

TAFT IN OHIO

Son of Former President Looms as Favorite Son



CINCINNATI... Robert A. Taft (above), son of the late President Taft, is the choice of the Ohio State Republican Central Committee...

TWO MUST ANSWER ROBBERY CHARGES

Link Trivett and Tom Woodring Turned Over to Caldwell Sheriff Sunday.

Link Trivett and Tom Woodring, Watauga residents, were arrested by Sheriff Howell Sunday on a warrant sent to Boone by Sheriff Tolbert of Caldwell county...

Sheriff Howell states that the prisoners are charged with entering the house, securing 15 bushels of potatoes, 18 chickens, 50 cans of sausage...

Other Aches. A good deal of interest is being shown in proposals to change the present method of subsidizing American shipping...

Boone All-Stars Win Banner Elk Tourney

Banner Elk, March 9.—The Boone All-Stars were winners in the Eastern Tennessee and Western North Carolina basketball tournament held at Banner Elk March 6-7...

After the final game awards and trophies were given to the winning teams and to the outstanding men of the tournament...

With the fund in Tugwell's hands, the boys know it is hopeless to try to get it distributed in accordance with long-established political customs.

In other words, Mr. Tugwell doesn't play ball with politicians, and that is the real reason why the politicians don't like him.

The Political Situation

Politically, Washington seems to have its mind pretty well made up that Governor Landon of Kansas is going to be the Republican nominee.

The Democratic strategy is beginning to develop. Nobody questions seriously Mr. Roosevelt's renomination. It would be silly to imagine anybody else heading the Democratic ticket this year...

RECORD COLD WAVE

Mr. Blaine South, who resides in Malta, Mont., in a recent letter to Mr. S. C. Eggers states that he has experienced temperatures this winter of sixty below zero...

in which he has told them that he was not trying to destroy the capitalist system but to preserve it by attempting to cure its defects.

It is on that point (the charge that he has been trying to substitute Socialism or Fascism for the existing capitalist system) that the Republicans are expected to make their major fight on the President.

RENEWED EFFORT NOW BEING MADE TO AID DEBTORS

Visitor to Boone Tells of New Efforts to Avoid Farm Foreclosures.

LOCAL COMMITTEE WILL AID THOSE DEBT-RIDDEN

Debt Reduction of Several Thousand Dollars Have Been Made For Farmers in This Section Of State.

"New life is being instilled into the government's efforts to help end the tragic story of farm foreclosures," Mr. T. A. Holcomb, fieldman for the Farm Debt Adjustment Service...

Since 1933, groups of unselfish citizens, called Farm Debt Adjustment Committees, have been working without pay in their own counties all over the nation in an effort to bring debtor and creditor together in a friendly atmosphere...

The committee for Watauga county is composed of the following: J. B. Horton, Vilas, R. T. Greer, Boone, W. H. Walker, Boone, Wade E. Brown, Boone, and T. C. Baird, Valle Crucis. Any depressed farm debtor or any creditor who desires help in reaching a satisfactory adjustment of mortgages or other debts is invited to call on any member of this committee...

This work is now being carried on by a unit of the Resettlement Administration. The FDA unit works hand in hand with the Rural Rehabilitation Division of the Resettlement Administration. Local and district rehabilitation supervisors assist county farm debt adjustment committees in working out satisfactory adjustments...

Debt reductions of several thousand dollars have been effected for farmers in the counties of his district which includes twenty Western counties since early fall, when the Resettlement Administration took over the activities of Farm Debt Adjustment from the Farm Credit Administration...

BOARD OUTLAW SLOTS MACHINES

City Council Notifies Operators of Machines of Chance of Illegality.

Various types of so-called slot machines being operated in this community were outlawed by the board of aldermen in session last Friday evening, and those operating places of business housing the contrivances are to be notified to dispose of them by the 15th of March.

The new ordinance, according to officials is intended to include all such machines as are classed as gambling devices under the state law. It is further stated that the action to ban the machines, is altogether in line with the movement throughout the state on the part of Superior court judges and other officials to get rid of the games of chance.

Sandy Graham Uses Radio For Address

Raleigh, March 9.—Over a statewide radio network A. H. ("Sandy") Graham, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, will speak to the people of North Carolina on Thursday night, March 12, from 8:30 to 9:00 o'clock.

Included in the radio network will be radio stations in Raleigh, Charlotte, Greensboro, and Asheville. These facilities will afford an opportunity for Mr. Graham to be heard in every county of the state.

Mr. Graham in this state-wide address will give his views on the important problems of state government which affect every citizen, such as public schools, roads, old age pensions, control of alcoholic beverages, the sales tax, and State finances.

MAJOR BOLES AMATEURS

The ladies of the Methodist Missionary Society have arranged to sponsor a presentation of Major Boles Amateur Night in this city in the near future. An announcement of the exact date will be made soon.

NOT FOR PUBLICITY PURPOSES

Mr. and Mrs. George Burns in Intimate Camera Study With Their Two Children, Recently Adopted from Fondling Home



NEW YORK... Above are Mr. and Mrs. George Burns with daughter Sandra, 2, and brother, Ronald, 6-month-old. Mr. and Mrs. Burns adopted both children from a Chicago fondling home, Sandra more than a year ago and Ronald just recently. Photo shows Sandra welcoming her new brother... Mr. and Mrs. Burns are widely known to screen and radio fans. They are none other than George Burns and Gracie Allen.

DR. HARDIN GETS UNUSUAL HONORS

Popular Physician Only Rural Doctor in State to Receive Fellowship.

Banner Elk, March 2.—Dr. R. H. Hardin, of Grace Hospital, will receive the degree of Fellowship in the American College of Physicians at a meeting of the College held this week in Detroit. This distinction, which comparatively few physicians in America attain, represents marked achievement in his profession and the recommendation of leading physicians who are already members of the college...

Dr. Hardin is the only rural doctor in North Carolina to receive this degree, a fact which further distinguishes him. He is one of two doctors who serve in the sixty-bed Grace Hospital, a unit of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association. This hospital is located in Banner Elk, but its service extends to twelve mountain counties in North Carolina and Tennessee. Statistics from Grace Hospital for the year 1934 showed a total number of bed patients of 929, and office visits of 8,500. Of bed patients 321 were entirely free, 313 part pay, and 285 full pay. The distinction which Dr. Hardin receives this week is indicative of the kind of service rendered the mountain section by this hospital—not only broad in its extent, but also scientifically up to date and fine in quality.

Delegates Named To Baptist Conference

Delegates from the Three Forks Association selected to attend the Statewide Baptist Sunday School Promotional Conference which will be held in Hickory on March 19-20, include: S. C. Eggers, Edwin Mae Farthing, Mrs. H. W. Wilcox, Rena Mae Farthing, Mrs. W. W. Wilson, B. W. Stallings, Mrs. R. C. Winebarger, Rev. Philip Fletcher, Mrs. D. P. Coffey, Mrs. J. L. Qualis, rev. J. C. Canipe.

All those interested in going—and desiring transportation should get in touch with Mr. S. C. Eggers, Boone, N. C.

SEED LOAN APPLICATIONS BE RECEIVED NEXT WEEK

Blanks for filing applications for the Federal seed loans are expected at the office of Messrs. D. M. Hale and S. C. Eggers by the middle of next week, and the usual prompt service is promised those who need loans for the purpose of buying seed and fertilizer. \$10 is the minimum amount of any one loan, and usually \$200 is the maximum. It is stated, however, that in certain special or unusual cases the loans may reach \$500.

TOWN SAYS OVER 5 PER CENT LEVY TO MEET PAR DEMAND

City In Answer to Suit by Cannery, Cites Reasons For Non-payment at Face.

SAYS ARRANGEMENT BEING MADE FOR REFINANCE PLAN

Filing of Answer to Complaint New Development in Suit Brought For Collection of 5 Per Cent. Coupons.

Attorneys for the town of Boone filed in Recorder's Court last week an answer to the complaint recently made by the North State Canning Co., to the effect that the city had refused to make payment on certain interest coupons held by the plaintiff against the municipality, and seeking to effect collection of about \$300 in such securities.

In the answer it is stated that should it become necessary to pay all the indebtedness of the town at face value it would be necessary to levy a tax of 5 1/2 per cent on the hundred dollar valuation. It is further revealed that the city is now attempting to work out, through the Municipal Council, a fair and equitable settlement of the public debt.

The portion of the answer to the complaint, other than that dealing with legal technicalities follows:

"Answering the allegations of Paragraph 24 of plaintiff's complaint, this defendant says that all future maturing bonds and coupons purchased through its mayor and board of aldermen were bought for fifty per cent of their par value and for the purpose of exchanging for bonds and coupons that were past due, and that at the time of exchanging said future maturing bonds and coupons they were able to exchange them for past due bonds at their par value, and that at the time of the transaction it was agreed by the holders of the future maturing bonds that they were to bear three per cent interest until maturity, thereby making a saving for the Town of Boone of fifty per cent on the principal of said bonds purchased before maturity and a saving of three per cent on the interest rate, and that this policy had been adopted by the former board.

"That the defendant, answering Paragraph 25 of the plaintiff's complaint, denies that the plaintiff has ever presented the coupons referred to for payment, or that it has made demand upon the defendant or any of its officials for payment at any time.

1. That the defendant is informed and believes that this North State Canning Company 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 who are and have been, for the past several years, familiar with the financial condition of the Town of Boone.

2. That for the past several years it has been necessary for the Town of Boone to default in the payment of the principal and interest on its indebtedness by reason of the decline in the value of property of the town and by reason of the inability of the taxpayers of said town to pay a sufficient rate of taxes to meet the necessary running expenses of the town and pay off its indebtedness as it matures.

3. That this defendant is advised, informed and believes that the plaintiff is not the actual owner of any of the coupons set out in the complaint, but they actually belong to H. B. Perry and W. F. Miller as individuals, and thus the plaintiff is not the real party at interest, and this defendant is further advised, informed and believes that the said individuals, who are the chief stockholders of plaintiff corporation, purchased the said bonds and coupons referred to in the complaint while one or more of them were aldermen of the Town of Boone, and this defendant is further advised that the said H. B. Perry and W. F. Miller had no authority to trade upon the municipal bonds or coupons of the Town of Boone while they were aldermen of the said town, bonds while they were aldermen of the said town, any profit or gain that was made in trading on said bonds would enure to the benefit of the Town of Boone; and this defendant is further advised that the said parties, as individuals, purchased bonds and coupons of the Town of Boone at anywhere from thirty-five (35) to forty (40) cents on the dollar; that the said plaintiff, through its individuals, is making more than fifty per cent profit on what they actually paid for the said coupons, and this defendant has offered to pay W. F. Miller and H. B. Perry, as individuals, fifty per cent of their past due coupons.

"4. That the assessed valuation of the Town of Boone is approximately \$800,000.00, and that the bonded indebtedness of the town is approximately \$100,000.00.

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CITIZENS ASKED GATHER TRASH

Mayor Calls Attention to Dirty Conditions of the Town and Asks Co-operation.

Following the severe cold weather an unusual amount of rubbish has accumulated about the premises of citizens of the town, behind the business buildings and on vacant lots. Mayor Gragg is asking that the people co-operate with the city by gathering the rubbish from their premises and placing it where it can be hauled away. The Mayor states that if there is any amount of co-operation in this particular a large part of the town may be made slightly, even in advance of the usual clean-up period.

On pretty days it is stated the trucks will move all rubbish gathered up as fast as possible. A very special effort, it is said, will be made by the administration to keep the town clean and attractive during the coming summer.

JURORS DRAWN SPRING COURT

Ten Cases on State Docket; Judge Clement Will Preside.

Judge J. H. Clement of Winston-Salem will preside at the spring term of Watauga Superior Court which convenes for two weeks on April 20.

Only about ten cases are scheduled for trial on the state docket, neither of which is of outstanding importance. About 40 cases are on the civil calendar, it was stated by Clerk Austin South.

Following are the names of those drawn for jury service:

First week: W. S. Miller, J. R. Hendrix, Spencer Warren, Perry Farthing, Clyde Downs, J. C. Miller, Filo Cook, W. G. Todd, S. E. Anderson, Roy Keplar, D. E. Hartley, Stanford Jones, Tipton Greene, W. D. Farthing, Henry J. Hardin, A. N. Mast, Bert Mast, L. M. Johnson, John K. Perry, H. E. Deal, Amos Adams, C. C. Triplett, P. G. Carroll, Luther W. Ward, Lawrence Sheppard, Hamp Clawson, Steward Brown, W. H. Greene, Dell Coffey, F. R. Bumgarner, Ray Snyder, A. N. Thomas, Carson Masten, R. W. Idol, Harrison Miller, W. L. Baird, C. M. Shore, G. W. Rowe.

Second week: Dave Moody, Ed Robbins, J. E. Farthing, W. L. Brown, Roy Norris, Roe Mitchell, C. B. Reese, S. G. Tugman, Carl Byers, W. C. Craig, W. W. Wilson, Conley Glenn, E. W. Moretz, R. F. Vannoy, Hard Dugger, J. M. Burkett, Howard Foster, Alex South, Grady Wilson, W. R. Johnson.

COVINGTON-HODGES

The marriage of Miss Ruby Hodges of Boone to Mr. Mercer Covington of Southern Pines, which took place in Cheraw, S. C., February 8, has just been announced, and is received with considerable interest in this locality.