

The Week in Washington

A RESUME OF GOVERNMENTAL HAPPENINGS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Washington.—While Washington's attention is not in the least diverted from the presidential campaign...

But whether Mr. Roosevelt or Mr. Landon is elected, the mill of the Supreme Court will grind on as if there had been no political campaign.

The principal laws under attack are the Wagner Labor Relations Act, the Frazier-Lemke Farm Mortgage moratorium measure, the 1933 "Truth in Securities" act, the Public Utility Holding Company act and the right of PWA to make loans for publicly owned hydro-electric plants.

The Challenged Laws. The Wagner Labor Relations Act, which established the National Labor Relations Board and guaranteed the right of collective bargaining to all employees, has been challenged by the Associated Press and by the Bradley Lumber company of Arkansas.

Several power companies have questioned the constitutionality of government loans for publicly owned electric light and power systems. Their complaint is that this puts the government into unfair competition with private business.

A step toward bringing about better relations between the government and privately owned power companies was taken in the White House.

While no public information was given out as to what was discussed, it is understood here that the effort was to find a reasonable rule to govern the distribution of power produced at government dams in the Tennessee Valley and elsewhere.

The right of the government to distribute this power has been challenged, though its right to generate electric energy as an incident to the construction of dams for flood and navigation control, has been upheld by the Supreme Court.

The Frazier-Lemke Act which granted a three-year moratorium against foreclosure of farm mortgages has been challenged by the Phoenix Joint Stock Land Bank of Kansas City, which has carried the request to the Supreme Court after adverse ruling by the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals.

No formal action to challenge the constitutionality of the Social Security Act has yet reached the Supreme Court, although that is a very important act of the 74th Congress of which a constitutional test is expected sooner or later.

In the meantime, the Social Security Board is preparing to carry out the provisions of the Act, especially that part of it dealing with old age insurance, which does not take effect until January 1, 1937.

The gigantic task upon which a huge staff of clerks has been at work for nearly a year is that of checking and recording the names, ages, and employment records of some 26,000,000 workers in industry and business.

Beginning January 1, every employer will be required to pay to the government a tax of one per cent of his total payroll, except for such parts of it as run above \$3,000 a year for any particular employee.

Out of the proceeds of this payroll tax the act provides for retirement pensions beginning at the age

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Arithmetic on Track 3... ALL ABOARD!



Helena, Mont.—In appearances, at least, Helena high school students are going places this year. A long string of eighteen railway passenger coaches are their class rooms.

HIGH SCHOOL IS TAKING ON SHAPE

Handsome Stone Structure Is Nearing Completion; Hospital To Be Finished Soon.

According to Dr. Dougherty, president of the Appalachian college, and reports from other sources, the new Boone High School which is now being constructed by WPA workers is gradually nearing completion.

With twenty large rooms and twenty smaller ones the building when finished will be the most up-to-date school in this section of the state.

The Watauga county hospital which is being constructed on the college grounds at Appalachian is to be completed within the near future. A new appropriation of three thousand and five hundred dollars just received from the Dulce endowment is expected to furnish sufficient funds for the building completion.

Already the two top floors have been finished, thus making the job complete with the exception of the bottom floor. A regular force is working daily in an effort to have the hospital ready to serve the citizens of Boone and surrounding counties at the earliest possible moment.

JIM RIVERS BREAKS SILENCE AS TO HIS "RESIGNATION" FROM WPA POSITION

Jim Rivers, who as co-publisher of the Watauga Democrat won wide recognition for his original writings under the head of "Boone Sketches," broke a silence last week which began with his "resignation" as director of the Sixth WPA district, and stated that he had accepted a field position with a firm of contractors.

In a statement made to the Winston-Salem Journal, Mr. Rivers stated that he was willing to "sustain the judgment" of State WPA Administrator George W. Coan, Jr., who assertedly removed him in September from the district post.

"To use an expression made famous by a certain presidential candidate," Mr. Rivers said, "I was caught fumbling with recovery and my unexpected impeachment is accepted without rancor."

The former district official of the federal works program was interviewed on the day appointment of a new permanent director was announced. His new job is field representative of Kirkman Brothers, general contractors of Winston-Salem. He has assumed his duties.

"The Hon. George W. Coan, Jr., state administrator of WPA, deemed it the part of wisdom to accept my alleged resignation as director of the sixth district," said Mr. Rivers, who continued, "for a couple of weeks I nursed a basket of the well-known sour grapes; the flesh, to be fair about it, was at war with reason, and I felt that someone had dealt me a couple from the bottom to my side of the table."

HOWELL HEADS ALUMNI GROUP

Election Of Officers Was Feature of Alumni Activities At Homecoming.

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Another event of the homecoming program which caused favorable comment was the project contest featured by the different organizations of the college. Mrs. Shipman, secretary of the western division of the Woman's Club of North Carolina, Mrs. Louise Aldridge, of the Ruth-Louise Shop, Boone, and Paul Weston, who runs a studio here in Boone, served as judges for the contest, awarding the prize trophy to the English Major club which was sponsored by Dr. Amos Abrams, member of the Appalachian faculty.

MR. C. D. MACKAY DIES

Mr. C. D. Mackay, Jr., 22, died Wednesday morning at his home in Washington after an illness of two months, and the funeral was conducted Thursday morning in Raleigh.

Mr. Mackay was a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Mackay, his father being vice president of the Southern Railway System. The Mackays are quite well known in this section, the family having resided at Blowing Rock during the summer months for many years.

REPUBLICANS IN LARGE NUMBERS HEAR COL. KNOX

Forty-Five Local G. O. P. Leaders Journey to Asheville to Hear Vice Presidential Candidate, Who Predicts N. C. Victory.

Forty-five Republicans from the different sections of the county formed a motorecade Tuesday which moved into Asheville in the afternoon where Col. Frank Knox, Republican candidate for the vice presidency expressed the belief that Tarheelia would give her electoral vote to Governor Landon and that several Republicans from the state would be seated in the new congress.

Those going from Watauga included: Will Pugh, Frank Pearson, E. F. Shore, A. D. Adams, W. D. Farthing, W. M. Thomas, Chas. G. Lewis, F. E. Litten, Mrs. F. E. Litten, Mrs. C. O. Roberts, Mrs. Estelle Ashley, C. L. Smith, E. D. Cook, Mrs. E. D. Cook, W. C. Carroll, Vernon Robbins, Chas. L. Younce, Jack Hodges, W. B. Day, Albert Watson, S. C. Eggers, N. M. Greene, Carl Byers, Clyde R. Greene, C. M. Critcher, T. L. Cook, G. F. Critcher, C. P. Moore, Spencer Miller, Iva Wilson, Mrs. Iva Wilson, Will Miller, Robert Foster, George Main, Frank Main, James Hodges, Howard Foster, Eugene Russell, Mrs. Eugene Russell, W. H. Gragg, John W. Hodges, Mrs. Russell Hodges, Russell Hodges, W. R. Wood, J. R. Trivett, T. E. Bingham, Mrs. T. E. Bingham, Mabel Bingham.

The Republican party is progressing in the state, Knox asserted, because "it is the best party to promote the growth of North Carolina's relatively new industrial character. Nowhere has the New Deal's lack of understanding of the issues and of public opinion been better appreciated," Col. Knox said, "than in North Carolina, where industry is making such rapid strides."

Col. Knox said that "when you vote for the present administration you are not voting the Democratic ticket. I would not accuse the Democratic party of responsibility for the present administration," he said. "That would be a slander on the party of Thomas Jefferson and Grover Cleveland and Woodrow Wilson and Carter Glass."

"When you vote for the present administration you are voting for more boondoggling; for government by guess... The administration does not represent the principles of the Democratic party. It has outraged every principle for which the Democratic party has always stood."

"North Carolina has the materials," he stated, "to build a great industrial empire," he continued, "but you cannot build it under a government that restricts production and throttles free enterprise."

SEEKS LABOR ON HIGHWAY PROJECT

Scarcity Of Men For Operating Road Equipment Is Cited By Re-Employment Head.

Mr. R. L. Wooten, district director of the National Reemployment office at North Wilkesboro, who was in town Friday, reports a pressing need for men experienced in the operation of road machinery, and states that this type of labor is particularly short in this section.

Mr. Wooten reports a great scarcity of all kinds of skilled laborers. A year ago, he said, almost five hundred men, skilled at various trades were seeking employment through his office. There is not one in the file now, and he is finding it impossible to meet the demands of employers throughout the region.

Poultrymen in Wayne county are busy housing their pullets and culling old birds. Many of the poultrymen began keeping records on October 1.

To Speak Here



A. D. FOLGER

FOLGER SPEAKS THIS EVENING

National Committeeman to Be Present At Democratic Rally Thursday Evening.

Hon. A. D. Folger, member of the Democratic National committee and leading figure in the party in the state, will be the speaker at a Democratic rally to be held at the courthouse Thursday evening.

Mr. Folger's appearance will mark the firing of the first political shot by an outside orator during the current campaign, and considerable interest is attached to the announcement of his engagement. He was the manager for Sandy Graham, who unsuccessfully sought the gubernatorial nomination in the June primary, and is known as an exceptionally able political speaker.

Following the address the completion of the Young Democratic organization will be effected.

DEPOSITORS ARE TO GET PAYMENTS

Rich Mountain Mortgage Company Begins to Function For Bank Stockholders.

The Rich Mountain Mortgage Co., formed during last June for the purpose of taking over and handling certain assets of the Watauga County Bank for the benefit of the preferred stockholders, has begun to function and temporary offices have been established in the Sebastian building, in the Federal Land Bank quarters.

The following citizens were named trustees of the corporation: W. M. Thomas, W. F. Miller, Clyde R. Greene, Gordon H. Winkler, A. E. Hamby. At a recent meeting the manager of the local office and Mr. Farthing will be in charge of the collection and distribution of the funds involved.

Mr. Farthing states that the first ten per cent dividend check will be mailed out just as soon as the proper trustees certificates can be printed and prepared, and the necessary calculations made as to the amount due each stockholder. He wishes however to call attention to the fact that it takes time to transact this business and urges those interested to manifest patience for the next week or ten days.

Mr. Farthing, who has been cashier of the Bank of Blowing Rock until this time and who has made for himself an enviable record in business administration in this section for many years, will devote his full time to the management of the new corporation. The trustees feel extremely fortunate in having been able to secure the services of Mr. Farthing in this connection.

REA Proposal Given Washington Office

Mr. Richard A. Olsen of Valle Crucis, president of the temporary local Rural Electrification organization, accompanied Congressman R. L. Doughton Tuesday to a conference with national REA officials in Washington to present the project for supplying electric current to rural residents of Watauga county.

CONSOLIDATION OF BANKS OF COUNTY ACCOMPLISHED

Bank of Blowing Rock Will Continue to Operate As a Branch of the Watauga County Bank; Depositors to Receive Dividends.

On October 1st, the Watauga County Bank and the Bank of Blowing Rock were consolidated. The Bank of Blowing Rock will continue to operate, but as a branch of the Watauga County Bank. The same banking facilities will be offered as before. This consolidation was brought about under state and federal supervision. The deposits, both at Boone and Blowing Rock, will continue to have the protection of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation—a maximum of \$5,000 for each depositor.

It is believed that this consolidation will make for better banking facilities in the county, as operating expenses will be lowered and taxes materially lessened.

The Bank of Blowing Rock transferred to the Watauga County Bank something over \$161,000 in cash, bonds and real estate of approximately \$14,000, and about \$29,000 in notes—the Watauga County Bank assuming the depository and preferred stock liability. This will release for distribution to the common stockholders of the Bank of Blowing Rock a 10 per cent cash dividend, together with approximately \$30,000 class "A" notes from the current note case, and about \$40,000 class "B" notes to be placed in the hands of a trustee for collection and distribution. The dividend checks will be distributed to the common stockholders of the Bank of Blowing Rock as soon as proper authority can come from Raleigh and Washington, and collection of the remaining assets will begin as soon as the approval of the trustee has been secured from Raleigh.

McDonald to Speak Here Last Of Month

Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, whose vigorous campaign for the governorship last summer was one of the most spectacular in the state's political history, has arranged to deliver an address to the voters of this section Saturday, October 31st. It was announced from local Democratic headquarters Wednesday morning.

Further announcements regarding the scheduled speaking will be announced later, but tentative arrangements indicate that the address will be delivered at 2:30 in the afternoon at the courthouse.

Capt W. B. Smith Succumbs At Lenoir

Captain W. B. Smith, 61, Caldwell county road supervisor for the state highway commission, died in Lenoir Thursday evening as a result of a heart attack following a long period of failing health.

Captain Smith had been a resident of this section of the state for the past 15 years or more, being formerly employed as district supervisor until the inauguration of the present highway system. He was well known in Watauga county.

He was a native of Georgia and funeral services were conducted at his former home near Atlanta Sunday.

The widow is the only survivor in the immediate family.

HOOVER SPEAKS FRIDAY

Former President Hoover is scheduled to deliver a radio address in the interest of the candidacy of Governor Landon from Philadelphia, October 16, it has been announced by the local Republican committee. The address will be delivered over a coast-to-coast network of the National Broadcasting Co., at 9 o'clock, eastern time. Local listeners will likely best get the deliverance through the Charlotte station.

WATAUGA LADY IS MOTHER OF TRIPLETS

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Lewis of the Meat Camp section are the proud parents of three daughters, who were born last Saturday, and who constitute the first surviving triplets to be reported to the Democrat from this section.

The three lusty youngsters weighed five and one-quarter pounds each at birth, according to the attending physician, Dr. J. M. Hodges, of Boone, who adds that the babies are perfectly normal in every respect, and that both they and their mother are doing fine.