

The Week in Washington

A RESUME OF GOVERNMENTAL HAPPENINGS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

It begins to look as though Congress would not, after all, succeed in adjourning before the first of the major party national conventions. The Republicans are to meet in Cleveland on June 9, and the Democrats in Philadelphia on June 23. But before Congress can adjourn it has to get the new tax legislation out of the way, if nothing else, besides enacting one or two deficiency bills and appropriating some more money for relief. The outlook now is that this will take considerably more than a month.

The tax bill, as reported by the House Ways and Means Committee, consists of 259 book pages of fine print, which the House is supposed to analyze, debate, discuss and pass upon before the Senate takes its what at the problem. Some of the members of the House Committee claim that they understand the bill. Most economists, tax experts and Congressmen of both Houses say that it is too complicated for anybody to understand in the form in which the Committee has drafted it. The real new tax law will be drawn up in the Senate and handed back to the House for concurrence. All of this is going to take a lot of time.

New Convention Strategy

Democratic leaders are beginning to say that perhaps, after all, it may be good strategy for Congress to be still in session while the Republicans are nominating their candidate and announcing their platform at Cleveland. Practically all the Republican members of both Houses will be attending that convention. That will leave a clear field for a lot of Democratic oratory in the halls of Congress, where it will get better headlines than if it were merely scattered utterances by individual Democrats. By this bit of strategy, it is believed, whatever the Republicans propose may be offset in the headlines before the Democratic convention meets, and even to some extent before the Republican Convention adjourns.

The subject of party platforms is receiving more and more attention. It is the general feeling here that President Roosevelt, in his Jefferson Day speech in New York on April 23, laid down the general lines which the Democratic platform will follow. That party's appeal to the people, if this assumption is correct, will be based upon the assertion that recovery has been brought about under and by the present Administration.

The Democratic platform is expected to point with pride to the record, while promising still greater prosperity if the party is re-elected. There will quite possibly be coupled with this some reference to the way in which the Federal Government has taken care of the unemployed, perhaps accompanied by a demand that business and industry make a stronger effort to take up the slack.

Campaign Outlook

If the Democratic campaign management takes its cue from the tone of the President's address, the Presidential campaign of 1936 will be quieter than has been anticipated. Word has been passed out to all of the Administration's publicity bureaus to tread lightly from now on upon the toes of the opposition, and to put out nothing which will tend to stir up partisan antagonism or furnish ammunition to the Republicans. If that policy can be made to stick with campaign spokesmen for the Administration it may prove highly effective.

The Republican leadership is still struggling with the shaping of its platform and the points to be emphasized by Senator Frederick Steiwer of Oregon, who has been selected to make the keynote speech at Cleveland, as temporary chairman of the Republican convention.

Senator Steiwer thus comes into the limelight as a national figure, and there is naturally some talk of him as a possible "dark horse" Presidential candidate. He comes from the Far West, which is geographically good politics. He has a clean record for party regularity and is highly regarded by his colleagues in the Senate, though little known to the general public. Less well-known men than Senator Steiwer, have, however, been nominated and elected to the Presidency in the past.

The G. O. P. Contest

The contest in the Republican convention on the early ballots now seems likely to be between Governor Landon and Col. Knox. Col. Knox believes that he will have three hundred votes on the first ballot. Gov. Landon's friends claim more than that for him on the first ballot. It takes 501 votes to nominate. Nobody knows yet how many votes Senator Borah will have, but he will have a good many, perhaps 200 or more. Senator Vandenberg will have the 35 Michigan votes on the first ballot. The present outlook is that there will be some votes for Senator Dickinson.

The real question, however, as political observers here see it, is whether the strength of these minor blocks of delegates will be thrown to Landon or to Knox. F. W. believe that Knox can attract to himself enough

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Unemployed Mess Hour in Senate Chamber



TRENTON, N. J. . . . The army of New Jersey's unemployed which took over the marbled legislative halls in the State Capital to camp until "relief" was voted, threw up its soup-line mess kitchen in the Senate chamber. Photo shows some of the women and children of the unemployed "army" leaders answering first call for dinner.

Saturday Last Day to File in Primary; Four Pay Fees

Saturday, May 9th at six o'clock P. M. is the last opportunity for a candidate to file his intentions with the county board of elections, so that his name may appear on the ticket in the primary of June 6, according to Chairman A. D. Wilson.

Mr. Wilson states that under the state-wide primary law, which is in effect locally for the first time, all candidates for county office, representative and senator must file, and that in addition those seeking township offices will also have to make their intentions known by filing in the necessary blanks and depositing the fees as required at his office.

Wednesday morning two Democrats and two Republicans had filed for elective office: Wade E. Brown, candidate for the Senate and Mrs.

Ruth Isaacs for Register of Deeds on the Democratic ticket, while Homer Gree and I. A. Bumgarner, Republicans, have filed for the offices of register of deeds and county surveyor, respectively.

The members of the present Board of Education, J. B. Horton, R. T. Greer, W. C. Walker, Thomas Coffey and Clyde Perry filed for membership of the Board of Education. This procedure it is explained by officials, is only for the purpose of endorsing the board, that they cannot be voted on in the general election but to the contrary are appointed by the legislature.

Mr. Wilson is urging all those who have any intention of running for office this year to file by Saturday. All citizens are eligible.

JEFF ANDERSON FUNERAL SUNDAY

Pneumonia is Fatal to Well-Known Vilas Resident; Had Been Ill One Week.

Jeff C. Anderson, prominent citizen of Vilas, died Saturday after a one week's illness with pneumonia. He was 50 years old.

Funeral services were conducted from the Brushy Fork Baptist Church Sunday afternoon by Rev. W. C. Payne and W. D. Ashley and interment was in the Hine cemetery one mile west of Boone, arrangements being by Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home. A large concourse of sorrowing friends gathered for the obsequies.

Surviving are three brothers and two sisters: W. R. and S. E. Anderson of Vilas and R. J. Anderson, Sugar Grove, Mesdames Maggie Hodges and Thelma Earp, Vilas. The wife of deceased died exactly three weeks previous to his burial, and there were no children.

Mr. Anderson was a prominent farmer of his section and also operated a building stone quarry. He was a useful figure in the life of his community and county, a likeable and honorable man, who lived an exemplary life, and leaves a host of friends throughout this section.

LEONARD STORY HEAD OF WATER DEPARTMENT

Mr. J. Leonard Story has been named the new superintendent of the municipal street and water department to succeed Mr. Joe Greer, who resigned and moved his family to his Caldwell county farm. Mr. Story took over his new duties Monday morning and tells the Democrat he is exceedingly anxious to carry on the work to the best possible advantage. To this end he solicits the full co-operation of the people of the town.

COY TESTER DEAD

Coy Tester, aged 46, son of the late A. G. and Mrs. Tester, of Peoria, died in Detroit, Mich., from pneumonia April 28, 1936. He leaves a widow who before her marriage was Miss Effie Fae Millsaps, and two children in Detroit where he had made his home for several years.

Two children preceded him. His mother, Mrs. Carrie Tester, and several brothers and sisters of Peoria, survive.

Rains following the recent freezing weather in Macon county did untold damage to freshly plowed land.

BLAZE DESTROYS CITY RESIDENCE

Mrs. Emma Moore Home Burned to Ground. Origin of Fire Is Undetermined.

A fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the Mrs. Emma Moore home in the eastern limits of the town last Thursday noon, the monetary loss having been variously estimated at from six to ten thousand dollars.

The home was being occupied at the time of the conflagration by Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Stubbs, and the greater part of their furniture was destroyed together with the furnishings belonging to Mrs. Moore, which were stored on the premises.

The house contained 10 rooms, and was a modern structure. It is thought that Mrs. Moore's loss could be conservatively placed at seven thousand dollars, while Mr. and Mrs. Stubbs likely lost something like two thousand dollars in furniture and appliances. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

Would Find Quarters For Summer Visitors

Mr. Collins, county farm agent and A. G. Qualls, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce are asking that all farmers in the county who have accommodations for keeping summer guests, register their names with them and give the number of boarders that can be taken, rates, etc.

This will enable the two agencies to give definite information when answering inquiries and should be of great value to the farmers and others.

GARDEN CLUB MEETING

A meeting of the recently organized Garden Club will be held at the Demonstration School building Thursday afternoon at 3:30. It has been announced, and definite plans for the further beautification of the community will be discussed and formulated. It is particularly urged that there be a full attendance in order that the proposed program may be successful.

CHAMBER COMMERCE MEET

The Boone Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday evening at the Princess Cafe with 26 members present. Discussions of local and county problems in round table fashion, featured the gathering.

EIGHT WATAUGANS RECEIVE DEGREES AT END OF TERM

146 Graduate From Appalachian State Teachers College; Finals Friday.

HON. VICTOR BRYANT DELIVERS THE ADDRESS

Durham Legislator Pays Tribute to Work of Dr. Dougherty; Details of the Commencement Program Given.

Eight Wataugans were among the 146 graduates to receive degrees and normal diplomas at the Appalachian State Teachers College commencement here last Friday, May 1. Four of this number were graduated with honors, the highest number from any one county. The complete list follows:

B. S. in Primary education: Lillian Crow Abrams, summa cum laude; Ruth Coffey Porter, cum laude; Grace McNinch Council, cum laude; Ollie Jean Coffey, cum laude.

B. S. in Grammar Grade education: Lavola Carendar and Eric C. Triplett; normal diploma in Grammar Grade education: Lexie Marie Miller.

The commencement address was delivered by the Honorable Victor Bryant, of Durham, chairman of the education committee of the General Assembly. His subject was "The State as a Business Enterprise."

The speaker referred briefly to the history of Appalachian and paid tribute to the two Dougherty brothers whose work and dreams made possible such an institution in the heart of the mountain country. Upon referring to Dr. Dougherty as "your well loved president," the speaker was interrupted by a deafening burst of applause as the audience attested its approval of his words.

The Commencement Day program was said by many to have been the most beautiful and impressive ever held here. Led by Dr. Dougherty the line of march started from the old Academy building, the nucleus around which the college has grown. The long line of black-capped-and-gowned seniors, followed by the normal graduates dressed in white, wound slowly across the campus beneath the towering white pines, as though reluctant to give up their care-free status of under-graduates and assume the dignity of alumni. The sight brought a catch to the throat and a mist to the eyes of more than one onlooker remembering how the man at the head of the line had worked with his own hands to raise the first building and to clear the ground for the campus over which they marched and to build the institution upon which his efforts and dreams of a lifetime have been lavished.

The complete program was: Processional, college orchestra; "Holy, Holy, Holy," audience, led by Miss

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SOLICIT AID FOR SCOUT BUILDING

Organization Heads Ask Co-operation of People in Building Scout Home.

A strong effort is being made to have the permanent home for the local Boy Scout Troop ready for occupancy during this summer and an appeal is being made to the people of the community to aid in this project. An open letter signed by W. H. Gragg, Mayor, C. W. Teal, Commander of the American Legion, B. W. Stallings, Scoutmaster, Wade E. Brown, President of the Chamber of Commerce, and J. C. Canipe, chairman of the troop committee, asks for help in this worthy movement. The text of the letter follows:

"Our Boy Scouts under the able leadership of Scoutmaster B. W. Stallings, are undertaking to build a little hut for a permanent home. They have been meeting in the Old Baptist Church but that is now being torn down. So they have no home now.

"The land has been donated by the courtesy of the American Legion local Post. Lumber has been given by a friend in Butler, Tenn. This is a call upon our local citizens to donate money for the purpose of erecting the hut. The Scouts intend to do lots of the work but they will need carpenters to do the main body and supervise the entire structure. Would you like to have a part in this fine work? You may leave your gifts with any of the names signed below. This call is being issued by the following men:"

W. H. GRAGG, Mayor
C. W. TEAL, American Legion
B. W. STALLINGS, Scoutmaster
WADE BROWN, Chamber of Commerce
J. C. CANIPE, Chairman, Troop Committee

"Life Long Enough"



NEW YORK . . . "The life span of humans is long enough . . . and the object of science should be to make life happier, not longer," so says Lord Hordier (above) King Edward VIII's physician who is here on a visit.

RECORDERS COURT TO BE ABOLISHED

County Commissioners Pass Resolution; No Candidates for The Judgeship.

The Board of Commissioners in session Monday passed a resolution which will discontinue the Recorder's court at the end of the term of the present Judge. The text of the resolution is as follows:

"Whereas after due consideration and in the absence of anyone filing as Recorder for the coming 2 years, and whereas, the Legislature, 1935 session, did provide and empower the governing body of Watauga county with authority to discontinue or dispose of said court of said county, it is hereby ordered by the said governing body that no appropriation be made to maintain said court after term of office of present Judge and Solicitor expires, and after which time the said court is automatically discontinued."

Agitation for the discontinuance of the court has been going on since the expenses of Superior Court terms have not been cut to the point expected. Understanding was that the inferior court would save much costs, but due to the fact that it could handle but few civil cases, a special June term of Superior court had to be established after it was created. This condition caused considerable opposition, but no official action was taken until Monday.

STUDENTS SCORE HIGH IN COUNTY

Twenty-five Are Singled Out For Achievements In State-Wide Contests.

Twenty-five students in the county schools made pre-eminent showings in the state-wide seventh grade tests, according to W. H. Walker, county superintendent. The names of these who rank the highest in the county and the names of the schools to which they belong, follow:

Ruth Miller, Blaine Miller, Louise Taylor, Boone Demonstration; Ruby Bingham, Cove Creek; Francis Johnson, Bamboo; Victoria Smith, Valley Mountain; Coolidge Greene, Deep Gap; Harold Gray Mast, Cove Creek; Helen Bond, Bamboo; Carrie Looka-bill, Riverview; Georgia Perry Greene, Boone Demonstration; Billie Harmon, Cove Creek; Smith Walker, Cove Creek; James Harris, Boone Demonstration; Max Story, Blowing Rock; Horace Mull, Blowing Rock; Beulah Parche, Grandfather; Bill Foster, Blowing Rock; Edith Trivett, Deep Gap; Mabel Farthing, Bethel; Virgie Greene, Greene Valley; Ila Story, Blowing Rock; Josephine Farthing, Bethel; Lavola Brown, Cove Creek; Gertrude Norris, Boone.

Two Arrested For Mail Box Robbery

Albert Presnell and Troy Ward, Avery county citizens were arrested by Sheriff Howell Saturday, charged with having robbed the R. F. D. mail box of Mr. Amos Ward of Beech Creek. Sheriff Howell states that Mr. Ward had mailed his deposit to the Banner Elk Bank, and that this was included in the letters taken. There was \$216 in cash and checks in the letter, it was said, and the checks are alleged to have been endorsed and cashed. Avery county officers came to Boone and took the prisoners to Newland.

MEN'S MEETING FRIDAY

This is the big day in Boone. Come hear great speakers. Come and see your fellow men from all over this section of your state. Pastors, we look for you and your men. Don't forget Friday of this week—all day.
J. C. CANIPE, Pastor.

WORK ON STREETS WILL BE RESUMED SAYS JIM RIVERS

Sixth District Director And E. W. Cole, Assistant, on Tour of Inspection.

SAYS COUNTY HAS BEEN ALLOTTED ABOUT \$65,000

Believes That Further Appropriations For New Works Program Are to Be Forthcoming. Reviews Local Work.

The work on four miles of Boone streets, being done under the sponsorship of the Works Progress Administration is expected to be resumed this morning, according to Jim Rivers, sixth district director, and E. W. Cole, assistant director, who were in Boone Wednesday on a tour of inspection. Mr. Rivers stated that the local work was stopped last week due to a temporary shortage of funds, but that additional allotments had been made Kiker & Yount, Reidsville contractors, have the contract for the surface-treatment and will have distributors, rollers, brooms, etc. here this week to do the finishing work. The project it is said is conducted on state highway department specifications.

Reviews The Program

Mr. Rivers briefly reviewed the program in this county, stating that something like \$61,000 had already been appropriated for Watauga county. The work undertaken includes five school buildings, improvements to seven county roads, completion of Watauga hospital, building of athletic field for Boone High School, improvement of Rutherford fish hatchery, work on Boone streets, repairs to courthouse and other public buildings. It was stated that following the action of Congress in appropriating \$1,500,000,000, a full new program of public works will be inaugurated, in which Watauga county will share proportionately.

The Boone High School building, under supervision of P. C. Wyke, was reported as making good progress. The footings have been poured and the basement forms are in place. The actual laying of the native stone walls is expected to begin next Monday and the first unit of the plant will cost around \$65,000.

The officials predicted the completion of the modern elementary school plant at Mabel in time for the opening of the next school term. The foundations have been laid and the sub-flooring is almost complete. Wilfred Davis is in charge of the work.

Masons are now working on the foundation for the Valle Crucis school under the supervision of Charles Hartley, while at Bethel High School the excavations and footings will be ready for the masons by the middle of the month. Pete Hagaman is in charge of this project.

Mr. Rivers states that other projects in the county are making good progress, despite the bad weather, and he further states that there is a very pleasing reduction in the relief load over district six. Hundreds of workers are being absorbed in industry, he says, and numbers of the workers are returning to the farm in time for the cropping season.

Baseball Teams Are Organized Into League

Representatives of Boone's Fork, Bamboo, Blowing Rock, Aho, Vilas, Bamboo Junior and Boone's baseball teams met at the courthouse in Boone Saturday and organized the Watauga County Baseball League and elected Mr. Oliver Robinson as secretary-treasurer, and C. W. Teal, president.

It was decided to use the same by-laws and rules as those used last year, except that the entrance fee shall be reduced to \$5.00.

The managers of all teams are requested to meet Saturday, May 9, at 2:30 p. m., at the Boone Department Store in order to fully organize and transact any other business that may come up.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION WILL BE HELD MAY 16th

The Democratic County Convention will be held in the courthouse in Boone Saturday, May 16 at 11 o'clock pursuant to a call issued today by J. L. Wilson, chairman of the county executive committee. The convention will be for the purpose of naming delegates to the state convention in Raleigh on June 12 and for the transaction of any other business which may be deemed pertinent.

The precinct meetings are to be held Saturday, May 9 at 2 o'clock, to elect the precinct committees and delegates to the county convention. Mr. Wilson states that a well-known speaker will address the county convention.