

CIVIC CLUBS ARE VALUABLE ASSET

Organizations Constantly Working for Betterment; Blowing Rock Record is Given

We often wonder if the average citizen realizes or even stops to think what the civic organizations mean to his community.

The officers and members of the Rotary clubs, Kiwanis clubs, Lions clubs and Chambers of Commerce are persistently and quietly working on something to benefit their communities and they merit the co-operation and assistance of every loyal citizen.

The civic organizations of Boone, Blowing Rock and Watauga county are ever on the alert for sound improvement.

The Chamber of Commerce at Blowing Rock is especially active and about five years ago formulated plans reaching several years into the future, to which they have tenaciously adhered, sometimes under very adverse conditions.

A few days ago we asked the secretary to give us a statement regarding their operations. His reply was that about the best statement he could make is to give the report which was made to the membership at the recent annual meeting and we think the following will be of interest to our readers:

At our previous annual meeting it was decided to expand the plan adopted several years ago for advertising the town and provide facilities to entertain visitors after they arrive. As a start in this direction we have constructed two high-class tennis courts which have proven very successful. It was also determined to put forth greater efforts this year in bringing the advantages of Blowing Rock as an ideal summer resort before more people than ever before.

In the early part of 1936 we procured 7,000 attractive booklets which were distributed through the 70 offices of The Ask Mr. Foster Travel Service, the general passenger offices of five trunk line railroads, and Greyhound Bus lines, as well as mailing hundreds to individuals and giving out hundreds from the office.

Also procured lists of hotels and inns with their rates, which were distributed with the booklets.

"Co-operated with the hotels and business houses of Blowing Rock and other communities in raising funds to erect a large directional sign on the Lee highway at Fort Chiswell, Va., and placing several hundred small arrow signs along 700 miles of highways leading into Blowing Rock."

At this meeting the following citizens were elected as a board of directors for 1937: C. H. Berryman, H. P. Holshouser, Geo. T. Robbins, G. C. Robbins and F. A. Isenhour, with C. H. Berryman as president; Geo. T. Robbins, vice president, and C. S. Prevetie secretary and treasurer. O. W. Stone was re-elected as managing secretary.

It is the policy of this organization to promote the interests of Blowing Rock and to co-operate as far as possible with all others in giving publicity to the entire Western North Carolina section as a delightful place to spend the summer and to give visitors all the available correct information regarding other points throughout the section.

A statement of their receipts and disbursements for the years 1935 and 1936 will be found in this issue of The Democrat.

WPA PROJECT HELPS COVE CREEK LIBRARY

The WPA book-binding project under the supervision of Mrs. Elsie Hagaman, has rendered valuable service to the Cove Creek school libraries. More than 300 books have been repaired and reconditioned. A 24-volume "New International Encyclopedia" that had been discarded, was rebound and is now in first class condition. Most of the books had been discarded as unfit for further use and to have replaced them with new copies would have been prohibitive with the present funds. The school is submitting a number of magazines for rebinding and indexing. Should any patron of the school have worn books or magazines they will donate to the school, these books and magazines can also be repaired and made to serve a useful purpose.

It is felt that this project has saved the county a considerable amount of money and that it should be continued.

The Week in Washington

A RESUME OF GOVERNMENTAL HAPPENINGS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Washington, May 10.—As things look now to experienced and impartial observers, there does not seem to be a chance for the enactment of the President's plan of adding six justices to the supreme court. There is a bare chance that congress may agree to a compromise proposal, to increase the court by two, a total of eleven, but even that is not to the taste of the opponents of the whole program inside the President's own party. The inclination now is to delay action on the whole court proposal until after the supreme court has ruled upon the constitutionality of the social security act. That law has been brought to the supreme court by an appeal by the government from the ruling of the federal circuit court of Boston, which declared the act unconstitutional. The expectation is that the court will hear arguments this month and hand down its decision late in June. If it upholds the social security act, political wisecracks say that will definitely kill congressional support of the court enlargement scheme. If the decision is against the social security act, then the compromise plan for two additional judges has a chance, although that will be fought bitterly, on principle, by powerful leaders on the Democratic side.

Roosevelt Still Popular

Much of the silence of many members of congress, particularly in the house, is due to the belief that the President is personally much more popular with the public than he is even with the majority of his own party on Capitol Hill. Something like a wave of antagonism to the administration is growing rapidly in both wings of the capitol, and there is a strong inclination becoming manifest to give the President no more grants of personal power and perhaps to withdraw some of the powers which the last two congresses gave him. It seems certain that many of the administration's proposals will suffer defeat, and that congress will do its own bill-drafting on major matters from now on, instead of accepting whatever the White House proposes.

That seems likely to be particularly true of the whole plan of tax revision. Everybody recognizes that the present tax system is a jumble in which unworkable and oppressive elements are mingled. Roswell Magill, the undersecretary of the treasury, has come out with a proposal to rewrite and recast the whole system of corporation taxes on a more equitable basis. To do that will take time and plenty of study. Congress is not inclined to rush any more tax bills through in a hurry. Therefore, the tentative program now is to enact no new tax laws this session, but to extend for another year the excise taxes which expire by limitation this summer, and in the meantime set committees to work employing experts and holding hearings as the basis for a broad and comprehensive new tax program to be put through at the next session.

Economy Measure Favored

Congress is serious about economy. There is growing strength behind the proposal of a horizontal cut of 10 per cent in all departmental estimates. The alternative plan proposed by the administration's supporters and said to have originated at the White House, to give the President authority to "impound" 15 per cent of all appropriations and apportion savings and reductions among federal departments and bureaus as he sees fit, has met such a cool reception that it is not regarded as having a chance. Opposition to it is upon the same ground that most of the rest of the congressional opposition to the administration is based. That is the feeling that while personal authority and discrimination granted to the executive by previous congresses was all right at the time in view of the economic emergency, it would create a dangerous precedent to continue that practice of delegating authority now that the emergency has passed. That feeling does not arise from any personal distrust of Mr. Roosevelt. No one thinks that he has any inclination to abuse the tremendous powers which he has been given. But there is much distrust of the motives of some of the President's advisers.

Partly because of that growing sentiment and partly because of a real urge for economy, it seems likely that several measures favored by the administration will fall by the wayside. These include the Wagner housing bill, the plan to set up regional TVA projects around seven or eight of the federal power developments, federal aid for schools, and all of the department of agriculture's proposals, such as a new form of AAA, the farm tenancy relief proposal and crop insurance. There is an evident though largely undercover revulsion in congress against farm relief projects as a class. The feeling seems to be that more has already been done for farmers than for any other class and that it is about time, now that the economic situation is back on an even keel, to slow down on legislation in the interest of particular classes. For the same reason, it begins to look doubtful whether any new labor legislation will be enacted this session, though much study will be given to the Wagner act with the idea of developing from it a broader and better-balanced labor policy.

At the same time, the Republicans are beginning to come out of their tent and show signs of political activity. The expectation here is that there will be more talking for political effect from the Republican side

Zionville News

Mrs. E. G. Greer, accompanied by a small granddaughter, Miss Barbara Sue Farthing, of Sugar Grove, left last week for Cincinnati, Ohio, and Richmond, Ind., where she will visit her daughters, Mrs. Chas. Isaacs and Mrs. Jake Chapman, and a son, Glenwood Greer, for a few weeks.

Messrs. Mon Critcher and Dwight Eggers went to Kingsport, Tenn., recently where they have employment.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams of Bristol, Va., were recent week-end guests of Mrs. Williams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carol Isenhour.

Shelton Penn, Jr., is here from Le noir for a short visit.

Miss Hope Eller, of Boone, spent the first of the week here with "Uncle" John Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Moretz and son, Ralph, arrived here Monday from Couer d'Alene, Idaho, and will visit relatives for a short time.

Mrs. Howard Greer and sons, Tommy and Harold, spent the weekend at Mabel as guests of Mrs. Greer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Church.

Miss Mildred Thomas, Mrs. Spencer Greer, Mrs. Chas. Wilkinson and Fleet Greer made a business trip to Bristol last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Grogan, Mrs. Sallie Mitchell, Miss Lottie Mains and Rud Greene spent Sunday in Elizabethton, Tenn.

than there has been so far this year. All sorts of talk about Republican and "Right Wing" Democrats forming combinations to defeat the New Deal is going around, but most of it can be dismissed as "wishful thinking." However, the decision of the Missouri Republican organization to get behind Senator Bennet Champ Clark for renomination at the Democratic primaries for 1938 is a straw which possibly indicates a wind blowing in the direction of a conservative coalition.

SURPRISE FOR YOUNGSTERS

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A CORRECTION

In the story carried last week giving a treatment for stomach worms in sheep, and which was erroneously credited to County Agent Collins, an error appeared. The correct mixture for the bluestone treatment is as follows: Two ounces of bluestone and three quarts of water, giving the mature sheep four ounces and the

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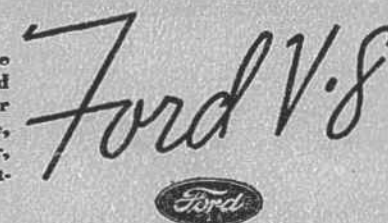
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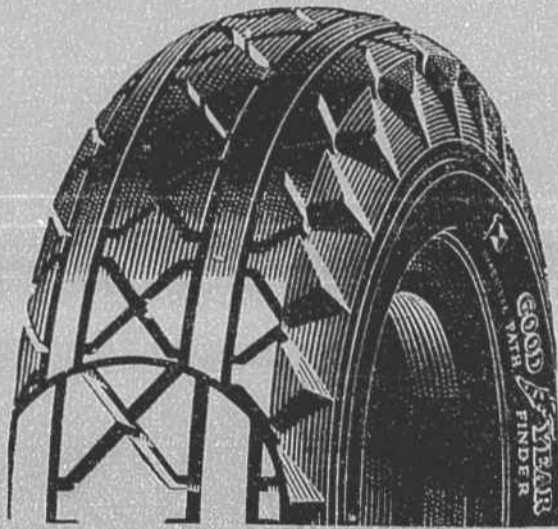
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