

SOCIAL SECURITY FORMS GIVEN OUT IN THIS LOCALITY

Huge Task of Setting Up Millions of Accounts for National Security Board Gets Under Way; Pertinent Facts About the Act

The huge task of setting up millions of accounts for the National Security Board got under way in this community Monday when the postoffice department, in co-operation with the Security Board, delivered forms for receiving employers' applications for identification numbers. Postmaster W. G. Hartzog ordered hundreds of the forms known as SS-4, and their distribution was effected by the offices through boxes, city and rural carriers, to every individual, firm, trust or estate, partnership, or corporation within the delivery of the local office, who has one or more persons less than 65 years of age actually in its employ as of last Monday.

Employers of the following classes of workers will not be required to fill out and return the forms, it is understood: (1) Self-employment; (2) employees of railroads subject to carriers' taxing act; (3) domestic service in private homes; (4) agricultural labor; (5) casual labor not in the course of the employers' trade or business; (6) service performed as an officer or member of the crew of a vessel; (7) service performed in the employ of the U. S. government or of an instrumentality of the United States; (8) service performed in the employ of a state, a political subdivision thereof, or an instrumentality of one or more states or political subdivisions; (9) service performed in the employ of a corporation, community chest, fund or foundation, organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

The forms for identification numbers are to be returned to the local post offices not later than Saturday of this week. As soon as the employer offers his individual list of employees, the postoffice department then plans to send out forms on which employees will make applications for account numbers, the security board being anxious to get the proper forms to every employee coming within the scope of the old-age benefit provisions of the social security act.

The social security act, covering around 2,000 pages in its original form, is quite complicated, no doubt, and its provisions are not generally known in detail, but roughly speaking the act plans to tax the employee 1 per cent of his salary and the employer the same amount to start off with, that those may be taken care of when they reach the age of 65 years. The system is far removed from the plan advanced by Dr. Townsend and which attracted the attention of the aged, crippled and blind in this county several years ago. Despite the little similarity to the Townsend plan and the complications of the system, old age security is in the making, and the task of setting up the millions of accounts will reach employers of labor and employees themselves within the next few days.

Postmaster Hartzog and other employees in the local office will appreciate the co-operation and aid of all who are required to prepare the necessary forms in setting up the machinery for the security system.

STUART T. MOODY DIES IN MONTANA

Former Resident of Watauga Passes in Adopted State; Was 52 Years of Age

Stuart T. Moody, aged 52 years, native Wataugan and son of the late Forg Moody, died at his home in Harlowtown, Montana, October 27, from an attack of pneumonia contracted a few days previously.

Mr. Moody was born in Vilas, North Carolina, June 28, 1884, and went to Dillon, Montana, in 1905. He engaged in railroad work the most of his life, residing in Missoula, Tacoma, Washington, and Laurel before going to Harlowtown in 1922, where he has been employed responsibly since that time with the Milwaukee railroad.

He is survived by the widow and one brother, Forg G. Moody, of St. Paul, Minn.

The funeral was held on the 29th at 2:30 from the Federated church, Rev. Russell Van Allen preaching the sermon. The casket was banked with beautiful floral offerings, and there was a large gathering of friends from throughout the region. The Harlowtown Times, in reporting the death characterizes the deceased as a man of sturdy independence and honesty, and refers to his death as coming in the nature of a severe shock to the people of the city, where the deceased was held in high esteem.

Many friends and relatives reside in Watauga county, where the news of Mr. Moody's death brings deep sorrow.

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Gets Zioncheck Seat



Seattle, Wash.—Warren Magnuson (above), prosecuting attorney, is the Democratic winner of the seat in congress, vacated by the death of the late Representative Marion Zioncheck. There was a wild scramble among candidates in the Democratic primaries for the nomination.

NEED OF ORPHANS IS CALLED URGENT

Mountain Institution Makes Annual Thanksgiving Appeal For the Fatherless

Miss Jane Russell, superintendent of the Grandfather Orphans Home at Banner Elk, in a conversation with The Democrat, says the 85 mountain children who are being reared in the institution are eagerly looking forward to a real Thanksgiving, made possible by cash contributions and offerings of foodstuffs on the part of the people of this section.

Miss Russell states that something like \$6,000 will be needed to take care of the children during the coming winter, and that trucks are now out over the country gathering up the proffered produce. She says the arrival of these trucks is being awaited by the kiddies who take a delight in assisting with the unloading and storage of the products brought.

In keeping with a custom of many years standing The Democrat will again this year receive such gifts of cash, potatoes and canned goods as the people of this community and county wish to contribute, and it is urged that these donations be turned in at once in order that they may be delivered before Thanksgiving. The Grandfather Home is of particular interest to the people of this region since the children being taken care of there are mountain children. The Democrat would urge a liberal response to the appeals of this institution.

WATAUGANS ENTER STOCK IN ASHEVILLE SHOWING

Watauga county has two entries at the Asheville Fat Stock show today (November 18). Two baby beaves owned by Council Henson and Shelton Dugger, of Vilas, are being exhibited in the Asheville show in competition with about 75 other baby beaves owned by 4-H club members from all sections of the state.

After the calves are judged they will be led to the auction ring and sold, thus concluding the biggest show ever staged in western North Carolina.

Since this is the first time Watauga county has been represented in a fat stock show, everyone should feel proud of the two boys who have put forth untiring efforts in order to compete in a show of this kind.

Dewey Herring, 4-H club boy of Greene county, produced 58 bushels of corn on his club acre this season. Dewey planted his corn in alternate rows with soybeans.

Vaults of Banner Elk Bank Looted by Daring Robbers

An acetylene torch was used by robbers in gaining entrance to the Banner Elk Bank Monday night, and an estimated \$5,000 was removed from the inner compartment of the bank's vault. Fifteen hundred dollars in currency is said to have been badly burned by the withering blasts of the torch, and another five thousand water-soaked as the handiwork cooled the steel compartment.

Entrance was gained to the building through a window, and the welding torch was used to burn away an entrance to the outside vault. The safe proper was melted away from the top, it is said. When the robbery was discovered, Cashier J. M. Shoemaker

SEEK TO ADJUST INTEREST RATES

Municipality Takes Steps to Lower Interest and Save Taxpayers Money

Information coming from the city hall indicates that there is bright prospects of carrying through a former proposal to the Local Government Commission, whereby the interest rates on the town's securities would be lowered to the extent that there would be a net saving to the taxpayers of \$6,000 during the first decennium of the plan's operation.

The North Carolina Municipal League is acting as counsel for the city between the bondholders and the government commission and reports coming from Raleigh the first of the week say that already something like \$100,000 in outstanding bonds have been turned in to be exchanged for the proposed new securities which bear the lower rates of interest. Understanding is that to make the plan effective the proposal must be accepted by three-fourths of the bondholders, and the league reports that there is evidence that this may be accomplished within a short time. In the event of compliance by the bondholders, new bonds will be issued, which for the first ten years would bear 3 per cent interest, ranging upward one per cent per year until the rate at the end of the third ten-year period would be five per cent.

Those having securities which they are willing to convert under the proposal may mail them direct to the Local Government Commission in Raleigh, receive a receipt from the treasurer, and secure a new bond or the old on back, depending upon whether the proposal is placed into effect or fails of enactment.

EXPLAINS RATES ON YULE CARDS

Unsealed, Impersonal Messages Go Third Class, Postoffice Authority States

Postmaster W. G. Hartzog has received instructions regarding the rate of postage on Christmas and other greeting cards sent under cover of unsealed envelopes. The instructions state that much confusion appears to exist in the minds of the public and of some postmasters regarding these rates.

"Printed greeting cards," the instructions state, "mailed under cover of unsealed envelopes are chargeable with postage at the third class rate of one and one-half cents for each two ounces or fraction of two ounces, regardless of whether addressed for delivery through postoffice boxes or general delivery, or by city or rural carrier.

"Printed Christmas and other greeting cards in unsealed envelopes may bear simple written inscription not in the nature of personal correspondence, such as 'Merry Christmas,' 'Happy New Year,' 'Sincerely Yours,' or 'With Best Wishes.' Greeting cards, sealed or unsealed, bearing written messages other than such as those above, as well as all cards sent in sealed envelopes, are chargeable with postage at the first class rate of three cents an ounce, except drop letter rates of one and two cents."

Patrons are advised that it is preferable, especially in the case of expensive cards, to have the cards in sealed envelopes and mailed at first-class rates.

ATTEND CONFERENCE

A group of young people from the community attended the Methodist students conference in Durham last week, leaving Boone Friday and returning Sunday evening.

Those making the trip were: Moll Ayers, Lucy Little, Tom Wood, Ivan Pearson, Martha Butler, Lela Clay, Star Stacey, Virginia Holland, Lola Starnes, Jackie Carico, Knox Heffner and Ann Jones.

REUSE BAILEY IS CAPTURED IN OHIO FARM HIDE-OUT

Man Who Stole Cecil Critcher's Automobile in Blowing Rock More Than a Year Ago Falls Before Fusillade of Bullets

Reese Bailey, long sought desperado, known in Watauga for having stolen the automobile of Cecil Critcher in Blowing Rock, temporarily kidnapping its owner, was shot and captured by federal agents last Friday at Jackson, Ohio, in a spectacular raid on the poultry farm, where the noted criminal had made his refuge for a year with his wife and three children.

The prisoner was wounded three times when he attempted to shoot his way out of a trap carefully laid by G-men. He had been sought since he escaped from the North Carolina penitentiary March 22, 1932. He was under indictment for violation of the national automobile theft act and for the murder of Town Marshal Bert Lanley during a bank robbery at Rosalia, Wash.

Bailey, who was described in a department of justice folder as "a desperate criminal, armed at all times, and expert with both pistol and rifle," had been sought by federal agents since May, 1935, when he was indicted for transporting a stolen automobile from Blowing Rock to Erwin, Tenn. Cecil Critcher, the owner of the vehicle, it is recalled, was forced into submission by the bandit, and compelled to lie flat in the bottom of the car while it was driven through Boone. Some miles west of the city, he was liberated, while Bailey proceeded into Tennessee with the vehicle. The following day a man-hunt ensued in the mountains near Erwin, Tenn., in which local officers participated, and it was thought at the time that Bailey had been wounded in the exchange of gun fire.

Walter Porter, of the Meat Camp section, was given a preliminary hearing in Recorder's court Tuesday on a charge of hurling the stone which injured Ira Watson fatally, as the two engaged in an affray at the home of the accused man's mother. The defendant was bound to the April term of Watauga Superior court and in default of a \$3,000 bond was remanded to jail.

Information is that Porter alleges Watson was attacking his mother when the fatal altercation took place.

Boyd Collins, arraigned before the Recorder on a charge of public drunkenness was released on payment of the costs involved.

Loan for county schools discussed

State Board of Education Also Decides to Predate Notes Because of Amendments

Raleigh, Nov. 17.—Watauga county and school officials discussed with the state board of education yesterday a \$25,000 loan which the county school system is scheduled to receive from the state literary fund.

Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction, said the state board completed plans yesterday to date notes of nine counties prior to November 24 for loans they will receive February 10 from the state literary fund. The arrangement was made due to the new debt limitation amendment to the constitution which became effective November 24.

The loans will be: Wake county \$33,000, Bladen \$8,500, Burke \$3,500, Duplin \$6,000, Harnett \$4,000, Watauga \$25,000, Wayne \$25,000, Wilson \$25,000 and Wilkes \$21,500.

City Will Observe Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Day will be observed by practically all the business houses of the town with a complete holiday next Thursday. The postoffice, bank, and all the stores expect to have a day off, and the offices at the courthouse will also be closed. Those who have business to transact in Boone at that time, should anticipate their needs before Thursday so that no inconvenience may result.

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Chief of Police Litten reports to The Democrat that the past week-end was the quietest, in so far as law violations were concerned, of any similar period during his six months on the local force. Not one arrest was made, says Chief Litten, and there was practically no indication of excessive indulgence in alcoholics.