

The Week in Washington

A RESUME OF GOVERNMENTAL HAPPENINGS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Washington, Aug. 24.—The nomination of Senator Hugo L. Black of Alabama to the supreme court bench to succeed the retired Justice Van Devanter is looked upon here as the President's reply to the critics of the New Deal in his own party. For Senator Black is in his own person the very embodiment of the principles and policies initiated by Mr. Roosevelt which have come to be known collectively by the term "New Deal", and the Democratic revolt in Congress has been against the political philosophy which the New Deal symbolizes more than against the President personally.

Senator Black has not been a mere follower of the administration. He is a sincere believer not only in the objectives of the New Deal but in its methods. He is co-author of the Black-Connery bill for federal regulation of hours and wages of labor. He was the original proponent of the 30-hour work week. He has been the ardent aggressive advocate of many measures which are considered radical, and the supporter, from conviction, of most of the New Deal legislation which the supreme court, of which he now becomes a member, has held to be beyond the constitutional authority of congress to enact.

It was smart politics on the President's part to name a senator for the supreme court vacancy, for the tradition of "senatorial courtesy" insured his confirmation, even though for once the senate did not act immediately, but listened to protests by its own members against the elevation of one of their own members to the supreme court.

The senate did, in a sense, invite the President to pick a senator for the court vacancy, when it "nominated" Senator Robinson immediately after Justice Van Devanter's retirement. Senator Robinson died, but the implication was clear that a senator would be accepted by the senate when another man of the type which the President desired to have in the supreme court would not be. Hence the nomination of Senator Black.

Party Split Broadens

The criticism of this appointment by a few Democratic senators gave further proof that the split between the President and a considerable segment of his own party is wide and deep, as the members of congress (Continued on page eight)

HUNTING SEASON STARTS SEPT. 15

Indications Are That Upland Game Thrived During Season; Quail November 20th

The squirrel season opens in Watauga county on September 15th and remains open until the 15th of December, according to H. Grady Farthing, district game supervisor, who believes that this has been an excellent season for the upland types of game.

Opossum and raccoon may be taken with gun or dogs October 1 to February 1, and they, together with mink and muskrat, may be trapped November 1 to February 15.

The quail and rabbit season opens here November 20 and continues to February 15, with a bag limit of ten a day, and ruffed grouse may be killed from November 20 to January 2, with a limit of two a day or ten a season.

Mr. Farthing states that a strong effort is to be made to enforce the game laws this year and announces the following charges for the different types of license: non-resident hunting license \$15.25; state resident hunting license \$2.10; combination resident hunting and fishing license \$3.10; county resident hunting license \$1.10.

Many Fish Planted

Mr. Farthing says that more than two million fingerling trout were placed in the waters of these mountain counties during the year from the Roaring Gap and Boone hatcheries, and that bass, crappie, etc., are being obtained for the warm water streams from the federal government. One of the largest fish hatcheries in the world, he says, is being built in Richmond county under a WPA grant and will supply the warm water streams with suitable fish throughout the state.

BOONE CITIZENS ATTEND NATIONAL VETS MEETING

Messrs. Albert Watson of Boone and McCoy Miller of Route 2, left Saturday for Columbus, Ohio, where they are in attendance at the National Encampment of Spanish War Veterans, which started in that city on Sunday. They will make the trip by motor and are expected to return to Boone tomorrow.

Mr. Watson stated that the gathering was expected to be the largest in the history of the veterans organization.

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Named to Supreme Court



Washington.—Senator Hugo L. Black, Democrat, of Alabama, was nominated by President Roosevelt to fill the supreme court vacancy created by the retirement of Associate Justice Willis Van Devanter.

SCENIC CIRCLE IS BEING ADVERTISED

Booklet Now Being Distributed Advertising Scenic Area In This Section

Blowing Rock, Aug. 24.—The Scenic Circle Association, which was organized in July and has executive offices in Johnson City, Tenn., has given in booklet form to the traveling public definite information concerning the scenic trip through Western North Carolina and East Tennessee.

The association invites the public to "Visit America's new recreation frontiers. Travel more than 100 miles over wide, paved, well-guarded, mile high, motor roads, look out over an ever changing panorama no artist can reproduce.

"View Roan Mountain, the world's largest purple rhododendron gardens, Mount Mitchell, highest peak east of the Rockies, Grandfather mountain, the oldest mountain in the world.

"Enjoy the cool restful nights with their pine-laden air and the ever-present invigorating mountain breezes, where springtime spends the summer."

Picturesque towns are included in the circle. The circle includes Blowing Rock, summer resort, which becomes more popular each year; Linville, on the famous Yonahlossee Trail, which winds around Grandfather mountain. Other towns in the circle are Boone, Spruce Pine, Little Switzerland, Burnsville, Erwin, Johnson City, Elizabethton, Roan Mountain, Elk Park and Banner Elk. The section has long been one of the most popular in eastern America, but has never before been highly advertised as a scenic trip.

The trip can easily be made in one day, but many motorists prefer to take two or three days and visit places of interest adjacent to the circle.

The Scenic Circle Association recently issued the booklets, complete with a map of the towns in the circle. Pictures of many of the most beautiful places are included.

The association has chosen as its official meeting place the summit of Grandfather mountain. The chief aim is to publicize the scenic trip, and apparently the efforts are not in vain for already numerous tourists have made the trip and are exceedingly appreciative of the definite information given by the association.

Watauga Given Share of New Highway Funds

Watauga county is to get \$10,980 from the two million dollar highway fund made available for improving school bus routes and farm-to-market roads, according to an announcement which was made last week by W. Vance Baise, chief highway engineer.

NEW BOOKS ADDED TO LEES-McRAE LIBRARY

Banner Elk, Aug. 24.—More than 100 new books, the first bought with the Carnegie fund recently awarded Lees-McRae, and the gifts of friends, were placed in the Lees-McRae library last week. The books are being catalogued and will be ready for use at the opening of school on September 8.

The new assortment of books include a large number of reference volumes, among them an Encyclopedia Americana.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Lett, of Charleston, S. C., announce the birth of a daughter, Lola Anne, Aug. 21, 1937. Mrs. Lett before her marriage was Miss Lucile Reid of Blowing Rock.

BOONE MAN GIVEN SEAT ON FEDERAL COURT OF APPEALS

Dr. Julian Miller Gets Surprise Appointment to District of Columbia Tribunal; Local Citizen Had Been Duke University Law Dean; Lately Located Here

Dr. Justin Miller, who with his family recently established a permanent residence in Boone, after looking the country over for a place which would fit in with his requirements, was Friday appraised by telephone of his nomination as an associate justice of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

Mr. S. C. Eggers, local realtor, hastened to notify Dr. Miller when the White House called through his office telephone, and the former member of the board of tax appeals, was notified by President Roosevelt of his elevation to the associate justiceship. Senate confirmation was forthcoming almost immediately.

The Washington press referred to the nomination as a "surprise" appointment, and it certainly was in so far as members of the North Carolina delegation was concerned. The appointment was credited to North Carolina, but Dr. Miller, who went to Duke university from California, did not have the endorsement of members from the state. Representative Weaver, a member of the judiciary committee, had not been appraised of the President's plans in this respect. Dr. Miller was an advocate of the President's court reorganization bill, having been a witness before the senate judiciary committee.

Dr. Miller is to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Justice Josiah Van Orsdel.

With an extensive background in the profession of the law, Dr. Miller left the post of dean of the law school at Duke university to come to Washington in 1934 as a special assistant to the attorney general. His appointment as a member of the board of tax appeals was made early this year.

Dr. Miller was born in Crescent City, Calif., in 1888. He earned two degrees at Stanford university and received advanced degrees at University of Montana and Yale. He began a long teaching career at Stanford in 1910. He was admitted to the Montana bar in 1911 and to the California bar in 1913. From 1915 to 1918 he was district attorney for Kings county, California, and later served as executive officer of the California commission on immigration and housing.

After entering the bar in several other states and teaching at the University of Minnesota, California, Southern California and Columbia, Dr. Miller assumed the post at Duke university in 1930. In 1934 he was admitted to practice before the supreme court.

Coming here on a leave of absence from Duke, Miller served as chairman of the attorney general's special advisory committee on crime. He was president of the Federal Bar association through a term in 1935-36.

In connection with his practice of the law, Dr. Miller has been particularly interested in the problems of probation and juvenile delinquency, an interest which he displayed frequently in connection with district problems related to those issues.

He has been a member of the board of directors and vice president of the National Probation association, as well as several other national legal associations. He is also a member of several Greek letter fraternities.

Author of several books on law procedure, he has been a frequent contributor to legal journals.

He is married and is the father of one son and one daughter.

ANDERSON NAMED HEAD BRANCH OF N. C. S. E. S.

James M. Anderson, head of the North Carolina State Employment Service office in North Wilkesboro for the past six months, has been reappointed to that post.

Under the reorganization of the service the state was divided into ten districts with the North Wilkesboro territory served from the district office established at Hickory. The plan made North Wilkesboro a branch office under the district office.

Miss Lona Moretz, matron at Lovell Home, Appalachian College, returned Sunday from a Rutherfordton hospital, where she underwent a serious operation some time ago. The condition of the popular lady is said to be decidedly more favorable.

Under Fire In Shanghai Warfare



Shanghai, China.—The Astor House Hotel in Shanghai, adjacent to the Japanese Consulate and immediately to the north of Soochow Creek, which is being evacuated after Chinese-Japanese bombings and shelling.

HUNDREDS ATTEND FARM TOUR OF WPA SCHOOL HERE

Course of Instruction for Emergency Tutors Will Continue Until September 1

About five hundred teachers are in attendance this week at the special training school for WPA instructors which is being held at the Demonstration school building, by a faculty of special instructors furnished by the state department of education, supplemented by members of the staff of Appalachian College. Mrs. F. M. Day of Asheville is the director.

The school started last Friday and will continue through September 1.

The purpose, as announced by the department of education, is to acquaint WPA teachers in the best methods of teaching adults, and to familiarize them with the adult educational program set up in this state under the auspices of the WPA. In these phases, a specialist in adult education from Washington has been employed as one of the instructors. Scheduled classes include teaching of reading and writing and better ways of living along healthful, physical and recreational lines.

In addition to the regular routine, a nursery school for children ranging from the age of two to four years, is featuring a part of the training program. This division of the activities began Monday. A limited enrollment of 25 children are enjoying play with other children, with the paint, clay and other nursery school equipment, from 9:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.

Participants in the school are permitted to stay in college dormitories and enjoy the privileges afforded by regular students.

MANY STUDENTS ARE GATHERING

Appalachian College Term Begins as Freshmen Gather on Campus for Registration

Hundreds of students are converging upon Appalachian College campus today as the registration of freshmen for the regular fall term gets off to a good start, and as usual the facilities of the local institution will be taxed to take care of those who seek the superior training being offered here.

While no estimates can be secured at this time as to the actual number enrolled, it is said that all dormitory space on the campus has been filled and that numerous students are finding places in private homes of the community. According to the officials, there is a limit to the number which can be taken care of at the present time but a building program is said to be envisioned which will soon provide additional dormitory space.

MRS. CHARLES CHURCH PASSES ON TUESDAY

Mrs. Charles Church, resident of the Foscoe neighborhood, died at the home Tuesday from the effects of blood poisoning, which developed from a slight facial injury.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Christian church, Foscoe, Rev. Will Cook being in charge and interment was in the nearby cemetery.

Surviving are the husband and several sons and daughters.

Mrs. Church was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Gragg and was reared in this county, where she had many friends.

CITIZENS ARE TO BALLOT ON CITY COURT PROPOSAL

Election is Called for Purpose of Testing Sentiment Regarding Establishment of City Recorder's Court; Mayor Gragg Against Proposal

A resolution has been passed by the city council calling for the holding of an election by the qualified voters of the town on Friday, the 24th of September, to determine whether or not a city recorder's court shall be established in accordance with the state laws governing such tribunals.

Ballots marked for and against the "Recorder's Court for the City of Boone," will be voted and there will be no new registration required.

The order for the special election which bears the signatures of L. T. Tatum, G. K. Moose and A. E. Hodges as members of the board of aldermen, was made public Wednesday and the proposal is said to have the unqualified endorsement of the local bar.

Information is that the proposed court would have jurisdiction over a five-mile radius from the city limits of the town of Boone and would cover practically half of the population of the county. There would be no civil jurisdiction, but the judge would have power to pass sentences up to two years on the roads. The court would be operated, it is said, from its own receipts and would be no burden on the taxpayers.

Mayor Gragg Opposes

Mayor Gragg, whose signature did not appear on the resolution, has voiced vigorous opposition to the establishment of the new court. He states that in his opinion the foisting of a tribunal upon the people outside of the city limits, without their having a chance to ballot, would be a grave mistake. The mayor states there is no congestion of court dockets here, that the state has provided a sufficiency of able judges to take care of the scales of justice, and that he is irrevocably opposed to any further inferior courts.

HAYES SPEAKS TO 77 GRADUATES

Many Wataugans Are Included in List of Those Finishing at Appalachian College

Judge Johnson J. Hayes of the Middle District Federal court, delivered an inspiring address to 77 Appalachian College students, upon whom were conferred degrees, at the commencement exercises Friday evening.

A large number of these students, it is said, have already been placed in the various schools of this and other states for the next scholastic year, and there is an increasing demand for Appalachian-trained teachers.

Those from Boone and Watauga county who graduated, are:

In Grammar grade field: Gladys Mast Bingham, Boone; Nancy Madge Castle, Zionville; Ruth Elizabeth Clark, Boone; R. Morris Eggers, Boone; Edith Parsons, Boone; Chas. Scott, Boone; Emogene L. Setzer, Boone; Leta Lorena Tester, Matney; Paul Trivett, Beech Creek.

Primary Education: Helen Ophelia Bingham, Sugar Grove; Annie Stansbury Clay, Boone; Ruby Elaine Greer, Boone; Iva Jane Kirkman, Boone; Ruth Elizabeth Sherwood, Sherwood.

High School field: Dewey Bingham, Boone, mathematics and science; May Louise Bryant, Boone, English, history and physical education; Uric Ruth Farthing, Boone, English and history; James David Horton, Boone, History and mathematics; Chloe Michael, Boone, English and French; Dale C. Norris, Boone, English and French; James Henry Reese, Boone, history and mathematics.

Two-year graduates: Mary Ruth Lasley Ayers, Boone, grammar grade; John Idol, Boone, grammar grade; Susie Banner Henson, Cove Creek, primary; Alice Taylor, Boone, primary.

CONDITION OF G. W. ROBBINS UNCHANGED

Mr. George W. Robbins, of Shullis, Mills, who suffered near-fatal injuries when a team which he was driving ran away, a few weeks ago, is still a patient at a Statesville hospital, and reports Wednesday there was little change in the condition of the well-known citizen. However, it was stated that he still has some chance of recovery.

Willet A. Miller Dies At Meat Camp Home

Willet A. Miller, 64 years old, and a well-known and popular resident of the Meat Camp section, died at the residence Saturday and funeral services were conducted from the Hope-well Methodist church Monday morning. Rev. Joe Greene delivering the sermon. Interment was in the cemetery near the church.

Surviving are the widow, Anah Cole Miller, seven sons and two daughters: I. J. Miller, Winston-Salem; Floyd Miller, Vaughtsville, Tenn.; Stanford Miller, Trade, Tenn.; Leman Miller, Blowing Rock; Austin Miller, Boone; Oscar Miller, Meat Camp; Clingman Miller, Meat Camp; Mrs. Fred White, Boone; Miss Virginia Miller, Winston-Salem. Five brothers survive: Hosea, Robert, Luther, Jason and Larkin Miller, all residents of Meat Camp.

COUNTY SINGING TO BE HELD SUNDAY

There will be singing held at the courthouse in Boone next Sunday morning, beginning at 10:30 o'clock, at which time it is hoped that all the churches in the county will be represented, with either solo, duet or quartette. It is especially urged that all class leaders be present.

Mr. N. L. Harrison, chairman of the singing convention, says that a great and good day is in store for those who enjoy this kind of music.