Washington RESUME OF GOVERNMEN-MENTAL HAPPENINGS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

The Week in

Washington, May 2.—The Presi-cent has gone to fish for tarpon in the waters of the Guif of Mexico. He is making the trip as a gesture of friendliness toward Jesse Jones, the six-foot-six Texas newspaper publisher, banker and capitalist who is the head of the Reconstruction Fi-nance corporation. Mr. Iones, who is the head of the Reconstruction Fi-nance corporation. Mr. Jones, who was not a New Deal appointee, but a hold-over from the Hoover admin-istration, is nevertheless one of the most powerful political figures in Washington. He does not play poli-ties in his job, but he is one of the group of Texans, headed by Vice-President Garner, who have been able to get about what they wanted through the last two congresses, or if they could not get just what they wanted, at least have usually been able to prevent others from getting what the Texans did not want them to have. Mabel School Bethel School Boone High Schoo Cold Val Sch

to have Future Democratic Party

The Texans' major worry con-cerns the future of the Democratic Cou cerns the future of the Democratic party, especially that great and dom-inant segment of it which is com-inant segment of it which is com-monly referred to as the "Solid Blow South." It is in this sector of the party that the doctrine of state rights is most deeply ingrained. Numerous recent events have alarmed southern democrats, anxious to preserve the rights of the individual states, and also to maintain political control in the hands of white men. On this lat-ter point, the feeling grows that the Democrats of the North do not ap-preciate the situation in the south, which was expressed even on the of-ficial ballots in Alabama at the last election, where the Democratic colwhich was expressed even on the of-ficial ballots in Alabama at the last election, where the Democratic col-umn was headed with the words "White Supremacy." The pressure behind the anti-lynching bill alarms the south, not because the south condones lynch law, but because it would give the federal government power to interfere in matters which, southern statesmen hold, are purely state affairs. The south feels that it has worked out a sound solution of the negro problem, and resents the effort to the the negro vote to the Democratic party, which was made in the north in the last presidential campaign. t also looks with sus-picion upon programs of rural reset-tilement and tenant farmer relied whites and negroes. Tundamentally, the fear of federat interference in this and other prob-lems which they regard as solely the affairs of the individual states, in back of the sindividual states, in the former wataugas cuitaen, was recov-tishing expedition. He was 30 years its months, following an dil-fated fishing expedition. He was 30 years its of the sindividual states, is the back of the sindividual states, is the former wataugas cuitaen was recover the heaviest balloting for the res-tod.

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senators and representatives from all parts of the country make no secret of their opposition to the President's departmental reorganization plan, which would curb the power of con-gress and take away from those who have to run for re-election at fre-quent intervals much of the material out of which their local party was out of which their local party ma-chines are built—political patronage. There is also considerable apprehen-sion over what seems to be the rising power of John L. Lewis as a factor power of John L Lewis as a factor in Democratic party politics. The old-In- Democrats, particularly from the south, do not relish the idea of labor control of the party, and wish that the President would declare himself as between Mr. Lewis' C. I. O. and the federation of labor, espe-cially on the point of responsibility of labor unions in matters affecting the public interest. That all of these worries are com-

of tabor unions in matters affecting the public interest. That all of these worries are com-bining to stiffen resistance to much of the New Deal program, by those who foresee a split in the Democratic party as a possible result, is admit-ted by most of the leaders in both senate and house. The Republican minority is taking no part in the dissension except to throw a little fuel on the fire from time to time. But the net result is, as has been But the net result is, as has been pointed out before in these dis-patches, to stiffen congressional resistance to much of the administra-tion program, and the reassumption by congress of many of its rights and prerogatives which it surren-dered during Mr. Roosevelt's first

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BOONE, WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, MAY 6, 1937

**Control Board Aldermen** 

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## MORE THAN QUARTER MILLION SPENT ON W. P. A. PROGRAM IN WATAUGA

More than \$281,000 has been expended on the Works Progress Adminstration activities in Watauga county since the creation of the federal organization, it is indicated in figures coming from the district office in Winston-Salem. Of this amount the federal government furnished \$179,-669.42, while the sponsors' expenditures amounted to \$101,906.49. The following table gives the different projects included in the total expenditures:

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# COFFEY IS FOUND AT BLOWING ROCK

Coffey had been a member of the rough weather and subsequent ice, prevented the recovery of the body until this spring.

Funeral services were conducted on the 24th from the Mcmorial Chap-In Sunset Hills Memorial cemetery. Surviving are the widow, father and mother, one brother and four sisters: James Coffey, Shulls Mills; Mrs. Calvin Calloway, Shulls Mills; Mesdames Harry Dennis and Vernon LeMay, Flint, Mich.; Mrs. Willard Copeland, Detroit. Copeland, Detroit. Deceased was born and reared in

mage. Mage. Watauga county and for some time been-ising actor The The Fint. Young Mr. Coffey was well and favorably known throughout this each of saction. section

## **Greyhound Acquires**

Incumbent Mayor Gains Slight Advantage Over Robbins;

Mayor D. P. Coffey, of Blowing Rock, was re-elected in Tuesday's balloting, having an even one dozen more votes than his opponent, for-mer Mayor Grover C. Robbins. Two hundred and mincty-four votes were cast in the mayorality race, being the heaviest balloting for the resort town for many elections.

C. S. Prevette, W. B. Castle and J. H. Winkler were elected as a new board of aldermen, running ahead of Herbert Stewart, E. A. Banner and C. Walters by more sizable majorities.

As has been the custom in Blow-ing Rock for a number of years, two "citizens' tickets" were placed in the field, there being nothing on the ballots to indicate partisanship. The vote for each candidate was as follows: Mayor-Coffey 153; Robbins 141. Aldermen: Stewart 134, Provette 169, Castle 172, Wink-ler 155, Banner 139, Walters 121.

### CAROLINA PHARMACY ADDS 2 TO SALES FORCE

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NAMED IN COUNTY Margin; Democrats Have Christenbury Principal Boone School; S. F. Horton at Cove Creek; Others Named

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soudated with Cove Creek school. C, M. Dickson, principal of Belhel district No. 7. Timbered Ridge, Recae and Forest Grove schools have been consolidated with Bethel. J. B. Horton has been named prin-cipal of Mabel and Pottertown dis-trict No. 8. Silverstone, North Fork and Zionville schools have been con-solidater with Mabel.



## PROSPECT GOOD Many Students Expected at Ap-

palachian; Seven Are Added to College Faculty

The first summer term at Appa-lachian College begins on June 8th and indications are that there will be a record number of teachers enrolled. Reports indicate that the dormitories on the campus are to be filled as usual and a canvass of the town re-veals many private homes will ac-commodate students during both six weeks' during to the six weeks' summer terms, Seven new members have been added to the summer faculty, of

added to the summer faculty, of whom five have doctors degrees from universities of this and other states. They are: C. H. Phippens, Ph.D., supervisor of sludent teach-ing, Virginia Polytechnic Institute; John May, Ph.D., principal of Junior High school, Grottoes, Va.; L. L. Williams, Ph.D., professor of biology, Maryville College; T. T. Hamilton, Ph.D., principal of New Hanover High school; Zeb, H. Burns, D.Ed, Birmingham City schools; B. N. Barnes, B.A., M.A., superintendent Kings Mountain schools; A. G. Bourne, E. A., superintendent Bladen-boro schools. boro schools.

With the exception of Dr. Will-liams, who will teach biology, the new professors will be in the depart-ment of education. Many Attend Commencement

Hundreds of persons gathered on the campus last Friday for the comthe campus last Friday for the com-mencement exercises, at which time Dr. Shelton Phelps, president of Winthrop College, delivered the ad-dress. Dr. Dougherty conferred the degree of Bachelor of Science upon 103 graduating students and gave diplomas to 40 normal school gradu-ates.

## **Fishing Club Merger** Affects 11 Miles Water

M'GUIRE, MOOSE IN TIE; COIN IS TOSSED

\$1.50 PER YEAR

Moose wins as Selection is Made by Lot; Tatum and A. E. Hodges Other Members of New Board; Heaviest Vote Perhaps in History is Cast

MOOSE WINS SEAT

At press time the tie between G. K. Moose and R. W. McGuire was broken by the toss of a cola, Moose retaining his scat on the board of aldermen as a result. The equal vote received by the two candidates brought forth the in-formation from the attorney gen-eral's office that the tie should be decided "by lot."

In the heaviest balloting recalled in a local city election, Mayor W. H. Gragg, Republi-can, was re-elected Tuesday by the slender margin of 26 votes, while the Democrats took over control of the board of aldermen with the clear election of two members and with a tie vote forestalling the definite naming of the third member of the board.

the board. Mayor Gragg defeated Wade E. Brown in the mayor's race: D. L. Wilcox, Republican member of the present board, ran second to A. E. Hodges; L. T. Tatum, Democrat was without opposition, while G. K. Moose, Republican, and R. W. Mc-Guire, Democrat, were deadlocked, with an even number of ballock tal-lied after their respective names. Thus, there has been considerable head-scratching on both sides of the head-scratching on both sides of the political fence as to just who will occupy the scat at the city council table

occupy the seat at the city council table. Wednesday morning it hadn't been definitely determined whether or not a recount would result from the tie, and there was a divided opinion re-garding the method of procedure Statutes have been presented to in-dicate that in cities of certain size, ties are settled by the drawing of lots and at noon there was a likeli-hood that the attorney general would be called upon to settle the matter. Six hundred and twenty-two votes were cast in the mayorality race, the largest recorded in local political his-tory for a municipal election. Foilowing is the total vote cast for each candidate: **For Mayor** 

For Mayor Gragg 324 Brown 298 For Aldermen Wilcox 298 Moose McGuire 306 306 Hodges Tatum 331 453 For the past two years the town has been governed by a council con-sisting of a Republican mayor and two Republican members of the board. L. T. Tatum was the Demo-cratic incumbent.

WINS IN CONTEST

SCHOOL HAZARDS **TO BE ELIMINATED** Watauga County Would Receive Sum of Federal Money to Remove Health Hazards

There are 16 pending PWA school projects for North Carolina, the construction of which would ameli-orate or eliminate conditions which are hazardous to the lives of students, according to a report made public by Senator Shwellenbach, Democrat of Washington, Tuesday. Health and panic hazards due to overcrowding would be taken care of in Watauga county with a \$28,000 project, it was stated.

Following the Texas school disaster, some weeks ago, when hundreds of school children were killed as a school emilden were under as a result of a gas explosion, Senator Schwellenbach set out to find the number of pending PWA projects which if approved would ameliorate existing hazards.

The cost of the program if all proj-ects were approved would be \$177,-546,056, of which \$2,532,504 would be spent in North Carolina.

### MRS. MYRTLE POTTER



**Congress** and Relief For the first time in years, con-gress appears to be taking seriously the idea of economizing. It is too early to predict, but it seems prob-able that appropriations will be kept down to or below the administra-tion's proposals. Already the cutting

tion's proposals. Already the cutting of departmental expenses has turned hundreds of government employees out of their jobs. The rumor here is that Jesse Jones' R. F. C. is about to dismiss a thousand or more. The hardest fight on the economy front will probably be over the appropria-tions for relief. The President has recommended a billion and a half. Congress so far seems about equally divided between those who would divided between those who would cut this to a billion and those who want to make it two billion. Nobody knows what the real need is. States and mayors are putting on pressure to keep relief funds flowing into their communities. The pressure is also growing for an actual count of the unemployed, to provide a set of the unemployed, to provide a set of

facts which may be used as a basis for further relief appropriations. It has just come to light that the department of commerce's business ad-visory council made a report strongly recommending a census of the un-employed, which has been lying on the President's desk for weeks. No plan for new taxes has yet Continued on page seven)

that his company intended placing later type and larger equipment on this line and would do everything possible to make the line through Boone one that will measure up to Boone one that will measure up to the nationwide Greyhound standards. No change has been made in the local organization and the station will remain in its present location. Mr. H. W. Wilcox will continue as local agent. Mr. Wilcox has recent-ly been declared a winner in a sys-tem-wide contest between agents and is to receive a cash award and Gray. is to receive a cash award and Grey-hound's Star Agent's pin. Supervision of the line will be

Supervision of the line will be from Winston-Salem and any in-quiries, or communications of any nature should be addressed to the Atlantic Geryhound Lines, Winston-Salem, N. C.

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL MEET ON TUESDAY

The Boone Chamber of Commerce will meet in a luncheon session the Shell Cafe next Tuesday at 12:30, at which time there will be discusurged to be present.

#### STARTS NEW BUILDINGS

Mr. W. C. Greene, local building contractor, has begun the erection of a nine-room stone residence for Prof. a nine-room stone residence for Prof. Chappel Wilson, next door to the building the Wilson family now oc-cupies. Mr. Greene is also engaged in the construction of the Bermar Jeweiry store building next to the Caro-Jean inn. The building is 10 by 35 feet, one story and of brick construction.

## MOTHER

(Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9th.

#### By DAVID ALLISON, Boone, N. C.

From the days of Eve to the present time, In every tongue, in every clime, There is no word that is more sublime, Than Mother.

Who is it that faces the tides of life? Through joy and sorrow, grief and strife; To emerge triumphant in the fight, But Mother.

With her face now turned to the setting sun, Her work near finished, the race near run, Conscious only of a work well done, Our Mother.

As she walks the path, that her Master trod, Until at last we lay her 'neath the sod, Let us all give humble thanks to God For Mother.

Who entered life's dark Gethsemane? To offer her life that you might be, And was upborne by the light from Calvary, Your Mother.

Now she is old and nearly spent. With the weight of years her back is bent, But to the world, she was Heaven-sent, Was Mother.

The Watauga River Fishing chub

good luck since the conservation pro-gram was instituted by the club some years ago. A warden is besome years ago. A warden is be-ing regularly employed to patrol the stream, and the daily fishing permit charge has been reduced to 75 cents this season. The daily license has formerly been \$1.00.

#### **BIG LIQUOR SEIZURE** IS MADE AT LENOIR

Capture of \$2,500 worth of bonded whiskey and gin was made at Le-noir late Wednesday by a raiding party led by Constable W. L. Ernest, assisted by State Highway Patrol-man Frank Kennerly and Deputy Sid McDade, on the "Garden of Eden," near Lenoir. Dewey Icenhour, ope-rator of the place, was arrested and released on bond.

#### NEW BUSINESS STRUCTURE

Messrs. W. R. Winkler and A. E. new business building which occu-ne wbusiness building which occu-pies the space between the Belk pies the space between the Berk store and the Boone Drug company. The building will be of brick and will front 25 feet on King street. There is to be a full basement and street floor, while a second floor will be used for apartments.

BANK CLOSES MONDAY The Watauga County Bank will be closed next Monday, May 10, for the observance of Southern Decoration Day.

Mr. Herman Wilcox, bus and rail-The Watauga River Fishing chub has taken over from the Blowing Rock club 1½ miles of the Watauga River, which gives the organization a total of 11 miles of excellent rain-bow trout and bass waters. The waters are kept stocked with fish and anglers have been enjoying good luck since the conservation pro-good luck since the conservation pro-

handling of current transportation

#### TATE WINS IN LENOIR

Earl Tate, Lenoir druggist and civic leader, was elected mayor in Monday's election, defeating the in-cumbent, Mayor Walter Lenoir, by 21 votes. The members of the new-ly elected board of aldermen are: V D. Guire, T. H. Broyhill, C. L. Robbins, V. K. Hoskins, E. S. Harris, J G. Ballew and W. Clyde Sudderth.

### BIBLE SCHOOL INSTITUTE

A vacation Bible school institute will be held at the Boone Methodist church Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, under the direction of Rev. Carl King of Salisbury. All Sunday School workers from the Methodist churches of Boone and outlying areas are urged to be present.

### TO REPRESENT AQUATIC SCHOOL FOR RED CROSS

Miss Matoaka Torrence, Appalach-ian student, will represent the local Red Cross chapter at the aquatic school, sponsored by the national or-ganization, at Brevard June 3 14 Classes are to be conducted in ad-vanced swimming, diving, life saving,