

Washington, March 3.—The senate foreign relations committee has drafted a permanent neutrality bill...

The major provisions of the bill are a mandatory embargo on arms and on lending government money to powers at war...

Also, in time of peace the President could declare certain commodities "implements of war"...

That this or any other possible act of congress would effectively keep this country out of a war involving the great nations of the world is seriously questioned by some of the senators...

The attitude of congress, however, is one of political isolation for the United States, an attitude which those who hold it do not regard as contradictory to the secretary of state's policy of economic internationalism...

Preparing for War. It is pointed out by some shrewd observers that the frantic efforts of England, Germany, Japan, Italy, France and Russia to prepare for another great war before they have finished paying for the last one, have been stimulated rather than checked by the extension of the American policy of neutrality.

In the last war, the belligerent nations relied upon the United States not only for war materials but for foodstuffs, cotton and other commodities which they do not produce themselves.

With the other great powers enlarging their navies, it seems essential for us to do the same as a matter of national defense.

The immediate stimulus to Britain's naval enlargement was Germany's action in building a fleet of "pocket" battleships and in other ways giving evidence of belligerent intent.

Italy's growing ambition for domination of the Mediterranean is behind that nation's naval expansion, and that, in turn, has intensified Britain's resolve to be prepared to defend its route to the Orient.

Finley P. Trivett Dies in Ashe County

Finley P. Trivett, native Watauga county citizen, died at his home at West Jefferson February 24th, after an illness attributable largely to the natural infirmities of advanced age.

Funeral services were conducted from the Stony Fork Baptist church in Watauga county last Friday, Rev. Mr. Whitaker, of West Jefferson, being in charge of the rites and interment was in the nearby cemetery.

Surviving is the widow by a second marriage, and one son, Edward, who lives at the home place. By his first marriage three daughters and one son survive: Mrs. Nancy Hamby, Mrs. Naomi Houck, Mrs. Roby Greene, all residents of this section, and Mr. Clingman Trivett of Bel Air, Md.

Mr. Trivett was born in Watauga county, the son of the late Elijah Trivett. He was first married to Miss Delia Smith, who succumbed more than forty years ago. The widow is the former Miss Mary Greene. Mr. Trivett moved to Ashe county about forty years ago...

Heard By Lions



EUGENE WIKE

WIKE SPEAKS TO LIONS MEETING

Popular College Student and Editor Campus Newspaper Addresses Club

Eugene Wike, editor of the student publication at Appalachian State Teachers college, and one of the most outstanding students on the campus, delivered an address before the Lions club in session at the Daniel Boone hotel Tuesday evening.

Mr. Wike is a senior at Appalachian and as a result of his identification with the college paper and other activities, is well known both on the campus and in town.

PENSION COST IN WATAUGA \$5,144

Figures Made Available Showing Portion of Cost of Security County Would Pay

Figures released from the governor's office Tuesday indicated that the cost of the proposed old-age pensions to Watauga county would be \$5,144, and that the child-aid phase of the program would bring a local cost of \$4,013.

The figures submitted are based on the presumption that the old age payments would average \$20 per month. It is said that a tax rate in Watauga of 6 9-10 cents per \$100 valuation would be needed for the old age assistance and 5 1/2 cents for the child-aid.

A senate-approved measure, now pending before the house appropriations committee, provides for participation by North Carolina in social security, with counties paying one-third of the child-aid cost and one-fourth of the old-age assistance expense.

Estimates on the cost of child-aid are based on a 10 per cent increase in population over the 1930 census figures and the belief that there are 1,277,000 children under 16 years of age in North Carolina, 20,709 of whom are indigent.

Approximately 141,000 persons are 65 years old or older in the state, the estimates showed, 22,701 of whom are needy.

MACK HOLLER BUYS BUSINESS PROPERTY

Mr. M. C. Holler, of Boone, recently closed a deal whereby he became the owner of the Barnett store buildings in East Boone.

Miss Loree O'Daniel, of the Spainhour store, attended the Gossard school conducted in Charlotte on Monday and Tuesday.

CLYDE R. GREENE IS NEW HEAD C. OF C.

Other Officers Chamber of Commerce Named at Banquet Meeting Thursday

Clyde R. Greene, prominent local business man, was elected President of the Boone Chamber of Commerce for the ensuing year at the annual meeting of the chamber held at the Princess cafe Thursday noon.

This meeting was considered one of the best and most enthusiastic ever held by the local organization. Among the business men present were: D. M. Hale, J. E. Holshouser, Gordon Winkler, Pat McGuire, Frank M. Payne, A. E. Hodges, D. L. Wilcox, Rev. J. C. Canipe, B. W. Stallings, A. D. Wilson, Mayor W. H. Gragg, Russell D. Hodges, Dr. G. K. Moore, A. S. Harris, John Conway, Richard E. Kelley, Charles C. Rogers, Roy Keplar, J. L. Qualls, Charles T. Zimmerman, Wade E. Brown, Gill Phillips, J. C. McConnell, Wiley G. Hartzog, G. P. Hagaman, Clyde R. Greene, M. I. Clark, A. G. Qualls, Will T. Pugh, I. T. Tatum and Herman Wilcox.

It was the unanimous opinion of all that Boone and Watauga county are entering upon one of the best and most prosperous years in their history.

WOULD REGULATE JUSTICES OF PEACE

Miller Introduces Bill Relating to Magistrates; Measure Sent to Senate

Representative Frank Miller of Watauga county, has secured passage through the house of a bill entitled "An act to regulate justices of the peace in Watauga county," and the measure has been sent on to the senate for action.

Under the terms of the bill, it is said, it would be unlawful for a justice of the peace in Watauga county to exercise any authority as justice when out of the township in which appointed. Violation of the law would constitute a misdemeanor.

DAIRY TESTS SHOW SPLENDID RECORD

On February 15, Dr. E. J. McCoy, of Hickory, made a tuberculosis and bangs disease test for the dairymen of Watauga county and one retail dairymen at Banner Elk. The dairies taking advantage of this test were the New River Dairy Boone, Cone's Dairy, Blowing Rock, Brown's Dairy, Blowing Rock, and several private owners of from two to five cows who sell small quantities of milk under the grade D label.

The total number of cows tested in this group for tuberculosis was 131. Of this number there was no TB infection found. Due to the fact that a large number of these cows had been tested last summer for bangs disease, only 35 tests for this disease were made. In this test there were no definite reactions and only two cases that showed suspicious reports.

It is impossible to estimate just what the public health value of good clean healthy dairies to those people buying and using milk but it is known that one of the hardest things public health officials have to handle is a milk-borne epidemic. It is this fact that makes Mr. H. S. Webster, local inspector, who sponsored this test, proud of the enviable record shown. He feels that with a county so nearly clear of disease among cows, the breeding of good milk cows for marketing in the winter could be developed into a profitable sideline for the farmer who is not set up well for the development of beef herds.

Mr. A. E. Wellborn, of Deep Gap, was a visitor in town Monday and paid an appreciated call at the newspaper office.

Belk-White To Open New Store Building



The new home of the Belk-White Department store which is to be opened for business tomorrow. The structure occupies a portion of the Critcher hotel lot.

BELK'S NEW STORE OPENS TOMORROW; MODERN BUILDING

New Structure Designed Particularly for the Use of Modern Type Department Store; Large Stocks of Merchandise to Feature Opening

The Belk-White company, one of the leading mercantile establishments in this city and section, tomorrow will occupy its new department store building, which has been constructed directly across the street from the present location of the firm.

Mr. John Conway, manager of the store, states that the studied arrangement of the merchandise will make shopping absolutely without "lost motion" and that extremely large stocks will be on display for the opening. Most of these goods, he says, were bought before the recent sharp price increases in the mercantile markets, and that the savings effected are to be passed on to the general public.

The local concern which, during its local experience of only two years, has shown such a miraculous growth, in going into its new quarters, calls attention to the fact that now the store is to be thoroughly departmentalized. A large bargain basement will feature the floor below street level, the mezzanine floor will be used for ladies' apparel, and the various other departments will find space on the main floor.

Some thousands of dollars worth of new and modern fixtures have been installed, various conveniences for shoppers have been arranged, and when the doors open tomorrow, the people are promised just as complete a Belk store as is found in the large cities.

Mr. Conway and his organization are being congratulated upon their new home, and the fine service they render, which has caused the business to outgrow its present quarters.

The new building, which occupies a portion of the Critcher old hotel lot, was designed especially for department store needs and is the last word in modern construction. It was erected by its owners, Messrs. R. T. and Grady Greer, particularly to fill the needs of the Belk-White organization, and the details of construction were approved by the lessees before its construction.

The building fronts 50 feet on Main street and has a depth of 100 feet. There is a full length basement, a mezzanine floor 50x36 feet, and was designed with a view to adding a second story when needed for further expansion of the business.

The edifice is of brick, concrete and steel construction, and to all intents and purposes is fireproof.

The most modern heating plant has been installed, electrically and automatically controlled, and there is provision for keeping an even temperature in the building, both winter and summer. The lighting effects have been worked out along the most efficient lines, and the business house is absolutely as modern as those found in the larger cities. The estimated cost of construction is about \$17,000.

Sports Editor To Speak at Banquet

Jake Wade, sports editor of the Charlotte Observer, is scheduled to speak at a banquet which will be held Monday night at 8 o'clock in the Appalachian college cafeteria, honoring the four winter sports which terminated at the college last week.

For the first time this year, the citizens of Boone are being invited to attend the social function. Tickets for the occasion have been placed at the local drug stores and the College Book store, thus making it necessary for all sports enthusiasts to make reservations.

The primary objective, as announced by the local coaching staff, is to create a more co-operative spirit between Boone citizens and Appalachian athletes.

WATAUGA BLANKETED BY HEAVY SNOWFALL

The heaviest snow of the season came to Watauga county over the week-end, piling up a depth of around ten inches, and highway forces and city workers were kept busy Sunday and Monday clearing away the snow from the arteries of travel.

VICTORY DINNER PLANS COMPLETE

Large Throng Expected to Gather at Daniel Boone This Evening for Banquet

Overflow dinners in many parts of the country Thursday when Democrats all over the United States and its possessions sit down at 1,200 Victory dinners, was the word received by Jim Councill, chairman of the Boone Victory dinner Monday from W. Forbes Morgan, treasurer of the Democratic national committee in New York.

Chairman Councill also announced that reservations for the Boone dinner had been received in even larger numbers than was anticipated and that those still desiring to attend should secure their tickets immediately as late comers will have to be seated at some distance from the speaker's table.

President Roosevelt will speak from the number 1 dinner in Washington from 10:30 to 11 p. m., Eastern Standard time, that evening and Chairman Councill has made arrangements for suitable radio reception so that all can hear the President's address.

As already announced, these dinners are being held to serve a three-fold purpose. First to celebrate the overwhelming victory of President Roosevelt and Vice President Garner at the polls last November; second, to observe the completion of their first four years at the nation's helm; and third, to pay off the Democratic national committee's deficit incurred during the last campaign.

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Banner Elk Man is Killed in Accident

Winston-Salem, March 2.—D. H. Andrews, 25, of Banner Elk, was killed instantly and Charles R. McKinney, 23, of Linville, was injured today when a truck on which they were riding crashed into the truss of the Yadkin river bridge on the Yadkinville road, 14 miles west of here.

The truck was loaded with miscellaneous merchandise, being delivered to this section from Johnson City, Tenn.

McKinney was brought to a hospital here.

FORENSIC TOURNAMENT BE HELD IN SALISBURY

Banner Elk, March 2.—The annual speech tournament of the North Carolina Junior College Forensic conference will be held at Catawba College, Salisbury, March 4 and 5, with many of the leading junior colleges of the state represented.

Final arrangements for the contests were recently completed by Leo K. Pritchett, president of the conference, and Dr. Howard Omale, president of Catawba College. Mr. Pritchett is dean and registrar of Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk, and will accompany the student representatives from Lees-McRae to the tournament.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Keplar last Friday, a son, who has been named Roy Keplar, Jr

Belk Manager



Mr. John Conway, popular manager of the Belk store in Boone, under whose management the business has shown such a marked expansion, Mr. Conway has been with the Belk organization for the past several years, coming here from the Lenoir store.

FUNERAL IS HELD FOR ROBY WILSON

Prominent North Fork Citizen Fails to Rally From Heart Attack in Boone

Funeral services were conducted Saturday morning from the late residence in North Fork township for M. Roby Wilson, leading citizen of the county, who expired Thursday from the effects of a heart attack suffered in Boone three days previously.

Surviving are five sons and two daughters: Archibald and Fred Wilson, who reside in one of the western states; Romulus, Byron and Rolfe Wilson; Miss Annie Wilson and Mrs. Lillian Bumgarner, all of the home section. One sister, Mrs. Ham Wellace, also survives.

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B. Simeon Gragg Is Dead; 88 Years Old

Meager information tells of the death at Foscoe on last Thursday of B. Simeon Gragg, highly respected citizen of that section. Mr. Gragg was 88 years of age and had been in poor health for some time.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon in the home community and interment was there.

Surviving are the widow and several sons and daughters. Mr. Gragg was reared in Caldwell county, but had resided here for about 50 years. He was a farmer, and known as an upright and honorable citizen.