

The Week in Washington

A RESUME OF GOVERNMENTAL HAPPENINGS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Washington, Jan. 12.—The opening of the new congress was more like a reunion of old friends than anything else. The great majority in both houses are old members who were re-elected. But it is a new congress—the 75th since the constitution was adopted—and nothing which the previous congress left unfinished is any official concern of this one's. When a congress dies, as one does every two years, all of its works die with it unless they have become laws by the signature of the President.

The spirit of congress does not necessarily change, however; never when the new congress is, like this one, overwhelmingly of the same political complexion as the last one and composed chiefly of the same individuals. All of the bills which the 74th congress failed to pass have been or shortly will be presented to the 75th congress as new business—and some of them, doubtless, will stand a better chance of enactment into law than they did before.

The returning senators and representatives of the majority party feel that the course upon which they had embarked received an overwhelming endorsement at last fall's election, and that they are, in effect, under orders from their constituencies to proceed along the same lines.

Sideline Skirmishes

That is not to say, however, that all the members of the majority in congress are of one mind. Signs are already appearing of section antagonism, which might easily become so acute as to impede the course of legislation.

The first open clash between north and south came in the fight between Representative O'Connor of New York, and Representative Rayburn of Texas, for the important post of majority leader. That is an important position at any time, and seems more important now than usual because of the expectation that Speaker Bankhead will not hold that position long. Mr. Bankhead is a sick man, and if he is forced to lay down the gavel the majority leader will be the logical person to succeed him.

The lineup of congressional factions into north and south is not strictly on geographical lines. It arises, however, from resentment by northern Democrats over the control of the machinery and patronage of congress by the southern members.

Most of the important committee chairmanships are held by southerners, representing predominantly rural districts, and the northern and eastern members of the same party feel that the interests of the industrial cities from which most of them come have not been given sufficient weight by their colleagues from Dixie.

President in Control

The essential control of the new congress, however, will remain with the President. He has the power—more power than any of his predecessors ever had—to persuade congress to do whatever he strongly desires it to do. There will be more independence of the executive in this congress than in its predecessors. There will also be less "rubber-stamp" legislation. But, in the long run congressional acts will be in close accord with the President's desires.

What the collective mind of congress is chiefly concerned about is the welfare of the masses, the workers and the lower and middle-class groups. The question how the welfare of these groups can be best promoted without disturbing the entire social and economic order will provide the majority issues upon which differences will develop.

The Job Ahead

The task before the 75th congress, as Washington observers see it, is no longer that of emergency legislation for economic recovery, but a permanent reconstruction of the social and economic order.

If this cannot be brought about under the constitution as it now stands, then many of the leaders in both houses give evidence of being ready to propose an amendment to the constitution to broaden the authority of congress over such matters as hours of labor, minimum wages, aid for agriculture, control of business practices and the like.

Senator Robinson of Arkansas, expressed himself vigorously in favor of such an amendment just before the new congress began its session. As Mr. Robinson is the leader of the senate majority his utterances carry considerable weight.

There is a strong feeling, however, that it would be well to postpone the protracted debate which the proposal for an amendment would precipitate, and try to accomplish the desired objectives by other means.

Senator O'Mahoney of Wyoming, has announced that he will push his bill for a federal incorporation law, which would put every corporation doing an interstate business under direct federal control, enabling the authorities at Washington to prescribe the conditions under which corporation might operate, including

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Brutally Slain



Charles Mattson, 10-year-old Tacoma, Wash., lad who was found murdered Monday. He was taken from his home by kidnapers during the Christmas holidays.

TO TEACH EVILS OF ALCOHOLICS

Dr. Grant Donnelly is Author of Newest State Textbook; 50,000 Copies Printed

(Note: Dr. Donnelly will be remembered locally as the son of Mr. Gus Donnelly, pioneer hardware salesman, and attended school at Appalachian many years ago. He is well known throughout this immediate section.)

Chapel Hill.—Fulfilling an act of the 1935 legislature, 50,000 copies of a textbook on the effects of alcohol and habit forming drugs have just been published and will be used as six-grade textbooks in North Carolina's public schools.

A neat 218-page volume, the book is the work of Dr. Grant L. Donnelly of the School of Medicine of the University of North Carolina. It was published by Alfred Williams and company, of Raleigh.

The manuscript was chosen from a number considered by the state board of education after it had been approved by the state textbook commission, the state board of health, and faculty of the University Medical school.

The 1935 law requires the public schools "to furnish adequate and scientific instruction on the subject of alcoholism and narcotism."

Entitled "Alcohol and Habit-Forming Drugs," the book is written in simple language and is based on scientific findings according to its author. It aims "to give to adolescents information of a simple, scientific nature that will help them to guard health in later life, claiming that failure to do this in the past has produced adults now who "have no intelligent understanding" of the effect of alcohol and drugs.

The first part of the book discusses alcohol, its uses, its history, its value in hospitals, chemistry and industry, its actions on various systems of human body, the changing conceptions of the use of alcohol as a medicinal agent, the immediate and final results of the use of alcohol in the human body, and the influence of alcohol on the health and heritage of society. The latter part discusses the effects of habit forming drugs and pain relieving remedies.

One of the most effective features of the work is its illustration, which were prepared by Mary deB. Graves, well known Chapel Hill artist.

Author Donnelly has an A. B. in education with his M. D. and has qualified as a textbook writer through years of teaching experience. Dr. William deB. MacNider, Kenan research professor of pharmacology in the Medical School of the University, has written the preface to the volume and collaborated with Dr. Donnelly in its completion.

An Urgent Need for Wire Coat Hangers

The Boy Scout troop is assisting the Watauga county welfare department in collecting all the wire coat hangers available in and around Boone. The welfare department has made arrangements to sell the coat hangers, and thereby raise money to pay a hospital bill for a girl who has no people to care for her, and is very anxious to secure as many hangers as possible.

Please look around your home and see how many hangers you can find that you can give us and have them ready for the Scouts when they call, or notify Miss Marguerite Miller, superintendent of public welfare, if the Scouts fail to come to your home.

Good thoughts and good things do survive in this world.

MILLER, GREER IN MANY IMPORTANT ASSEMBLY POSTS

Local Senator and Representative Win Recognition in Many Committee Appointments; Greer Gets One Chairmanship

Senator Roby T. Greer and Representative W. Frank Miller received gratifying recognition in the general assembly when the list of appointments of regular standing committees was made public last Friday.

Mr. Greer, who has previously served two terms as Watauga's representative, won nine important assignments, in addition to one chairmanship, including designation on the Appropriations, finance and education committees, while Mr. Miller was appointed on six house committees, the more important one being the finance committee.

Mr. Greer was named chairman of the committee on federal relations, and is a member of the following additional committees: Finance, appropriations, conservation and development, education, justices of the peace, printing, propositions and grievances, public roads.

Mr. Miller is a member of these committees: Finance, public welfare, salaries and fees, corporations, game, institutions for the blind.

Legislature to Work Six Days a Week

North Carolina's 1937 general assembly completed its organization Friday with the announcement of committee appointments by presiding officers of both legislative bodies and the adoption of rules of procedure by the senate.

Acting to expedite adjournment, the house and senate passed resolutions calling for six full-time sessions a week. In the past, Saturday and Monday meetings of the legislature had been perfunctory, with only a handful of law-makers present.

E. V. Webb of Lenoir, and Victor Bryant, of Durham were made chairmen of the important senate and house finance committees, respectively. D. L. Ward of Craven, was appointed head of the equally important house appropriations committee, with James A. Bell of Mecklenburg, heading that group in the senate.

Other chairmen of major house committees include W. E. Fenner of Nash, agriculture; Hugh G. Horton of Martin, education; C. C. Johnston of Iredell, roads; Sam M. Blount of Beaufort, judiciary No. 1; W. D. Slier of Chatham, judiciary No. 2.

Chairman of major senate committees include W. C. Clark of Edgecombe, agriculture; S. G. Sparger of Stokes, public roads; J. W. Noell of Person, education; E. G. Flanagan of Pitt, banking and currency.

On the heels of a recommendation made by Governor Hoey in his inaugural address, the house passed on first reading a measure providing for reapportioning its membership on the basis of the 1930 census.

The bill would give Buncombe, Mecklenburg and Guilford counties each another member of the house of representatives and take a member away from Nash, New Hanover and Rockingham.

Under the reapportionment measure, Guilford and Mecklenburg each would have four representatives, Buncombe, Wake and Forsyth would have three each; Durham, Gaston, Halifax, Johnston, Pitt, Robeson, Rowan and Wayne would be allotted two each and every other county would have one.

Watauga Student Is Winner in Fact-Finding Contest

Winners in the county fact-finding contest, which has been sponsored during the fall and winter by the Chamber of Commerce of Winston-Salem, among high school students in this section of the state, have been announced and include the names of three Watauga county students.

Miss Roxanna Bingham of the Cove Creek high school, is entitled to a \$5 prize on account of her excellent essay, giving facts about her section and county, while Gordon Spainhour and Miss Velma Combs, also of Cove Creek, received honorable mention.

In announcing the winners, President White expressed his gratification over the interest shown in the contest and the co-operation of the principals and teachers in the various schools. The purpose of the contest was to secure accurate information about the various counties, as a basis for bulletins to be distributed to inquirers at the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce.

CAPITOL DRESSED FOR INAUGURATION



Washington.—This inspiring photograph of the capitol building was taken as the inaugural stands were nearing completion for the second inauguration of President Roosevelt on January 20. Insert is a recent studio portrait of the President.

PRESIDENT'S BALL SOCIAL HIGHSPOT IN THIS SECTION

Elaborate Plans Being Made by Chairman McGuire to Make Benefit Ball Unusually Successful; to Be Held at Daniel Boone Hotel

Mr. Roger McGuire, recently appointed general chairman of the local committee which is sponsoring the annual President's Birthday Ball, is diligently working out the details for the benefit affair which he confidently expects will draw a larger crowd than any similar event heretofore. Various committees are being named by Mr. McGuire to look after the manifold details connected with the ball, and nothing will be left undone to make Saturday evening, January 30th the climax to the winter calendar of social events.

Mr. Roosevelt's fifty-fifth birthday will be celebrated throughout the country at this time, and the proceeds from admissions will be used to help stamp out infantile paralysis in the nation. Seventy per cent of the receipts will be used for this work locally while the remainder will go to the Warm Springs Foundation, established by the President himself.

Some of the Plans

The President's ball as usual will be held at the Daniel Boone hotel, beginning at 3 o'clock, and Freddie Moore's (Car) Lones orchestra will furnish the rhythm for the merry-makers, while those who do not dance will enjoy bridge and "set-back" games on the side-lines. Refreshments will be available and the proceeds from their sale will go into the general fund.

More detailed announcements as to the function will be made from time to time, and in the meantime tickets will be available today at both the local drug stores. In view of the fact that only so many dancers can be comfortably accommodated, it is suggested that there be early ticket purchases.

Dancing will be stopped for a brief period while the assemblage listens to the annual broadcast of the President.

Millions to Attend

A dispatch from the national committee indicates that millions of Americans will join this year in holding bigger and better parties, and preliminary estimates are that no less than five thousand balls will be held in great cities and tiny hamlets all the way from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from Canada to the Mexican border. The proceeds, figured on the basis of collections in previous years were expected to exceed a million dollars.

More than 300,000 infantile paralysis victims in the United States, it is said, continue to need the assistance of their fellow citizens in rehabilitating themselves as useful members of the community, and leaders in every field of national activity have rallied to the national committee in its efforts to carry on the fight against the dread malady.

Endorsing the 1937 effort, the President wrote: "My own views are that the national fight against infantile paralysis cannot cease. It must go on. I am sure that the birthday celebrations in 1937 can be of even increased value to the nationwide fight against infantile paralysis which is being conducted."

Mrs. R. S. Roten Dies At Colorado Home

Mrs. R. S. Roten, native Watauga, but for many years a resident of Fort Collins, Colorado, died at her home on Wednesday of last week, telegraphic information received by a brother, C. C. Ragan, of Boone, indicated. Paralysis was given as the cause of her demise. No particulars are available as to the funeral, but interment was at Fort Collins.

Mrs. Roten was born in the Meat Camp section, near Boone, the former Miss Sarah Ragan, daughter of the late Smith and Mrs. Ragan. She had been a resident of the state of Colorado for 25 years.

Surviving are the husband, two sons and one daughter, Dana, George and Suma Roten. Her mother survives as do two brothers, C. C. Ragan of Boone, and W. C. Ragan, of Pasadena, Calif.

URGES LIMESTONE

Data gathered by the United States department of agriculture show that in 1933-34 the 687,042 tons of mixed fertilizer sold in North Carolina contained 145,819 tons of filler. See that this worthless material is replaced with limestone this season for the benefit of land and the crops.

BUDGET BOARD IS ASKING LARGE SUM

State Advisory Group Recommends Largest Sum in State's History

APPALACHIAN ASKS \$117,500
Appalachian State Teachers College at Boone has asked an appropriation for the year 1937-38 of \$117,500. In the budget report, \$93,890 was recommended for the period. For 1935-36 the local institution reported the expenditure of state funds to the amount of \$36,948.

The general assembly began consideration Tuesday of the advisory budget commission's recommendation for taxes designed to raise the largest sum ever collected by the state of North Carolina.

The levies would finance, under a balanced budget, record expenditures of \$70,178,171 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938, and \$70,240,975 during the year ending June 30, 1939. Expenditures for the last fiscal year were \$68,443,275.

The huge sum would be raised partly by three new tax proposals, two of which have been termed "soak the rich" measures. In general however, the state tax structure would be unchanged except for the removal of the three per cent sales levy on all the necessities of life.

New tax schedules on gifts, intangible personal property and certain beverages were explained by the revenue commissioner.

The legislators immediately went to work on the money question, generally conceded to be their greatest problem, after receiving the tax and appropriation bills and a revenue message from Governor Hoey.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Dr. Robert R. King, district health physician, has purchased two lots near the home of Mr. Cicero Greer on Pine street, and expects to erect thereon a modern home in the near future. The structure is to be of a permanent type, either stone or brick. The property was handled through S. C. Eggers and company, local realtors.

Mr. Eggers also reports the sale of a 110-acre farm in Beaver Dam township, the property of Mrs. Allen Perry, to Mr. Russell Teague, who resides on the Watauga River. The farm is of 110 acres, including grazing and timber lands, and Mr. Teague will make his future home on the place.

FIDELIS CLASS MEETING

The Fidelis class of the Boone Baptist church will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. McKinley Ayers.

Before we talk about another war, let somebody show us some good accomplished by the last one.

WATAUGA BANK IS NOW PROSPERING

Ten Per Cent Dividend Comes to Common Shareholders as New Year Begins

The Watauga County Bank is now showing a sustained and consistent increase in business, according to officers of the local institution, who point out that deposits have steadily mounted during the past several months, and that indications are the year 1937 will be an outstandingly successful one.

On January first a dividend of 10 per cent, involving the expenditure of three thousand dollars, was paid to the common stockholders, this sum representing a portion of the money actually earned by the institution since the reorganization of same following the national banking holiday. Bank officials state that the value of these shares is steadily mounting, and that there seems little disposition on the part of the holders of the stock to sell.

The bank had paid 50 per cent of the preferred stock to the shareholders before the transfer of this function to the Rich Mountain Mortgage company, which institution has already paid out an additional 10 per cent. It is believed that the securities held by the mortgage concern are ample to eventually pay the preferred certificates off in full.

Lincoln Day Dinner Be Held February 12

Republicans from all sections of North Carolina will assemble at the King Colton hotel in Greensboro on Friday night, February 12, for the eighth annual statewide Lincoln day dinner.

This announcement was made in Greensboro Monday by Worth D. Henderson, chairman of the committee on arrangements for the big gathering, a position which he has filled each year since inception of plans for the first of these meetings in 1930.

Arrangements for the celebration are being made under the joint auspices of the North Carolina Young Republicans and the Republican executive committee.

As in the past, it is expected that quite a large delegation of Republicans from Watauga county will attend the event.

TO PROCEED WITH REA

The Caldwell County Membership Co-operative will go ahead with its project despite protests from the Duke Power Co. This was decided Tuesday following a conference between Lenoir citizens and the general counsel for the Rural Electrification administration in Washington. The project when completed will serve 250 customers and will consist of 394 miles of rural power lines. \$430,000 has been allotted to the project.