

# The Week in Washington

A RESUME OF GOVERNMENTAL HAPPENINGS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Washington, 17.—Members of congress, packing their bags and getting ready to start home, are giving more thought to the job ahead of them when they return for another session than to what they did at this sitting. Only a small fraction of the President's recommendations have been acted upon at all, the one upon which he was most insistent negatively.

Before acting on the ones left over, the preponderant feeling in congress is that they ought to be studied and debated with great care, and when the members are not physically worn out, as so many of them actually are now.

Besides the last-minute laws enacted after the supreme court issue was settled, the record of the 75th congress so far is not impressive. It adopted 55 resolutions and passed about 250 new laws, few of which are of any great public concern.

The most noteworthy laws and resolutions include the following:

Prohibiting the export of arms to Spain. Creating a commission on the reorganization of the government. Extending for two years the United States' guarantee of federal housing administration debentures. Amending the excise tax levy on carriers and the income tax levy on their employees. Extending the President's tax powers. Deferring the time-limit for filing certain kinds of income tax returns. Providing for a national gallery of art. Appropriating for the elimination of insect pests.

The new neutrality, or war policy act. Providing loans for flood sufferers. Setting up funds for old-age assistance. Creating the joint committee on tax evasion. The relief act, appropriating 1,500 millions. Extending the nuisance taxes. Providing funds for the New York World's Fair. And appropriating some more for insect pests.

Prolonging the President's monetary powers. Continuing the functions of the RFC. Arranging for crop and harvesting loans. Continuing direct obligations of the United States as collateral security for Federal Reserve notes. Providing for retirement of Supreme court justices. Amending the federal housing act. The Guffey-Vinson coal act. The District of Columbia "red rider" repeal. Re-enacting the AAA's marketing agreements. The railroad pension act. Extending the OCC. Passing the farm loan tenancy act (over veto), the farm tenancy act, and most of the appropriation bills.

**Tax Revision Next Session**  
Hanging over, for consideration on and after January 1, 1938, are many highly important subjects upon which legislation has been requested by the White House, or upon the necessity of which there is general agreement. First in the minds of senators and representatives is a broad program of tax revision. Into this subject enter so many questions of public policy, as well as of politics, that its consideration may well take many

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## Whooping Cough Is Epidemic in County

District Health Office Asks That All Cases Be Reported To It To Prevent Further Spread

Whooping cough is epidemic in many parts of Watauga at the present time, but it is not being reported as it should be, says the district health office. Many people do not realize that whooping cough is a dangerous disease. During the five-year period 1928 to 1932, it caused 1,216 deaths in North Carolina. It is particularly dangerous to young children.

The first symptoms usually start as a common cold and for two or three weeks there is not likely to be any spasms of coughing or whoop, but the attacks of coughing grow harder as time goes on. Sometimes there is no whoop during the entire course of the disease.

The incubation period, or the time from exposure to first symptoms is from three to 14 days, and occasionally 16 days.

No health department can function properly if contagious diseases are not reported to it properly, the statement continues. Physicians report where they are in attendance; superintendents of schools or teachers are legally required to report and also parents or guardians and keepers of hotels and lodging houses.

No child should be sent to school during an epidemic who shows any symptoms of a cold. It is not fair to others to expose their children and possibly let the disease be carried to a small child who may die from the exposure.

If every one will report promptly any unreported cases and keep their children at home when any symptoms develop, the health department will be able to stop this disease sooner. Report to the district health office, Boone.

Five hundred and forty-two dozen half gallon fruit jars have been distributed to members of the Baptist denomination in this county and will be filled with fresh mountain fruits and crisp vegetables of various kinds for the use of the orphan children at Mills Home, Thomasville, during the coming winter. And jars are still going out after last year's offering has already been about doubled.

The jars already placed will contain 3,752 gallons of preserved foods and will constitute some eight or ten large truck loads. It is said that the actual worth of the offering thus made by the county Baptists will be in the neighborhood of two thousand dollars.

## CONTRACT LET FOR SURFACING ROADWAY

Kiker and Young of Reidsville, have been awarded the contract for the surfacing of 1.65 miles of route 603 in Watauga county, extending from Sugar Grove in the direction of the Avery county line. The link, which is the first letting of the so-called Laurel Creek highway, is now ready for the surface treatment.

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## Goes With Majors



Coker Triplett, of Boone, whose spectacular baseball career of the past two seasons has led to his purchase by the Chicago Cubs for a price in excess of \$30,000. Sports writers throughout the country are lauding young Mr. Triplett as one of the biggest finds of the season.

## FARM TOUR TO BE CONDUCTED

Monday and Tuesday Dates Set Apart by County Agent to Visit Demonstration Farms

By W. E. COLLINS  
(County Farm Agent)

A county farm tour, to inspect the best demonstration farm in the county will be held on Monday, August 23 and Tuesday, August 24.

The tour on August 23 will start from the courthouse in Boone at 8 a. m., and the best demonstration farm in Meat Camp, Bald Mountain, Stony Fork, Blue Ridge and Boone townships will be visited that day.

The tour on Tuesday, August 24, will start from Cove Creek high school at 8 a. m. and the best demonstration farms in Cove Creek, North Fork, Beaver Dam, Laurel Creek, Watauga and Shawnee-haw townships will be visited.

Mr. H. A. Powers, T. V. A. office, Knoxville, and R. W. Schoffner, extension division, Raleigh, will be in the county to go on the farm tour with us.

There are many interesting and instructive things to be seen on these best demonstration farms in the county.

Some of these demonstration farms have fine pasture demonstrations where they have used up to

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## CANNED FOOD TO GO TO ORPHANS

Baptists Break Record in Preserving Fruits and Vegetables for Mills Home

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## SERVICE BEGINS ON RURAL ROUTE EXTENSION

Service on the extension of Rural Route No. 2 by Oak Grove and Hodges Gap started Monday. Clyde Winebarger, who has been the regular carrier on Route 2 for the last three years, is also taking care of the service on the extension.

After that portion of the route east and north of Boone is completed the carrier stops by postoffice and dispatches the mail collected, and gets the morning mail for the extension, which is delivered the same day about noon. The total mileage of Route 2 is now \$2.

## ASSOCIATION TO HOLD SESSION AT HOWARDS CREEK

Three Forks Association in 98th Annual Gathering; Century of Association to Be Celebrated; 150th Anniversary of Three Forks Church to Be Noted

The ninety-eighth annual session of the Three Forks Baptist Association will be held with the Howard's Creek church August 24-25, and indications are that the 36 churches comprising the association will be well represented at the two-day meeting. There are 5,291 members in the association, which is one of the oldest in this section of the state.

The business session of the association will have to do with arrangements for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the association in 1940, and the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Three Forks church, said to be the oldest church west of the Blue Ridge. A year ago a committee composed of A. J. Greene, A. J. Edmisten and C. R. Greene, was given the responsibility of gathering data and making arrangements for the celebration which will be featured by a home-coming on the last day. Tentative plans call for the issuance of a handbook giving the history of all the churches in the association as well as other information of historical interest.

### The Program

Following is the suggested order of business for next week's associational gathering:

**Thursday Morning**  
9:00—Devotional and roll call  
9:25—Address of moderator.  
9:45—Religious literature.  
10:15—Temperance.  
11:00—Annual sermon.

**Noon Recess**  
1:00—Devotional.  
1:15—Missions.  
2:30—Benevolences.  
3:30—Worship.

**Wednesday Morning**  
9:00—Devotional.  
9:15—Obituaries.  
10:00—Woman's Work.  
10:45—Report of executive committee.

11:15—Associational progress.  
1:15—Devotional.  
1:50—Christian training.  
2:15—Sunday schools.  
2:45—History of Howard's Creek church.

3:00—Reports: Treasurer, Finance committee, Nominations, Resolutions and Time, Place and Preacher.  
3:30—Election of officers and miscellaneous.

3:45—Closing worship.  
Some messenger or the pastor from each church is expected to give a brief summary of the report of his church as made to the association in the associational letter.

## Soap-Box Derby Friday Afternoon

Under the sponsorship of the Boy Scout troop, a soap-box race will be enjoyed by the kiddies on Water street in Boone Friday afternoon at 6:30. The vehicles used will be home-made coasters, and the event will be open to all boys in the community under 15 years of age.

These unique derbies have been a source of much amusement to the kiddies as well as the grown-ups throughout the country, and recently more than 100,000 people gathered at White Plains, N. Y., to see a 12-year-old lad win the international championship trophy for soap-box racers.

## SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS ARE TO BE EXAMINED

On Saturday afternoon, Aug. 21, at 2 o'clock all school bus drivers selected to drive this year, will meet in the county courthouse to hear a state patrolman lecture on "Driving a School Bus." After the meeting, each applicant will be examined by the state patrolman to determine his eligibility to drive a school bus.

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## REV. EGGERS IS BAPTIST MODERATOR



Rev. R. C. Eggers of Zionville, who is serving his first year as moderator of the Three Forks Baptist Association, who will preside at the 98th associational gathering at Howards Creek church August 24-25. Rev. Mr. Eggers has held the pastorate of 18 of the 36 churches in the association and has also served with the Stony Fork Association in this county, and with the Watauga Association in Tennessee, during his 25 years as a minister of the Gospel.

## Scenic Circle Motorcade To Visit City Tomorrow

## BOONE HI PLANT TO BE FINISHED

\$26,000 Made Available by WPA for Construction of Auditorium and Gymnasium

Twenty-six thousand and fifty dollars of federal money was allotted last Monday for the completion of the Boone high school plant, according to announcement made by Geo. W. Conn, Jr., state WPA administrator.

This amount, together with the sponsor's contribution, is expected to cover the construction of a large stone auditorium and gymnasium, as an integral part of the massive stone structure which is now nearing completion and which contains the classrooms.

Of interest is the statement that the Boone high school building, which when completed, will have a value of something like \$130,000, is the largest single structure built through the co-operation of the WPA in this state.

## Educator Delivers Address to Lions

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Dr. C. H. Phippin, superintendent of the Blacksburg, Va., schools, addressed the Lions Club Tuesday evening at a meeting held at the Daniel Boone Hotel. The address dwelt upon the pioneering spirit as exemplified in the life of Daniel Boone and other great leaders, and pointed out the opportunities which are presented to the local Lions organization.

Mr. E. Ford King and Dr. Justin Miller were initiated into the club, and Dr. Miller stated that he and his family had decided to make Boone their home after touring many sections of the United States. He stated that Boone was the only locality he and Mrs. Miller could find which measured up to their requirements as a permanent abode.

## AYERS GETS STATE-WIDE ELECTRICAL LICENSE

I. S. Ayers, local electrician, has recently received from the state board of examiners of electrical contractors, a license of state-wide scope, to practice electrical contracting under the act of the legislature of 1937. Mr. Ayers is the first man in this section of the state to receive one of these class licenses.

Mr. Ayers carries his membership in the North Carolina Electrical Contractors Association.

A motorcade, composed of a long procession of vehicles originating at Johnson City, Tenn., and carrying personages of importance from that town as well as intermediate points, will arrive in Boone Friday morning at about 10:45 on a tour of the newly established "Scenic Circle" route through the Carolina mountains.

The motorcade, which will carry a 50-piece band is headed by the mayor of Johnson City, and other prominent citizens of that place as well as of Elizabethton. Stops will be made at various points of interest along the route, the party to come here from Banner Elk. Upon arrival in Boone, the visitors will be received by officials and other citizens and following possibly brief remarks and a short band concert, the motorized caravan will proceed to Blowing Rock, thence to Linville where a picnic dinner will be enjoyed, following which the tourists will attend the Linville Horse Show, in progress there that day.

## SUMMER SCHOOL FINALS TONIGHT

Judge Johnson J. Hayes Will Deliver Address as 75 Degrees Are Awarded

Commencement exercises, which mark the close of the last term of summer school at Appalachian College, will be held Thursday evening in the college auditorium, with Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of the federal court bench, delivering the address to the graduates.

Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of the institution, will confer Bachelor of Science degrees upon more than seventy-five graduates.

Sixteen hundred and forty-two teachers have been enrolled during the two terms of summer school, officials state.

## CLAUDE GROGAN HURT WHEN STRUCK BY ROCK

Claude Grogan, resident of North Fork township, is a patient in a Bristol hospital, being treated for a fractured skull, suffered when he was struck on the side of the head by a rock, allegedly thrown by Glenn South. There is no information as to how serious his condition is.

Grogan was working in the meadow, it is said, when South came along the road, and an argument is supposed to have ensued, which brought about the affray. What the trouble was between the two men was not learned.

## WATAUGA FAIR IS TO BE MAIN EVENT FOR SEPTEMBER

Cove Creek Again to Be Scene of Agricultural Fair, Which Promises This Year to Outdo All Former Efforts of its Sponsors

The annual Watauga Agricultural Fair will be held again this year at Sugar Grove on September 23, 24 and 25, according to announcement made by Mr. G. G. Farthing, vocational agriculture instructor in the Cove Creek high school, which department sponsors the institution. Mr. Farthing believes the fair this year will be the largest and most successful thus far attempted, and it is especially stressed that it is a fair for all of Watauga county, and the people of every community are expected to participate.

Mr. Farthing has issued the following information for the benefit of exhibitors and others:

All exhibits except flowers, livestock and poultry, should be entered on Thursday, September 23. The fair building will be open until midnight to receive exhibits. Flowers should be entered Friday morning, September 24, by 10 o'clock. Livestock and poultry should be entered Saturday morning, September 25, by 10 o'clock.

All exhibits except livestock and poultry will be judged Friday morning, September 24. Livestock and poultry will be judged Saturday morning, September 25.

The various departments of the fair with the persons in charge are as follows:

Baby show—Mrs. W. T. Payne.  
Flower show—Mrs. Chas. L. Lewis.  
Art department—Mrs. J. C. Mast.  
Handicraft department—Miss Anna Mae Sherwood and Miss Constance Shown.  
Culinary department—Miss Blanche Stokes.  
Canning and preserving department—Mrs. S. F. Horton.  
Home apian department—Mrs. S. F. Horton.  
Farm crops department—T. J. Moody.  
Horticulture department—T. J. Moody.  
Livestock department—S. F. Horton.  
Poultry department—T. J. Moody.  
F. F. A. and 4-H Club Boys—  
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## VIRGINIA DARE DEATH WILL GO UNRECORDED

Raleigh, Aug. 17.—Though a birth certificate is now on file here for Virginia Dare, her death must go unrecorded officially because no one knows where or when she died.

Dr. C. C. Crittenden, executive secretary of the historical commission, said today that though there was no doubt that the first child born to English parents in America was dead, the mystery surrounding her fate would make a death certificate impossible.

"She may have died in infancy, for no trace remained of the lost colony when John White returned to Roanoke Island in 1590," Dr. Crittenden said.

Saturday, Dr. Crittenden and Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, state health officer, filled out a certificate for Virginia Dare, and Wednesday it will be taken to Roanoke Island for the signatures of President Roosevelt and Governor Hoey, who will be there for the celebration of the 350th anniversary of her birth.

## NURSERY SCHOOL

Boone is to have a nursery school for the little tots, beginning on August 23rd and continuing through August 28. There will be no charge for entering the little fellows in this school. Any one who wishes to enter a child in the nursery school will see Miss Mills at the Demonstration school on Saturday, August 21, and register the child. Enrollment in the nursery school will be limited to twenty-five.

## MRS. GRAGG RESIGNS

Mrs. Norma Brown Gragg recently resigned as an English teacher in the Cove Creek high school and has accepted a music position in the Seaboard high school.

## SCHOOLS TO OPEN

Green Valley, Winebarger and River View schools are to open on Thursday, September 2, according to an announcement made by the county superintendent last week.

## COMMUNITY SINGING

There will be a community singing at Valle Crucis Inn on Saturday night from eight to nine o'clock. There will be dancing from nine until twelve. An admission charge of 25 cents will be made.