The Week in Washington

A RESUME OF GOVERNMENTAL HAPPENINGS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Washington, Jan. 14.—From any point of view, the most important happening in Washington since the Roosevelt Administration took office...

The Federal Government, the high court held in its six-to-three decision, has no power to regulate agriculture. That is one of the rights never delegated to the Congress...

It was a far more sweeping decision than most Washington observers had expected. The Administration was prepared for a ruling that the processing taxes and their distribution in benefit payment to farmers for crop reduction were not Constitutional...

Sweeping Decision After declaring that the processing taxes and their distribution in benefit payments were beyond the power of Congress, because they were not applied to the "general welfare" but to a limited class...

The case before the Supreme Court was that of the Hoosac Mills, in pro cotton. But so broad was the Court's test against the processing tax on decision that it is regarded here as applying to the Bankhead cotton control act, the potato control amendment, as well as to the wheat, corn, hog, tobacco and other Federal efforts to control agricultural production...

Processors need not pay any more processing taxes; the farmers cannot receive any more benefit payments. It is doubtful that those who have paid the processing taxes can recover them from the Government or that the Government can collect back from farmers benefit payments already made...

Budget, War, Probe The Supreme Court decision threw into the shade the President's budget message, which was headed to Congress at the same hour that Justice Roberts began to read the Court's decree...

The President estimated the Federal income from all sources at \$5,654,000,000 for the next fiscal year, which amount he figured, would leave \$5,000,000 surplus. But he declined to put a figure on the relief requirements, which he said would run from one billion to three billions, and he made no allowance for the Bonus payment, which nobody in Washington doubts that Congress will authorize speedily...

Mr. Roosevelt's speech to the Congress on Friday evening, January 3, which was broadcast all over the world, is held to have been the opening gun of the 1916 Presidential campaign, as well as a notice to the rest of the world that they need not count on any help from Uncle Sam if they start another war...

If Senator Nye of North Dakota has his way—and that seems likely—the Administration, of whatever party that happens to be in power when and if the expected European war breaks out, will have no leeway what ever. It must stop all exports of anything but food and medical supplies to any belligerent nation, and keep American ships off any part of the high seas where warring nations warm them off...

On the theory that the United States was drawn into the last war by the machinations of international bankers, the Senate committee is to investigate the whole subject of munitions of war. It has summoned all the partners in J. P. Morgan & Company to appear for questioning...

The latest purely political gossip bearing on this year's Presidential campaign is the suggestion that the conservative Democrats may put a third party ticket into the field for the purpose of slicing off a lot of President Roosevelt's support among the rock-ribbed partisans in his own party who nevertheless don't like the New Deal. If they could induce Al Smith to head up such a ticket, some of the smart ones here think, the scheme might work...

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Many Would Like To See Hauptmann Die

Penitentiary Warden Selecting Witnesses Out of More Than 400 News Representatives. Not to "be Made a Show."



TRENTON, N. J. — Declaring that the execution of Bruno Hauptmann was not "to be made a show," Mark O. Kimberling, Warden of the New Jersey State Prison, turned down more than 400 news representative requests to witness the electrocution, limiting them to eighteen, some of which were included among the twelve "official" witnesses as required by law. Photo shows Warden Kimberling addressing the newsmen.

CRIME LESSENER IN THIS COUNTY

Sheriff Howell States That There Is Diminished Blockading and Bootlegging.

Sheriff Howell believes that the county is in the best shape from the viewpoint of lawlessness, than at any time since he went into office. A greatly diminished number of blockade stills are thought to be running, and bootleggers at the present time are said to be causing a minimum of disturbance.

Sheriff Howell says that he and his deputies were in a good position to note the improved condition during the holidays, when they attended a number of Christmas trees and other gatherings, and there were no arrests made. Every Christmas previously, states Mr. Howell, the jail has been filled with prisoners.

Plans For District Music Contest Made

The District Music Contest will be held in Lenoir at the High School Auditorium on April 3. The Lenoir District embraces Alexander, Ashe, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, McDowell, Wilkes and Watauga counties, in which are located some fifty-five high schools eligible to enter into the contest. Not all of these schools, however, have taken part in the contests heretofore, but the contests have been growing in numbers and in interest which they have aroused for several years and this should be one of the best ever held.

All schools planning to enter this year should write for a copy of the official contest bulletin which may be had free from Dr. Wade E. Brown, Dean of Music, Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, N. C. This bulletin contains all rules of the contest, lists of music which may be used and other important information. Contest music should be obtained as promptly as possible and practice started early if the students are to obtain the best training and make the best possible showing in the contest.

It is especially urged that all teachers interested read carefully the rules in the contest bulletin as they will have to be followed closely and the committee would regret to penalize any contestant when a careful reading of the rules by the contestant or the teacher would have made such a course unnecessary. A rule this year requires that all school principals must certify in writing that all the students representing their schools meet the requirements laid down for eligibility in the contest. Naturally the principals would need to know just what the requirements are to be eligible and these are all included in the printed bulletins. These include the age, number of courses to be passing, etc., and must be fully complied with.

Attention is called to the regulation concerning the size of the organizations. Girls Glee Club Class B may have from 12 to 30 members. Boys Glee Club Class B may have 12 to 20 members. This is a new ruling and should be helpful to these groups.

If any of the rules in the Bulletin are not clear do not hesitate to write A. B. Hines, Chairman, Granite Falls, N. C., or A. W. Laxton, Assistant Chairman, Hudson, N. C.

JACKSON DINNER WELL ATTENDED

Near One Hundred and Fifty Gather in Enthusiastic Birthday Event.

One hundred and forty-four bought banquet tickets to the Jackson Day Dinner at the Daniel Boone Hotel last Wednesday evening, when the birthday of a former President was observed, and the Democratic campaign semi-officially opened throughout the county.

Attorney Ira T. Johnson of West Jefferson was the principal speaker, his talk dealing with the vastly improved business conditions over the country under the Roosevelt Administration and with comparative figures to bear out his remarks. The deliverance was well received by the assemblage.

Dr. Abrams acted as master of ceremonies, while Attorney Wade E. Brown, chairman of the dinner committee, made remarks at intervals throughout the program. A number of local individuals and visitors were introduced to the diners, following which the address of President Roosevelt was brought by a radio amplifying system.

The attendance at the dinner was beyond the expectations of the sponsors, not more than fifty having been expected during the morning hours. It was an enthusiastic crowd, and the gathering is said to have been one of the most successful political events thus far held in this community.

SPORTS EVENTS AT APPALACHIAN GIVEN

Appalachian State is at home for only two games this week, these being with the Milligan quint here Saturday night and High Point here Friday night. The game is scheduled as a freshman encounter. Next Tuesday the proteges of Coach Flueci Stewart go to Milligan, at which place the varsity teams of the two schools will each continue their quest of a Smoky Mountain conference title.

Winners over High Point in a surprise upset by a 28-27 score and losing to the East Tennessee Teachers in a last minute 35-30 rally, the basketball team has shown flashes of great form, but is lacking in experience.

Cosch Watkins' wrestlers don't see any more action until next Friday when they go to Maryville to engage that school's wrestlers. Winners over Winston-Salem by a 38-0 count, and over the Spray "Y" by a 27-3 count, Appalachian State's wrestling team is proving itself a strong combination.

The double-bill staged here last Saturday night filled the new gymnasium to capacity. These double-headers have proved so attractive to the public that the athletic association have decided to make them a feature of its program.

From the Kobe lespedeza planted on 14 acres of wheat last spring, G. E. Bell of Yadkin county harvested 28 two-horse wagon loads of hay with each load producing 24 bales that Mr. Bell sold for \$1 a bale. The wheat was extra.

30 MILES PARKWAY NOW BEING BUILT IN THIS SECTION

Work of Building Second Link in This State Going Forward Very Rapidly.

LETTING OF DEEP GAP LINK NOW IN PROSPECT

About Three Miles of Road in Alleghany County is Graded; Many Get Employment Who Would Otherwise be Jobless.

Construction of over 30 miles of the Great Scenic Parkway to connect the Shenandoah and Smoky Mountains national parks is now under way in northwestern North Carolina.

J. E. Hash, director of the five county re-employment office here which furnishes labor for all public works projects in the territory served by the office, reported today that work has been going forward for the past few weeks on construction of the second North Carolina link extending from the intersection with highway 26 in Alleghany county to Airbelows Gap on the Blue Ridge. He also stated that men have been placed to work at clearing the right-of-way for the third link extending southward to the intersection with highway 18 at Mulberry Gap and that the contractor is expecting to begin work soon on the fourth link extending southward along the summit of the Blue Ridge to what is known as Horse Gap. Meanwhile plans are under way for letting of the fifth link, which will complete the North Carolina section of the parkway as far southward as Deep Gap and the intersection of the Boone Trail highway between North Wilkesboro and Boone.

Albert Brothers, of Salem, Va., have the contract for the second link and grading has begun in earnest. Nello Teer, Durham contractor, has about three miles of the first link in Alleghany county graded. Perry McGlome, of Kansas City, Mo., is contractor on the third link and Nello Teer for the fourth sector.

The sectors now under construction are furnishing employment to many along the route who would be otherwise jobless and the laborers furnished so far have proven quite satisfactory to the contractors.

The parkway enters North Carolina from Virginia at a point near Low Gap, crosses Alleghany county in a southwestwardly direction, regains the summit of the Blue Ridge at Airbelows Gap on the line between Alleghany and Wilkes county and proceeds on and near the main ridge in Wilkes, Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties.—Wilkes Patriot-Journal.

RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM CITED

First Clear Picture of What Resettlement Is Doing Given by Mr. Council.

The first regional pamphlet describing resettlement and rehabilitation activities has just been issued from the Division of Information of the Resettlement Administration's regional office, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Mr. Tracy Council, who is Rehabilitation Supervisor for the Resettlement Administration in Watauga and Avery counties presented this newspaper with a copy this week.

In addition to giving the origin, background and purpose of the Resettlement Administration, the booklet gives a rather thorough explanation of rehabilitation and resettlement which are the two major phases of the Resettlement Administration program in North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia, the states comprising Region IV. It also tells who is responsible for the program, outlines the activities and projects which have been started in this region.

"More people will be reached immediately under the rehabilitation phase than the resettlement phase," the booklet states.

Figures are given in the booklet showing the breakdown by states of Rehabilitation families being cared for, the total quota for Region IV being 51,000 families. While quotas are not listed by counties, Mr. Council, resettlement supervisor, stated that a quota of 310 rehabilitation families has been assigned to Watauga and Avery families.

Under the rehabilitation program loans and practical supervision are extended for the purchase of seed, fertilizer and equipment to enable impoverished farm families to get on their feet again. These are the families who are in an emergency situation and must be given a chance to help themselves immediately. The

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SICK MOBSTER

Last of the Touhy Gang Winds Up in Hands G-Men



CHICAGO — Tommy Touhy (above), last of the mobster "Touhy Gang" is now in the hands of the G-Men, who have trailed him since 1933. He was captured in bed a tuberculosis invalid.

PLANS MADE FOR BIRTHDAY BALL

Tracy Council Again Chairman of Committee; To Be Held January 30.

The third annual Birthday Ball for the President will be held in Boone and in five thousand other towns and cities throughout the country on January 30, it has been announced. Mr. Tracy Council of Boone, is again chairman of the local Birthday Ball committee, and believes that this year's event will be the most outstanding yet held. The ball will be held at the Daniel Boone Hotel, and definite plans for the evening are rapidly being arranged.

The purpose of the Ball, as is now generally known, is to create funds with which to help victims of infantile paralysis, and support research to wipe out the disease itself.

The President has approved the suggestion that 70 per cent of the proceeds raised by each local ball, be retained in the community to be used for the benefit of paralysis cripples in the discretion of the local committee.

Cook Brothers Buy Large Lot Timber

Mr. Niley G. Cook of Blowing Rock and his brothers have recently closed a deal for the timber from one thousand acres of the Elk Creek Lumber Company on Buffalo, and expect to begin sawing this week. The timber represents a part of one of the largest virgin boundaries in the south, and that bought includes both white pine and hardwood forests, in which there has never been an axe. The value of the timber is estimated to be \$30,000.

NEW HOME AGENT IS WORKING IN COUNTY

Miss Anna C. Rowe of Catawba county, home demonstration agent at large for the state of North Carolina, is spending some time in Watauga county, assisting Miss Clea Jones, local agent, in her work. Miss Jones is recovering from a recent operation.

Miss Rowe has been home agent in Catawba county for eight years, is thoroughly acquainted with the work, and Miss Jones and the people generally are glad to have her here at this time.

LOCAL PEOPLE URGED TO ATTEND S. S. MEET

Baptists of Watauga county are expected to attend the state-wide Sunday School Convention in Charlotte January 21-24, in large numbers, and it is greatly to be desired that all those contemplating the trip get in touch with Mr. S. C. Eggers in Boone as early as is possible. Free transportation is being arranged and Mr. Eggers especially asks that all teachers and Sunday School superintendents make an especial effort to attend the important meeting.

JUNIORS PREPARE GOOD LADIES NIGHT PROGRAM

The Daniel Boone Council, Junior Order United American Mechanics will observe ladies' night, Monday, January 20, 7:30 p. m., and the following interesting program has been prepared for the occasion:

Scripture reading, Prof. Roy Dotson; invocation, Prof. A. J. Greene; history of the Junior Order, Clyde R. Greene; humorous talk, Ralph G. Greene; address, "Our American Flag," Rev. J. C. Canipe; fun and frolic, Russell Hodges and Van Teague.

TOWN IS SUED FOR REFUSAL TO HONOR INTEREST COUPONS

North State Canning Company Brings Suit For Collection Of Interest.

DEFENDANT CITES THE LEGALITY OF BONDING

Asks for Payment of \$510; City Issues Statement Giving Fiscal Facts and Citing Precedent For Action.

The town of Boone is the defendant in a suit instituted in the Recorder's court last Friday wherein the North State Canning Company of this city seeks to recover the principal sum of \$510, including interest and cost, representing certain bond interest coupons held by the plaintiff and which the town through its "proper officers" fails, refuses and neglects to pay off.

The complaint of the plaintiff is principally devoted to a technical and minute description of the bonds, on which the interest coupons appeared, their manner and time of issue, and a complete legal picture of the transaction, wherein the city promised to pay the interest at specified dates at the rate of six per cent. It is shown that the bonds were issued in due legal form "under the authority and in full compliance with the constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina."

The suit as is understood, follows the recent action of the city administration in reducing the interest payments to three per cent, on the six per cent maturities, and subsequent refusal to accept any coupons at face value.

That part of the complaint, following the description of the bonds and coupons, and in which the amount of the judgment asked, is given, follows:

"That all of the said coupons as herebefore set out in the complaint are past due and unpaid; that all of the said coupons herebefore set out were tendered to the said defendant through its clerk, Mrs. Carrie Williams, and that payment was refused the said clerk, stating at the time that the town of Boone, had no funds or credit nor had the said town any funds or credit with or in the Hanover National Bank in the City of New York, or Chase National Bank, in the City of New York, with which to pay off the said past due coupons. "That this plaintiff is informed, believes and so alleges that the defendant in this action, through its Mayor and Board of Aldermen, have from time to time, bought future maturities in town of Boone bonds and coupons.

"That the coupons herebefore mentioned have been presented for payment to the proper officers of the town of Boone, within two years from their maturity and that the defendant through its proper officers have failed, refused and neglected and still fails, refuses and neglects to pay off and discharge said coupons, and that the same are past due and unpaid.

"Wherefore, the plaintiff prays the court that it have judgment against the defendant for the total sum of \$510, with interest on \$50 from November 1, 1935 at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, until paid; on \$60 from September 1, 1935, at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, until paid; on \$30 from October 1, 1935 at the rate of 6 per cent per annum until paid; on \$390 from January 1, 1936 at the rate of six per cent per annum until paid, and for such orders and decrees as is necessary to give the relief as asked for in the complaint; for the cost of this action to be taxed by the Clerk and for such other and further as to the court seems just and proper."

The complaint was filed through plaintiff's attorneys, Charles T. Zimmerman and W. R. Lovell of Boone.

Town Makes Statement Pending the filing of an answer to the complaint, which is to be done within the legal 30 days limit, The Democrat asked the city administration if it had anything to say in the meantime regarding the suit and the following written statement was given to the press by Mayor Gragg:

It is true that the North State Canning Company has started suit against the Town of Boone for the recovery of \$510.00 due it on account of its being the owner of seventeen bond coupons, in the amount of \$30.00 each, which are due and unpaid. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Boone feel that they should, in justice to the taxpayers of the town, make a public explanation of their refusal to pay the coupons owned by the plaintiff.

The North State Canning Company, as we understand, is owned principally by Mr. W. F. Miller and Dr. H. B. Perry, both of whom have served on the board of aldermen in past years and are familiar with the financial condition of the town, particularly since Mr. W. F. Miller auctorially since Mr. W. F. Miller auctorially

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