

The Week in Washington

A RESUME OF GOVERNMENTAL HAPPENINGS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

One result of the impeachment trial of Federal Judge Halsted L. Ritter, by the Senate, is likely to be a revision of the rules of both Houses of Congress under which federal officials are tried on charges of malfeasance in office. For nearly three weeks all legislative activity was suspended in the Senate while that body sat as a trial court. Seldom were there more than a dozen Senators in attendance at any one time during the presentation of the evidence for and against Judge Ritter. Not until the question of his guilt or innocence came to the final vote was there anything like a full attendance.

The feeling is general that the procedure in impeachment cases is perhaps the most solemn and serious function delegated to Congress under the Constitution, and that, no matter how much it may impede the processes of legislation, the Senate is performing its highest duty when it sits as the court of final jurisdiction in impeachment trials.

The Ritter Verdict

Judge Ritter was accused of having improperly favored his former law partner in an important receivership, and of accepting money derived from the receivership fees. He was acquitted on all of the specific charges, but was convicted on the final charge, that of conduct tending to bring his court into scandal and disrepute. This automatically removed him from the Federal bench.

Under the Constitution the House of Representatives has the power to impeach any Federal official charged with "high crimes and misdemeanors," and the Senate has the sole power to try the accused official on the impeachment charges.

Only thirteen times in the history of the United States has a public official been impeached, and in only four cases has the impeached official been found guilty by the Senate. One Federal judge, John Pickering, was found guilty in 1804. Judge West H. Humphreys was impeached and convicted in 1862. Judge Robert W. Archibald was found guilty in 1913, and Judge Ritter's conviction makes the fourth.

The most famous of all impeachment trials was that of President Andrew Johnson, who was impeached by the House of Representatives in 1867, but was acquitted by the Senate.

Special Trial Committee Plan

The vote by which Judge Ritter was convicted was barely the two-thirds majority which the Constitution requires. It was not essentially a partisan vote. But there is some criticism of the processes of impeachment trials arising from the fact that a large proportion of the Senators voting had not heard all of the evidence.

It takes a long time to amend the Senate rules, and, of course, impeachment trials are so rare that nothing may come of the present movement to change the rules so as to permit the examinations of the evidence and the witnesses by a special committee, whose findings would then be submitted to the entire Senate for decision.

In the cases of those previously found guilty under impeachment proceedings, the verdict has been accompanied by a prohibition against the guilty officials ever again holding an office of trust under the Federal government. That clause was omitted from the verdict in Judge Ritter's case.

New Tax Outlook

The one really vital piece of legislation on which the Senate will have to act before adjournment, the new corporation reserve tax bill, has not yet reached the upper House. That is not to say, however, that the tax problem has not been given serious consideration by members of the Senate Finance Committee.

If the program which Senate leaders have in view is carried out, it seems probable that the new tax law will increase the general corporation income tax to perhaps 18 per cent, and touch very lightly upon corporate reserves.

The more the question of taxing corporation reserves is studied, the more difficult it appears to find a rate capable of general application. A rate which might be fair in the case of one corporation might be ruinous to another corporation of equal size. Therefore, the tendency is to go very slowly and apply this new principle of taxation only tentatively and experimentally, if at all.

This And That

The President's announcement that both the Quoddy power project and the Florida Ship Canal as WPA projects would be abandoned caused some surprise. The feeling in Capitol Hill is that, having started these public works with WPA funds, the President should have seen them through with money from the same source, instead of asking Congress to provide the rest of the funds necessary to complete the jobs. If the two projects had not been put up to Congress at the same time, the Florida Canal probably would have gotten by on its merits.

The death of Louis McHenry Howe, chief secretary to the President, had been expected for nearly a year. He

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MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY

Former President of Mexico is Now Said to be Without Country. Is Forcibly Deported From Homeland



LOS ANGELES, Calif. Here is shown Former-President Plutarco Calles, of Mexico, the man, with some aides, who is now without a country. This photo was taken at the Glendale airport as the former "Iron man" arrived by plane after being forcibly deported from Mexico.

MONROE HAYES IS DEAD AT AGE 80

Brother of Boone Woman Dies at Tennessee Home Last Friday; Rites Sunday.

Mr. J. M. Hayes who has been sick for some time, died at his home in Elizabethton, Tenn., April 24, 1936. He leaves a wife and one sister, Mrs. H. P. Dougherty, of Boone, and a number of relatives and friends. Mr. Hayes was born in Johnson county, Tenn., Nov. 12, 1856. Later he came to Watauga county at the close of the Civil War, with his father and mother, William and Margaret Dougherty Hayes. He spent several years here then returned to Tennessee, where he lived until his death. He was operating a cafe in Elizabethton.

He was the youngest child. Miss Fannie Dougherty, a niece, spent the last week of his life, with him. She also stayed for the funeral which was conducted Sunday afternoon. The relatives also from Boone, were: Mr. H. P. Dougherty, a brother-in-law, and three nephews, Messrs. Charles and Arthur Dougherty and Mr. G. P. Hagaman.

The H. S. North Funeral Home was in charge of the body. The funeral services were held at Siam Baptist Church. The Rev. Mr. Bowden, the pastor assisted by Rev. Mr. Hopkins, had charge of the services. Interment followed in the church cemetery near by. The large crowd attending Mr. Hayes' funeral Sunday and the profusion and beauty of the floral offering attested the high esteem in which he was held. He attended Sunday school and church regularly as long as he was able to go at Siam and in town, then they organized a Sunday School near him and he was a teacher and instructor.—Reported

BASEBALL SEASON TO OPEN LOCALLY

Organization Meeting of County Clubs is Called for Saturday, May 2nd.

A meeting for the purpose of organizing the Watauga Baseball League for the coming season is to be held in the courthouse in Boone Saturday afternoon, May 2, at 2:30 at which time all those teams or groups which played last summer and desire to see the sport revived, are urged to be present.

It is the purpose of the sponsors of the meeting to effect a league organization of these several community groups or teams or any other similar group to the end that a complete schedule of games for the season may be arranged and actual diamond activities started in the county at an early date.

LEGION AND AUXILIARY TO HOLD MEETING

The Watauga Post American Legion and auxiliary will meet at the Legion hut Friday night, May 1st at 8 o'clock. All sons and veterans are urged to attend as it is planned to organize a Sons of the Legion Post at this time.

The TVA superphosphate applied to pastures and meadows in Graham county last year is beginning to show results, say demonstration farmers who made the applications.

COURT ADJOURNS AT NOON TUESDAY

Several Get Divorces and Many Civil Cases Are Continued to the June Term.

The Spring term of Watauga Superior Court adjourned Tuesday noon, very few of the cases on the civil calendar having been tried. A number of the actions, however, according to Clerk A. E. South, were compromised and removed from the docket, while there were a great many continuances to the civil term the first Monday in June.

On Monday several divorce decrees were granted as follows:

Willard James, Mary James; Ruby Henderson Bowman, C. L. Bowman; Mrs. Bina Brown, Luther Brown; Allie Barnes, Bynum Barnes; John Jenkins, Nancy Jenkins; Lillian Rymer, M. D. Rymer.

Scouts To Have New Home in Legion Park

Lumber is now being sawn at Butler, Tenn., for the construction of a permanent home for the Boone Boy Scout Troop No. 41, and according to Scoutmaster B. W. Stallings, the structure should be completed during the coming summer. The lumber is being donated to the boys by the Whiting Lumber Company, it is said, and labor is also to be furnished for the building without cost to the troop. The building is to be 16x20 feet, will be a substantial and permanent structure and will be headquarters for the activities of the Scouts.

The building is to be erected in the American Legion Park, the Legionnaires having graciously given their property for this purpose.

There are now twelve boys in Boone troop, and interest in the organization is said to be growing right along.

Joe McCoy Secures High Scout Degree

Nine members of the local Boy Scout troop, with Scoutmaster B. W. Stallings, Dr. Robert King and Prof. Kelley, journeyed to North Wilkesboro Sunday night to attend a meeting held at the Presbyterian Church for the purpose of conferring the Eagle Rank upon Joe McCoy, Jr., son of the proprietor of the Daniel Boone Hotel.

Young Mr. McCoy is being widely congratulated upon having secured the highest rank among Boy Scouts at the age of only fourteen years. Visiting Scouts from Boone were deeply impressed by the ceremony.

MISS REICHELT INJURED

Miss Lillian Mae Reichert, manager of the Lillian Mae Beauty Shop, was said to have suffered internal injuries when an automobile which she was driving turned turtle on the Boone Trail Highway about a mile from Boone Sunday afternoon. Miss Reichert states that as she approached the crest of a hill a car was backed across the highway and she turned the car over when she left the pavement to avoid a crash. The parked car was said to have been driven by a Mr. W. W. Sprinkle of Dobson, who it was understood killed his engine in an attempt to turn the vehicle

TWENTY MILLION TO BE SPENT ON SCENIC PARKWAY

One Fourth of Gigantic Road Project Is Now Under Actual Construction.

SIXTY MILES IN NORTH CAROLINA BEING BUILT

Twelve Links Now Being Constructed to be Finished by Next Summer. Some Sections May be Used in 1937.

The national park service said Friday that approximately one-fourth of the Blue Ridge parkway, to connect the Shenandoah and Great Smoky Mountains National parks was under contract.

At the same time, the Public Roads bureau reported that about two-thirds of the \$6,000,000 made available so far for the project has been spent.

Exclusive of the \$366,900 bid announced for a new 3.4 mile stretch between Buck Creek Gap and Big Laurel Mountain, N. C., contracts already have been let for approximately 115 miles in 12 links, six in Virginia and six in North Carolina. In addition, contracts have been let for nine bridges on North Carolina sections of the parkway, these contracts involve a total of \$3,425,680.55.

To Cost Huge Sum
Approximately \$6,000,000 came back to the Park service for the project late last year after being impounded early in the Roosevelt administration for direct relief. Public roads officials estimated that the parkway will have cost more than \$20,000,000 when completed.

The Hayden-Cartwright federal road bill now pending before the senate would authorize \$1,500,000 for national parkways and park roads for the biennium ending in June, 1939, but this provision still must pass the senate and be subjected to a conference report. A house committee deleted the item, but Senator Harry F. Byrd, Democrat of Virginia, succeeded in having it restored by the senate post office and post roads committee.

Road bureau officials said bids for projects along the parkway were being advertised as quickly as rights of way could be cleared. They intimated that more bids would be asked shortly on North Carolina sections. Within the next "ten days or so," they said, they expected to receive bids on a section in the Mount Mitchell area near Asheville, and others "are expected to be advertised within the next 30 days."

Work on Twelve Links

Contracts for the 12 links now under construction have been awarded since mid-winter, and all are to be completed before next summer. Contracts for the six sections in Virginia represent a total cost of \$1,410,706.80, and the six in North Carolina \$1,858,423.75.

Total mileage of the parkway is about equally divided between the two states, and mileage under construction to date totals about 55 in Virginia and about 60 in North Carolina. The parkway will be 477 miles long.

Virginia links now under construction follow: Jarman's Gap to Rockfish Gap 8.4 miles, \$322,865; Adney Gap to Pine Spur Gap, 8.2 miles, \$219,912.50; Pine Spur Gap to Smart, 11 miles, \$204,375; Smart to Tuggle Gap, 9.7 miles, \$215,312.50; Tuggle Gap to Rock Castle Gap, 9 miles, \$234,675.50; Rock Castle Gap to Route 614, 9.2 miles, \$213,566.30.

North Carolina sections under construction are: Virginia-North Carolina line to Route 28, 12.4 miles, \$363,837.50; Route 28 to Air Bellows Gap, 7.7 miles, \$385,875; Air Bellows Gap to N. C. Route 18, 10.8 miles, \$361,040; N. C. Route 18 to Horse Gap, 13.2 miles, \$290,035; Horse Gap to Benge Gap, 6.8 miles, \$210,803.75; Benge Gap to Deep Gap, 8.1 miles, \$246,812.50; and 9 stone bridges, \$156,550.

Recreational Areas

The park service is acquiring also recreational areas along the parkway, much of which will follow the tops of ridges in the mountainous country between the two parks.

Coordination of these areas in forest services would be authorized by a bill introduced Friday by Representative Doughton, Democrat of North Carolina.

The measure also would authorize the secretary of agriculture, with the concurrence of the secretary of the interior, to connect with the parkway any roads and trails necessary for protection and maintenance of nearby national forests.

Park service officials said it probably would be several years before the parkway was completed, but that traffic probably would be using some sections in the summer of 1937. They are being constructed, wherever possible, to connect with existing highways that may be used as parkway "detours" until the whole parkway can be traversed.

TAKEN BY DEATH



Tracy Council, Rural Resettlement Administrator for two counties and Ex-Mayor of Boone, who died Monday from a brief illness.

CITY SADDENED AS DIRGE IS SOUNDED FOR RECENT MAYOR

Edward Tracy Council Passed Away Monday From Illness With Pneumonia.

FUNERAL RITES ARE CONDUCTED TUESDAY

Popular Young Citizen Was Supervisor of Resettlement Administration And Had Led A Life of Useful Activity.

Edward Tracy Council, member of the community's pioneer family, former mayor of the city, and Supervisor for the Resettlement Administration in Watauga and Avery counties, died at the Hagaman Clinic Monday morning after an illness of eleven days with pneumonia. Deceased was 37 years old.

Funeral services were conducted from the Methodist Church Tuesday at 2 o'clock by Dr. O. J. Chandler, former local pastor. Dr. E. C. Widenhouse, present pastor, Rev. J. A. Yount, Lutheran minister, and Rev. J. C. Canipe of the Baptist Church also took part in the obsequies.

The esteem in which the deceased was held was evidenced by the fact that the floral offering was the largest ever known in this community, the casket and all available space about the altar and pulpit being banked with flowers.

The following ladies were in charge of the flowers: Messdames R. L. Clay, Amos Abrams, Durham Moore, Gene Garbee, G. K. Moose, Murry Critcher, Rob Rivers, Wade Brown, R. D. Hodges, D. J. Whitener, David Greene James Mast, Sam Horton, John Horton, Frank Williams, Sarah Gathier, Paul Coffey, Coker Triplett, Charles Zimmerman, Hubert Holshouser, Baxter Linney, Pete Justus, Grady Farthing, Elma Daniels, Misses Dolly LeMay, Thursa Steed, Mary Krider, Maude Cathcart, Louise Critcher, Alma Smith, Lilly Daie, Katherine Bagley, Maude Greene, Mary Moretz, Alice Council, Carolyn Blair.

Active pallbearers were: Dr. G. K. Moose, Donald Boyden, Rob Rivers, Ralph Seckler, Dr. R. H. Hardin, Russell Hodges, Earl Blackburn and Fluvie Stewart.

Honorary pallbearers were: Grady Pritchard, William Royal, Bernard Dougherty, Dr. E. B. Dougherty, W. R. Lovill, J. C. Walker, E. F. King, A. G. Justus, G. P. Hagaman, W. H. Gragg, W. B. Collins, Paul Chappel, W. H. Brown, W. B. Austin, Wade Brown, Chas. Zimmerman, Hubert Holshouser, Dr. Hagaman, Dr. Perry, Baxter Linney, J. H. Beall, Hunt Gwynn, Gordon Winkler, I. G. Greer, Julius Blair.

Interment was in the family plot of the community cemetery, and a group of World War Veterans stood by while the church committal service was said, following which Rev. Walter C. Greene, chaplain, conducted the impressive but brief service of the American Legion. The arrangements were by Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home.

The Life Story

Edward Tracy Council was the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Council and was born in Boone, where his permanent home was maintained. He was graduated from what is now Appalachian College in the year 1916, and entered the University of North Carolina at the opening of the term (Continued on page 8.)

MANY DEGREES TO BE GIVEN FRIDAY

School Year Comes to a Close at Appalachian College This Week End.

The school year of 1935-36 comes to a close at Appalachian College Friday at 10 o'clock, when 94 four-year students and 55 normal students receive their diplomas, signifying completion of work in their chosen field.

President E. B. Dougherty will confer the degrees upon the graduates while Hon. Victor Bryant will deliver the usual commencement address.

Superintendents from the city and county school systems and members of the boards of education are beginning to come here in search for teachers for next year, it is said, and attention is called to the fact that last year the college was able to place over 95 per cent of the graduates.

The first term of summer school will open at the college June 9.

Walton Takes Over Local Bowling Place

George S. Walton Tuesday took over the management of the bowling alleys near the postoffice building, and states that the equipment has been thoroughly reconditioned and is absolutely modern.

Mr. Walton who comes here from Norfolk, Va., is an experienced operator of bowling alleys, having had charge of a string of twenty-four such recreational centers in a number of the best cities of the South.

Mr. Walton extends a cordial invitation to the people of this section to enjoy the health-giving recreation, and states that women will be gladly given instructions during the afternoons. Cash prizes are being awarded, incidentally for high scores.

Greer Is Named Head of Orphanage Group

Dr. I. G. Greer, native Wataugan and at present Superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C., was elected president of the Tri-State Conference of Orphanage Workers at the closing session of the 31st annual meeting in Macon, Georgia, last Friday. Other officers include L. Ross Linn of the Thornwell Orphanage at Clinton, S. C., vice-president.

LAST LISTING DATES

E. G. Greer, county tax supervisor, in an announcement today, calls attention to the fact that this week marks the end of the time allowed by law for listing of property for taxation. As is set forth in the notice appearing elsewhere in the paper, the penalties provided by law for delay or failure in listing, are applicable next week.

VETERANS TO HOLD MEETING AT SPRUCE PINE

The World War veterans of the seventeenth district, The American Legion, will hold a district meeting and luncheon at Spruce Pine Thursday night, April 30.

A large number of veterans and their wives from Watauga county are expected to attend.

Activities Cove Creek Chapter of F. F. A.

At the beginning of the first school term August 29, 1935 sixty boys enrolled for the course in vocational agriculture. During the school year ten boys dropped out of school and one boy dropped agriculture, leaving forty-nine active students and chapter members. The supervised farm practice programs of these boys include for 1936 approximately the following: corn, 30 acres; potatoes, 20 acres; tobacco, 4 1/2 acres; beans, 3 1/2 acres; cabbage, 3 acres; small grain, 2 acres; onions, 1 1/2 acres; baby chicks, 400; sheep, 14 head; brood sows, 6 head; beef cattle, 5 head.

Members of the baseball squad for inter-chapter games in the tri-county federation are as follows: J. B. Williams, Earl Winebarger, Ernest Fletcher, Brady Campbell, Lenwood Blair, Bimo Brinkley, Bill Bingham, Harold Fenson, Lester Deal, Carl Lewis. Other members will be added to the squad whenever necessary.

The entire Junior-Senior class will probably attend the district livestock judging and public speaking contest at Asheville May 30.

COUNTY SINGING DATE

The semi-annual county singing convention is to be held in the courthouse in Boone on the first Sunday in June, according to Mr. N. L. Harrison, secretary of the association. Mr. Harrison invites all classes and others interested to attend.