

The Week in Washington

A RESUME OF GOVERNMENTAL HAPPENINGS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Whatever final form the new tax bill may take, the necessity for raising additional revenues was emphasized by Secretary Morgenthau when he informed the Senate Finance Committee that the Federal Government deficit for this fiscal year will run to \$5,966,000,000. Mr. Morgenthau arrived at that figure by including an entire bonus payments, of some \$2,000,000,000, in this year's expenditures, although much of that money will not be paid out until the next fiscal year, which begins July 1. Nevertheless, he made it very clear that the Treasury is deeper in the red than ever before and that something has to be done about it.

Whether the plan which the President proposed and which has been shaped into a revenue bill will produce the necessary additional income is one of those debatable questions to which nobody can give a positive answer until after a year or two of experience. Probably more serious attention would have been given to such proposals as that of Senator La Follette, for broadening the income tax to include small incomes and increase the levies on large incomes, if this were not an election year.

In an election year it is regarded as bad politics for the party in power to impose new taxes calculated to touch the pocketbook of the ordinary voter.

Farm Loan Bill Again

In the light of Mr. Morgenthau's statement it is clear that the Government's income must be increased by at least one-third, or that expenditures must be reduced in the same proportion. And in an election year it is just as hard for politicians to bring themselves to curtail the distribution of public money as it is to widen the tax range. Their inclination, on the contrary, is all the other way.

This inclination to spend, accounts for the revival of interest at this time in the Frazier-Lemke Farm Mortgage Loan Bill. This would provide for the printing of \$3,000,000,000 of currency, not backed by anything but the Government's credit, to be used in making loans on farm mortgages at 1 1/2 per cent. Though the House is friendly to this plan, there seems to be little likelihood that the Senate will stand for it. It gives a lot of the boys on Capitol (Continued on page 8.)

Mrs. A. B. Moody Dies Thursday At Age of 74

Mrs. Matissey Emma Moody, esteemed resident of Sherwood community, died last Thursday at the age of 74 years.

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon from the Henson's Chapel Methodist Church by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Parker and interment was in the nearby cemetery.

A large crowd of friends and neighbors gathered to pay their respects and a beautiful floral offering was in charge of the following ladies: Blanche Stokes, Bessie Brown, Blanche Fletcher, Margaret Cooke, Kate Henson, Francis Mast, Jamie Harman, Mattie Harman, Carrie Isaacs, Effie Isaacs, Mary E. Phillips, Amy Henson, Mrs. Ruth Mast.

The pallbearers were: D. T. Brown, Andy Greer, Tom Moody, Don Stokes, Chauncey Moody, Boss Henson, Oak Henson, Jake Mast and Wiley Mast.

Surviving are the husband, two daughters, Mrs. Charles Fletcher, and Mrs. Claud Davis; one son, Dave Moody, ten grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Mrs. Moody was born in Watauga county in 1861. She was married to Mr. A. B. Moody on February 17, 1884. To this union was born seven children, four of whom have gone on before. She was converted in early life and joined Henson's Chapel Church, where she remained a loyal member. She was a faithful wife, a loving mother and a Christian neighbor.

Albert Coates Will Speak at Banner Elk

Banner Elk, May 9.—Albert Coates of the University of North Carolina will make an address on "Need for Reform in State Administration" May 15 at the fourth public forum on current problems held at Lees-McRae College. Mr. Coates is the Director of the Institute of Government of North Carolina and is also editor of Popular Government. Following the address the speaker will lead the students in an open discussion on problems relating to state administration.

This is the last of a series of open forum discussions on current problems made possible at Lees-McRae College by friends of the late Mrs. Mary Mildred Sullivan of New York. Other subjects discussed at the forums are: "The Influence of the Press on Public Opinion" by S. T. Henry of Spruce Pine, "Relation of Our Present Monetary System on the Stability of the Government" by Thomas Craig of Charlotte, "The Supreme Court As a Check on Congress" by Dr. A. Currie of Davidson College.

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Rival Keynoters Discuss Political Conventions



WASHINGTON. Above are the two men who will sound political keynotes which will get Republican and Democratic conventions under way during June. On the left is Senator Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky who will be the 1936 Democratic keynoter at Philadelphia, June 23 and on the right is Senator Frederick Steiwer of Oregon, Republican keynoter at Cleveland, June 9.

\$92,196.91 SPENT IN THIS COUNTY

WPA Program to Continue to June 30th, and Perhaps Through Balance of Year.

Winston-Salem, May 13.—Director Jim Rivers, of the Sixth WPA District, in which Watauga County is located, announced today that this county had during the WPA program received a total of \$92,196.91 in Federal funds. This money has already been spent, or is now being used to carry on projects in the county to give work to unemployed. Under the present program WPA should continue until June 30, according to Mr. Rivers, and it is hoped that before Congress adjourns provision will have been made for a much larger and better program for the balance of the year.

Street Repairs at Boone was a major WPA project in Watauga county, \$20,472.29 in Federal money being allotted for this work, while the Federal Government donated \$11,219.00 to the construction of Mabel School.

In addition to the above projects the following were also operated under WPA: Aho-Pealey Road Construction, repairing the Courthouse, Boone; Glenn Bernie Park, Bowling Rock, Athletic Field at A. S. T. C.; County-wide Road Improvement; Colored Schol Building; High School Construction at A. S. T. C.; School Building, Bethel; School Construction at Valle Crucis; repairs to Courthouse, Boone; Concrete Tunnels, A. S. T. C.; Fish Hatchery, Hospital, A. S. T. C.; Sewing Rooms; Privies; Recreational Activities, school lunches and clerical project.

Church Unity To Be Theme Of Gathering

"A Realistic Approach to Church Unity" will be the subject of a seminar, or group discussion, to be held in the dining hall of the Valle Crucis School, Thursday evening, May 14th, at 8 o'clock.

The pastors and congregations of the different churches in the county have been invited to attend and give their ideas on this important subject.

Notes will be taken on what is said, and the results typed for future consideration.

All interested in this subject are cordially invited to attend.

YOUTHS HAVE CHANCE TO GET EMPLOYMENT

Any youths of the county who are on relief and unemployed should get in touch with Miss Theodosia Watson at once, it is said.

To be eligible for work under the new Federal proposal a youth must be between the ages of 16 and 25, be registered with Miss Watson, who is the certifying officer; be a member of a relief family, and be registered with Mr. Frank Barid of the United States Employment Service.

TRIPLETT AGAIN GOES STRONG IN BASEBALL

Coker Triplett, Watauga man, who is making rapid headway in professional baseball and who is spending the present season with the Southern League at Nashville, Tenn., is now tied for first place batting honors at 442, friends in this community have learned. Young Triplett is now one of the regular players with the Nashville organization and sports writers believe that he is headed for the top in baseball.

CENTENARIAN IS TAKEN BY DEATH

Mrs. Ann Hayes, of Route 2, Reaches End of Life Span of 103 Years.

Watauga county's only centenarian, so far as is recalled, Mrs. Ann Hayes, died at the home of a sister, Mrs. E. J. Norris of Route 2, last Saturday, after a period of failing health extending several months. Mrs. Hayes had lived to the remarkable age of 103 years, 1 month and one day.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Sunday, Revs. Ed Hodges, W. C. Payne and W. D. Ashley taking part in the rites and interment was in the family cemetery.

The nearest surviving relative is Mrs. E. J. Norris, who is more than 90 years old.

Mrs. Hayes' life ran concurrently with the machine age, she being born less than two years after the first steam locomotive chuffed down the rails, and was a sprightly little girl of four when the first metal steamship was built in this country from iron imported from England. Shortly prior to that time she had heard the old folks tell of the massacre of the Alamo and the falling of Davy Crockett. Telegraph lines, ocean cables, and electric current came about during her time, and the day she died a giant ship of the skies landed in America from Germany with more than one hundred men aboard. As the clouds of the Civil War hovered over the South, and the lines of gray moved against the Union forces Mrs. Hayes was 28 years old, and four years later recalled the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox. Her life covered the most active century in progressive action, and she was interested to the last in the news of the day.

Mrs. Hayes was a daughter of John Norris and was born in Watauga county. She was the widow of the late Joe Hayes of the Brushy Fork section and had made her home for many years with her sister. She was a devout member of the Baptist Church and a kindly and beloved lady.

NEW FIRE ENGINE DELIVERED HERE

Insurance Rates Expected to be Lowered as Department Is Modernized.

The new fire truck was delivered to the town of Boone last week, and with its addition the fire department is modernized to the extent of causing considerable reductions in fire insurance rates in this community, it is said.

The new machine, which was built for the town, is an American La France, which is regarded as a sort of standard of excellence in this field, and is said to be the last word in fire-fighting equipment. The machine is powered with a high-speed eight-cylinder motor and is supplied with pumps capable of throwing 700 gallons of water per minute. Nine hundred feet of new hose was included in the purchase, and the unit is complete with the usual equipment.

The engine which has been in use for some years is being retained by the department, and Chief Pat McGuire believes the fire hazard has thus been reduced to a minimum.

BANK DIRECTORS ANSWER CHARGES RECENTLY FILED

Attorneys For Bank Officials Cite Reorganization Suit Now Pending; Some Details of The Answer.

SAY ANOTHER SUIT IS PENDING; PLEA ESTOPEL

Directors of Peoples Bank Deny Many Allegations Brought In Lawsuit.

Five former directors of the Peoples Industrial Bank, through their attorneys, have specifically denied certain charges made by W. L. Cook and others, growing out of the alleged loss of deposits by the plaintiffs in dealing with the bank, and the answer to the complaint of the depositors has been filed with the Clerk of the Court.

The depositors, in instituting suit against the former directors of the defunct bank, it is recalled, charged loss of their money through mismanagement, and alleged that the bank had received their deposits when they should have known the institution was insolvent. Recently, the Democrat published a portion of the complaint made by W. L. Cook, and while they are all substantially the same, the substance of the answer to his complaint will be given.

The defendants, R. T. Greer, G. K. Moose, W. H. Gregg, I. C. Critcher and Sarah Wagner, specifically deny that they failed to perform any duty or duties required of them under the laws of North Carolina.

In that portion of the complaint dealing with the deposits it is stated that no portion of the funds had been withdrawn. The defendants say:

"That they admit that the plaintiff had on deposit in the Peoples Industrial Bank the sum of \$3819.13, but deny that no part of said sum has been withdrawn, these defendants averring the facts to be that the said W. L. Cook on the 6th day of November 1934, paid a stock assessment for C. M. Critcher in the sum of \$200 and the sum of \$500 on his own stock assessment on the 11th day of November 1934 and that the sum of \$50 was offset by the said W. L. Cook against a note for said amount, leaving a balance of \$3069.13, all of the said sums having been paid out (Continued on Page 5)

Esteemed Meat Camp Citizen Dies Friday

William S. Norris, aged 65, well-known citizen of the Meat Camp section and a brother to Mrs. M. B. Blackburn of Boone, died at his home last Friday.

Funeral services were conducted at the Fairview Methodist Church at 2 o'clock Sunday by the Reverends Greene, Winkler, and Hendricks and interment was in that neighborhood.

Surviving are three daughters, Mesdames E. T. Troutman, Statesville, Eugene Phillips, Boone and Carl Byers, Zionville. Two brothers, J. A. and J. B. Norris of Boone, survive, and two sisters, Mrs. M. B. Blackburn of Boone and Mrs. McD. Wagoner of Brownwood.

Mr. Norris was a farmer by occupation and had resided in Watauga county throughout his long life, where he was held in the highest esteem. He was faithful to his church, to his community and friends, and a thoroughly honorable, upright and conscientious citizen.

CHURCH BEING RAZED

The Episcopal Church building, one of the old landmarks about the town is being torn down, by the new owner of the property, Mr. Chappel Wilson, who expects to use the framing and such other of the timber as is practical, in the construction of a dwelling house on the rear of the lot. Mr. Wilson says he does not contemplate building on the valuable frontage for the present.

COOKING SCHOOL

The Northwest Carolina Utilities in a large advertisement in the Democrat today calls attention to a cooking school which will be held in Spartanburg on the 19th. Mr. G. T. Robbins, manager for the company in this section further states that a similar school will be held in West Jefferson at the Jeffersonian Theatre May 18, at 2 p. m., and invites the people of this section to be present at one of the events.

CHURCH WORK PROGRESSES

The tearing down of the Baptist Church building, to make way for the principal unit of the new plant, is progressing, and the brick walls are practically out of the way. Mr. Frank Miller is superintending the work, and it is expected that the ground will be ready for a start to be made on the new structure within a very few days.

SPEAKS TODAY



Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of the state, who is running on an anti-sales tax platform will address the voters of the county at the courthouse this (Thursday) morning at 10 o'clock. It has been announced. This will be the first public appearance of Dr. McDonald in this community.

CLEAN-UP WEEK IS TO START MONDAY

Mayor Issues Annual Proclamation. Town To Haul Away Rubbish.

Beginning Monday and continuing through the week, the annual Clean-up period will be observed in Boone during which time it is asked by the officials that all residents make an especial effort to make their premises slightly, and place the rubbish in containers where it may be hauled away by the city trucks.

Mayor W. H. Gregg has issued the following appeal to the citizens:

"As Mayor of the town of Boone I wish to ask my fellow citizens to join in the movement to make our town more attractive, and I am especially anxious that there be a general observance of Clean-up week. Due to the extremely rough winter, our premises have become rather more unsightly than usual, vacant lots are littered, and there is much to be done during the week. We are very anxious that citizens gather the trash from their homes and lots and place it in containers at convenient spots so that it may be hauled away by the city trucks, and we will cooperate in every way possible. This year should witness a greatly increased number of visitors to this section and it will be greatly to our mutual advantage to have the town clean and beautiful. Let's all join together in this movement."

1500 WORKING ON PARKWAY ROUTE

Ashe and Alleghany Men in Large Numbers Reported as Being Employed.

(Skyland Post)

According to news given out by J. B. Hash, employment supervisor for this district, Ashe and Alleghany counties now have 1500 men working on the Blue Ridge Parkway, with prospects good for getting jobs for all who have applied.

At present there is a labor shortage in Alleghany which leaves more places for workers from Ashe. The chief hindrance laborers have who go from Ashe to Alleghany is that they are allowed to work only five 6-hour days at thirty cents per hour from which the worker must take his board and travel.

More Jobs Later

Mr. Hash states that the work is disappointing now because only grading and right-of-way cutting is being done which requires little man power, but as soon as the crushers and the rock quarry work is started, it is expected that all labor can be placed in this county.

All persons who can operate any of the road equipment, particularly jack hammers, are asked to register so they will be available. Jack hammer operators are paid 45 cents per hour instead of the regular 30.

Visitors May See Parkway

Even in its uncompleted state, the parkway may be shown to visitors who will get a good idea of the immense task that is being undertaken, and the great scenic possibilities the finished road will be possess. Cars can get on the road at either Glendale Springs or at Laurel Springs and it is fast becoming a popular place for a Sunday afternoon drive.

PIE SUPPER

There will be a pie supper at Mabel school house Saturday night, May 16. Everybody is invited.

LARGE NUMBER OF DEMOCRATS EAGER FOR NOMINATIONS

Twenty File For Positions On County Ticket in Primary to Be Held June 6.

REPUBLICANS OFFER FULL SLATE, WITH ONE CONTEST

Six Candidates File For State Senate; Two For Representative; Three For Sheriff; Names Of All Filing.

Twenty Democrats had filed for the nine positions on the county ticket when the filing period closed at 6 o'clock Saturday afternoon, while the Republicans had offered candidates for all the offices, no more than one candidate being offered, except in the instance of the office of Register of Deeds. This will necessitate the Republicans participating in the primary.

Few had filed for office until near the closing period, when the slate for the Democratic nomination for the State Senate grew to five, and when the third candidate offered himself for the position of Sheriff. At the same time, two seek Democratic legislative honors in the lower house of the assembly, and voters will have the choice of three between six candidates for county commissioner.

Both parties filed about the usual number of candidates for justice of the peace and township constable. Following are the names which will appear on the Democratic ticket in the primary of June 6th:

For State Senate: Wade E. Brown, R. T. Greer, John E. Combs, Charles T. Zimmerman and Rev. W. A. Deaton.

For Representative: W. F. Miller and L. T. Tatum.

For Sheriff: A. Y. Howell, Abe Edminsten and Edward Mast.

For Register of Deeds: Helen Underdown, Mrs. Ruth Isaacs.

For Surveyor: C. F. Thompson.

For Coroner: Richard F. Kelley.

For County Commissioners: Eller McNeil, Coy I. Billings, Ira Edminsten, J. L. Triplett, Colby Greene, Avery W. Greene.

The full slate of candidates of the Republican party follows, only the candidates for register of deeds to be voted on in the primary:

For Senate: C. M. Critcher.

For Representative: S. C. Eggers.

For Sheriff: O. J. Harman.

For Register of Deeds: Homer Greer, Verna Calloway, Maud Powell.

For Surveyor: I. A. Baumgarner.

For Coroner: No candidate filed.

For Commissioners: Ralph G. Greer, A. C. Moody, Spencer Miller.

Registration books opened last Saturday and will remain open in the various precincts for two more Saturdays, the third being set aside as challenge day. Absentee ballots, as is usual will be permitted in the primary.

Spanish War Veterans In Annual Picnic Here

The veterans of the Spanish American War in this section will participate in their second annual picnic at the Rutherford fish hatchery May 30, at 10 a. m., it has been announced by Albert Watson, the district commander.

L. L. Merchant, state commander, will be the principal speaker on the program, and other speeches are being arranged. Besides an interesting musical program is being contemplated.

All Spanish War veterans are urged to attend and bring well-filled baskets, and besides the few remaining veterans of the Civil War are invited.

MISS STEELE HONORED

Miss Mada Steele, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Steele, formerly of Boone, was awarded the annual D. A. R. award for a subject pertaining to the Revolutionary War, at the close of the Hickory High School. The topic this year was, "Statesmen as Revealed During the Revolution." Mrs. Nobel Shumate made the presentation, news of which comes with a great deal of interest to friends of the young lady in this community.

RECORDER'S COURT

Only two defendants were tried before Judge Bingham Saturday in Recorder's court.

Clarence Burgess and Bessie Wilcox, f. and a. Assessed with the cost.

HOOVER SPEAKS

Announcement is made that former President Herbert Hoover will address the county by radio May 14 at 7:30, standard time, using as his subject, "A Republican Program."