

Washington, Jan. 4.—The 75th congress, which has just begun its first session, has plenty of real work ahead for it.

That is quite natural, since the only pattern or plan for the future is in the president's keeping.

The Big Job Ahead

One of the unimportant jobs to be done is the reorganization of the executive bureaus and departments.

Just before President Hoover went out of office he said that either "congress must keep its hands off now, or they must give to my successor much larger powers of independent action than have been given to any president."

The main obstacle to a logical re-grouping of administrative functions may be found in congress itself.

Mr. Roosevelt stands a better chance of getting congressional support in the face of these powerful "pressure blocks" than any previous president ever had.

Snuff Boxes Filled

Preparations for the opening of congress were completed by the filling of the two snuff boxes which stand on either side of the door to the senate chamber.

The "baby" of the senate, 30-year-old Rush D. Holt of West Virginia, is being disciplined by his elder colleagues for the insurgency which he displayed last year.

Mr. Holt has now been formally notified by the chairman of the senate patronage committee, Senator Hayden, that he will not be allowed to name any persons for jobs in the capitol.

TVA Has Troubles

There is an explosion in prospect inside the TVA, which may have widespread consequences.

Mr. Lillenthal would encourage and aid the establishment of publicly-owned distribution systems, to put the power companies out of business.

President Roosevelt arranged a truce between the two points of view at a White House conference last fall, but it now seems that he will be forced, to take sides with either Mr. Morgan or Mr. Lillenthal.

For a hundred years or so there has been much talk of limiting presidents (Continued on page 8.)

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LEGISLATURE IS FACED BY VARIED, DIFFICULT TASKS

Revenue, Liquor, Sales Tax, Labor and Security Problems Vex Assembly Which Promises Fireworks Galore; Marathon Sitting Predicted

Raleigh, Jan. 5.—Apparently intent upon enacting revenue-producing legislation and taking definite action on the mooted liquor, labor and social security problems in the shortest time possible, legislators poured into the city today for the biennial session of the general assembly.

Noon tomorrow will see the first 1937 gathering of the legislature, but active work will not get under way until next week in deference to the inauguration of Governor-elect Clyde R. Hoey and his delivery of a budget message to the joint session.

Dignity will mark the inauguration Thursday morning at 11 o'clock in Memorial auditorium, when a number of state officers, including Lieut. Gov. W. P. Horton, of Pittsboro, will be inducted into office along with the new governor.

Record appropriations are recommended to the assembly in the report of the advisory budget commission, now being printed. Requests for \$70,000,000 during each year of the biennium, up some \$7,000,000 over current spending, are asked.

Possible reduction by \$2,500,000 annually of revenue from the sales tax may add another problem to the law-makers in their attempt to meet recommended appropriations. The state Democratic party is pledged to remove the levy from "all necessities of life."

Strife over state control of liquor or the county option plan is certain to be intense, with drys insisting upon a state-wide referendum and the 17 counties now operating liquor stores opposing any change. The majority of the state liquor-study commission has recommended county option, with the state getting one-fifth of the profits from sales.

Senators and representatives are divided in their opinion as to the probable length of the 1937 session. Lieutenant Governor-elect Horton said today the legislature still would be in session by May 1, but his chief colleague in the senate, President Pro-Tem A. H. Johnston, of Asheville, stated that 90 days would be sufficient to transact the necessary business.

Horton and speaker Cherry conferred this afternoon concerning committee appointments but stated they would not announce them before Friday. It is understood they have already agreed on the chairmanships.

William Baker of Raleigh, and Ray Beverly of Sanford, both unopposed, are scheduled to be elected principal clerks of the house and senate, respectively, at tomorrow's perfunctory session.

Tobacco crop control, free school textbooks, labor legislation, possible reorganization of the state highway and public works commission, possible "autonomizing" of the three units of the University of North Carolina, and a possible amendment to prohibit diversion of highway funds are among other matters expected to be discussed in the legislature.

Death Claims Miss Nannie Banner, 86

Banner Elk, Jan. 2.—Funeral services for Miss Nannie Banner, who died yesterday at the home of her nephew, Lewis Banner, were conducted this morning by Rev. Mr. Fry, pastor of the Banner Elk Methodist church, assisted by Rev. M. G. Murray, pastor of Banner Elk Presbyterian church.

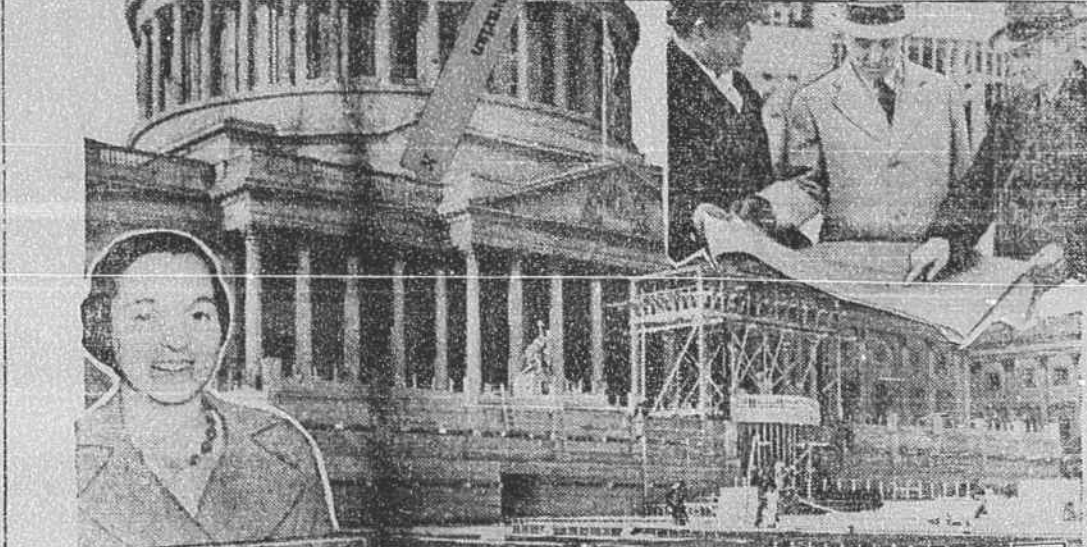
Miss Banner, who was born May 16, 1850, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis M. Banner, who were among the first families to settle the Banner Elk community. The passing of "Aunt Nannie," as she was affectionately known by the whole town, represents the passing of another generation as she was one of the few remaining who remember almost pioneer days in this section.

For many years she has lived with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Banner at one of the old Banner homesteads. She is mourned by a large family connection and by a host of friends in Avery and Watauga counties.

MAEJORIE SOUTH ILL

Little Miss Marjorie South, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. South, is seriously ill at a Statesville hospital, where she was taken for treatment the last of the week. Mrs. South is with her daughter, and word Wednesday was to the effect that there was little improvement in the condition of the popular child.

Washington Makes Ready for the Inauguration



WASHINGTON... Fully aware that cold, rain or snow has often marred the Presidential Inauguration ceremonies, Capitol officials are driving ahead and making ready for President Roosevelt's second inaugural, Jan. 20th. Inset above, shows Capitol officials inspecting construction of stands. Center: Stands in front of Capitol nearing completion. Below, the District of Columbia "1937-Inaugural" auto-plate.

SOLONS LEAVE FOR ASSEMBLY SESSION

W. F. Miller and Roby T. Greer Present Today as Gavel Falls in Legislature

W. F. Miller, Watauga county's representative in the lower house of the general assembly, and Roby T. Greer, elected to represent Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany in the state senate, left their respective homes Wednesday morning in time to be in Raleigh for the opening of the legislature at noon today.

Mr. Miller goes for his first term, while Mr. Greer has twice represented his county.

With the sales tax fight, liquor control, and other equally important issues to come before the present assembly, the local solons think it quite likely that they will remain in Raleigh until late spring or early summer, but frequent week-end visits will be made with their constituents.

Neither of the gentlemen have committed themselves publicly on any of the issues which will combine to make a lively legislative calendar, but on the other hand, they appear to have open minds, and will be guided by the wishes of their people when voting time comes.

Mrs. Collis Greene Is Claimed by Death

Mrs. Collis Greene, aged 44 years, well-known Blowing Rock lady, died at her home Sunday morning after an illness which had lasted for about a year. Her condition, however, had not appeared critical but for a few days.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 o'clock from the Presbyterian church by the pastor, Rev. Sexton Buchanan, who was assisted in the rites by Rev. Robert Shore of the Baptist church. Interment was in the Reform church cemetery.

Surviving are the husband and five children: Oma, Alberta, Rudolph, Genevieve and Bruce. There are two sisters and one brother: Mesdames Ira Bolick, Claude Shore and John Lentz.

Mrs. Greene was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lentz and was a consecrated and active member of the Blowing Rock Presbyterian church, with which she became affiliated more than fifteen years ago. She was a good Christian woman and had attracted a wide circle of friends.

New Junior Officers To Be Installed 18th

A new group of officers have been elected by the Daniel Boone chapter, Junior Order, and will be installed January 18th, at 7:30, in ceremonies at the Junior hall. Those elected are:

Junior Past Councillor, Council Cooke; Councillor, A. D. Wilson; Vice-councillor, T. M. Greer; Recording secretary, Richard E. Kelly; Funeral secretary, R. D. Hodges; Treasurer, Clyde R. Greene; Warden, T. A. Weaver; Inside sentinel, Raymond Eller; Outside sentinel, G. E. Miller; Chaplain, W. W. Williams; Trustee for six months, Van Teague; Trustee for 12 months, Charles Rogers; trustee for 18 months, D. L. Wilcox.

Regular classroom duties will begin at the Valle Crucis School for Girls today, the students having been dismissed for their Christmas vacation period on December 17th.

House Leader



Representative Sam Rayburn of Texas, elected leader of the majority party in the house of representatives, Tuesday on the opening of Congress.

RAYBURN ELECTED MAJORITY LEADER

Texan Wins Easily Over Anti-New Dealer; Victory May Affect President's Power

Congressman Sam Rayburn of Texas, unofficial candidate of the Roosevelt administration, was elected floor leader of the overwhelmingly Democratic majority in the lower house of congress Monday, winning an easy victory over John O'Connor of New York, chairman of the house rules committee and outstanding anti-New Dealer.

Rayburn's majority was 57, the vote being, Rayburn 184, O'Connor 127.

The congressional race between the two powerful leaders was watched with eagerness as indicative of the president's hold over congress in the coming session. Although the president had announced a hands-off policy in the race, the interest and activity of Vice President John N. Garner was taken as being indicative of the president's position.

Rayburn is considered as one of the leading New Dealers in the lower branch of congress and his election is expected to aid greatly the speedy enactment of legislation vitally affecting the president's liberal policies.

Rayburn is remembered as leading the fight for the death clause in the utility holding company bill, while O'Connor was regarded as hostile to the measure.

The fight between the two men had the aspects of a sectional battle, as house Democrats lined up in southern and northern blocs. Southerners as a rule were expected to support the Texan, while the majority of the northern representatives were regarded as favorable to O'Connor's candidacy.

Although the North Carolina vote was unknown in earliest reports, it was known that Representatives Clark and Hancock intended supporting O'Connor, while Representatives Cooley, Doughton and Warren had refused to indicate whom they preferred. Representatives Weaver, Bulwinkle, Barden, Umstead, Kerr and Lambeth were expected to support Rayburn, with Bulwinkle as one of the leaders of his campaign.

CONGRESS ACTS TO AVERT WARS

Bankhead Chosen Speaker of the House; Neutrality Legislation Comes First

Washington, Jan. 5.—Congress convened today and, combining traditional ceremony with the easy informality of a family reunion, prepared to tackle its first task of 1937—legislation slapping a swift embargo on arms shipments for Spain's savage civil war.

With brief sessions, conducted between crescendoes of conversation, both houses today perfected the machinery for rushing the measure to enactment, for receiving President Roosevelt's annual message in joint session tomorrow, and pursuing the year's legislative program.

Organization Task is Short

Promptly at noon, Vice President Garner called the senate to order, while simultaneously South Trimble, clerk of the house, convened that branch of congress. Organization tasks were completed with dispatch.

But even before tapping gavels signified the beginning of the session, members were milling about their respective chambers, greeting old friends, welcoming new colleagues, and creating a conversational din that only persistency could quell.

Frock coats were noticeably new and seemed in greater abundance among the new members than with the old timers. Such familiar senatorial figures as Senator Robinson, the Democratic leader; McNary, the Republican leader, and Vice President Garner scorned them.

Robinson entered the chamber in laughing conversation with Senator Vandenberg, prominent Republican Senator Glass of Virginia, and Senator Nye of North Dakota, who figured in one of last session's most pointed personal exchanges, created a flurry by cordially shaking hands.

Vice President Garner had his choice of six gavels and he managed to use three of them before the day was over.

Hattie Escorts Joe

First business was the administration of the oath of office to re-elected or newly elected senators. The galleries chuckled as tiny Hattie Caraway, the senate's only woman member, firmly grasped the elbow of her bulky colleague, Senator Robinson, and escorted him to the dias.

In the house, Trimble directed that the roll be called and then withdrew for that half hour process. With no presiding officer, the members fell to talking in ever louder tones until it became impossible to hear the names called. Little groups here and there tried vainly to keep the conversation under control with shouted "shooshes."

Nominations for the speakership were made without oratorical embellishments. Bankhead, of Alabama, was named for the Democrats and Snell of New York for the Republicans. Bankhead, of course, was re-elected 323 to 84. Ten votes were cast for Representative Schneider, named for the progressive and farmer-laborites.

With a cordial tribute, Snell introduced Bankhead and the latter turned to praise Snell as an able legislator and worthy opponent. Fifteen minutes later he was calling Snell to order and refusing him the floor in the session's first brisk debate—a tangle between the Republican leader and Representative O'Connor, (D) New York.

The neutrality legislation will be introduced by Chairman Pittman, of

BUILDING & LOAN FINDS YEAR 1936 MOST SUCCESSFUL

Local Home Building Institution Meets 1937 With Optimism; Expect Sale of 500 Shares in New Series; Past Accomplishments

The thirty-second series of stock in the Watauga Building & Loan Association opened January 1, and more than 150 shares of stock have already been subscribed. W. H. Gragg, secretary of the institution, predicts the sale of 500 installment shares by the end of the month, to mark a new record in local building and loan history.

The Watauga Building and Loan has completed 16 years of service to the people of Watauga county, and the year 1936 is described as one of the most successful during its existence.

During 1936 the association assisted in the erection and purchase of more than 50 homes and business properties in the town of Boone and the county. It is further revealed that during the same period of time more than forty thousand dollars were loaned to home-owners within the confines of the county. Mortgages were lifted from residential properties to the amount of more than six thousand dollars and stockholders received cash dividends of over seven thousand dollars.

A check-up of the structures in the town of Boone reveals that should every building which the Building & Loan has helped to buy or construct should be removed, the town would be nothing more than a struggling village. Of interest is the fact that the Building & Loan is essentially a local institution—its funds are provided by local people and loaned to local people—no loans are permitted outside the confines of Watauga county.

According to Mr. Gragg, people of this section are learning more and more of the wisdom of owning building and loan shares, and many who own their own properties are taking advantage of the institution as a means of saving sums of money against some future contingency.

VARIED ATHLETIC PROGRAM BEGINS

Basketball, Boxing and Wrestling Commands Sports Spotlight at Appalachian

A large and varied program of athletic activity will command the spotlight for Appalachian this week and the first of next. The girls' basketball team opens fire first, playing Lenoir-Rhyne Thursday night in Hickory. What is probably the feature of the early season program is Friday night's fight with the University of Tennessee boxing team. The Tennesseans were last year's champs of the Southeastern conference, and are quoted as having one of the finest aggregations anywhere in the south.

The boys' basketball team swings into schedule action Monday night with High Point at Boone. Another pre-season tilt with the Unique Furniture team will end the preliminary workouts. This game will be played Friday night as an added feature to the Appalachian-University of Tennessee affair.

The schedule for the first of next week falls to find the wrestling team showing its wares at home, although they go to Newport News, Va., Saturday night to face the Naval Apprentice school there. The girls' cagers go to Wingate next Wednesday to play Wingate in the only other event to that date.

All of Appalachian's clubs are very strong, and all four show great promise of successful seasons.

Snow Lodge Installs New Group of Officers

The newly-elected officers for Snow Lodge No. 363 A. F. & A. M., were installed January 2, as follows: A. D. Wilson, Worshipful Master; G. G. Farthing, Senior Warden; J. C. Mast, Junior Warden; Clyde Greene, Treasurer; Richard E. Kelley, Secretary; O. J. Harman, Senior Deacon; Lee Stout, Junior Deacon; R. W. McGuire, R. D. Hodges, Stewards; H. A. Greer, Tier; D. C. Mast, Chaplain.

It has been estimated that only one of every 166 persons lives long enough to die of old age.

the senate foreign relations committee, and Chairman McReynolds, of the house foreign affairs committee.