

Washington, Oct. 19.—The President's Chicago speech and the events which have followed it in Washington have given the Washington picture a new perspective.

Wars Again in Limelight
The war issue, however, is very much alive. It has turned the eyes of the whole world to the United States and its President, and it has brought the question of American neutrality in wars between other nations sharply to the forefront of domestic politics.

America "Takes Sides"
The intimation that the United States might be willing to co-operate with foreign powers in such a "quarantine" program was received with enthusiasm by England, France and Russia, but fell unpleasantly on the ears of the rulers of Germany, Italy and Japan.

Congress Fears Entanglements
Surprise and some indignation has been manifested by members of both houses of congress, at what seems to them like the flouting of the neutrality act by the administration.

The President did not formally declare that a state of war exists between Japan and China, but his suggestion of a "quarantine" in which all nations ought to join, and the intimation that the United States will take counsel with other powers to that end, have aroused the fears of the supporters of the neutrality act that its purpose, that of keeping the United States neutral in quarrels between other nations, is being disregarded, but that we are actually "taking sides" by denouncing Japan, and may, conceivably, be drawn into actual hostilities because of that partisanship.

Congressional Calendar Crowded
No one can clearly foresee all of the possible developments of the international situation, but it promises to hold the floor in congress when it meets in special session, at the President's call, for the consideration of the administration's "unfinished business."

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What Did Watauga County Do At the State Fair?

The three 4-H Club baby heeves won over every other calf exhibited at the State Fair that was bred in North Carolina.

Joe Brown's Hereford steer won first in his class and was also declared the reserve champion calf of the show.

Earl Edmisten's calf was second in the light weight class. Earl also won third in showmanship.

The calf that won over Joe Brown's calf was out of one of the outstanding registered Aberdeen-Angus herds of another state and was selected as the top calf of this herd.

These three boys won a total of \$104.00 in prizes.

The Shipley Farms, Vilas, was the only exhibitor of registered Hereford cattle and Hampshire sheep from Watauga county.

The Shipley stock showed against outstanding individuals that were bred in leading livestock states.

For the past three years the Shipley Farm has had the grand champion ram at the State Fair. The total winnings for Watauga county livestock at the fair was \$294.00.

Seriously Injured By Falling Horse

Mr. James Lewis, of Trade, was seriously and likely fatally injured last Wednesday when the horse which he was riding became frightened and fell, partially pinning its rider to the ground.

Federal Court Will Convene November 15

Federal court will convene in Wilkesboro on November 15th, Judge Johnson J. Hayes presiding. Cases originating in Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga and Wilkes, will be tried.

Yancey Pressnell, Vilas; Arthur D. Adams, Vilas; H. E. Greene, Deep Gap; Dempsey L. Wilcox, Boone; J. C. Brookshire, Boone Route 2; Ralph R. Greer, Boone; J. Wayne Harmon, Beech Creek; John M. Greer, Mabel; Talmadge Watson, Rominger; Reeves Holman, Zionville; J. Riley May, Trade, and Rock Hatton, colored, Boone.

G. O. P. SUMMONED BY LANDON TO CURB ROOSEVELT'S POWER

Topeka, Kansas, Oct. 19.—All M. Landon summoned the nation's Republicans tonight to shut off "too much power" for the Roosevelt administration and to insist upon "workable legislation" achieved by constitutional methods.

The 1936 Republican presidential nominee addressed himself to an unusual "radio meeting" of his 17,000,000 supporters in the last election.

Landon asked of President Roosevelt: "How far does he intend to go?" in pursuing international peace.

"We are faced with a situation," said Landon, "where he may make a mistake that would indeed be tragic, that might lead to war... close observers have increasing doubt if he thought his recent (international) declaration through its logical conclusion. Moreover, congress adopted a neutrality act at the last session.

"Now the job for the congress will be to decide whether the President's own policy is to be followed or whether we are to adhere to the policies which the last congress adopted."

Landon called for "workable" revision of the Wagner labor and social security acts and in general charted a Republican viewpoint for the forthcoming special session of congress.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION MEETS HERE

Many Eminent Speakers Will Address Baptist Students in Two-day Session

No less than 350 Baptist students, representative of every college in the state will gather in Boone Saturday for the annual meeting of the Baptist Student Union of North Carolina.

Extensive preparations for the gathering are being made by the local union, of which Miss Lucie Hartley is president. Prof. Herman R. Eggers is chairman of the entertainment committee, and Mr. Ralph Winkler heads the transportation group.

The convention opens Friday evening at 8 o'clock with a banquet, and Miss Eudell Formyduvall will be in charge of hospitality. Mr. Woodrow Hill, president of the convention, will preside at all the sessions which will be held Saturday 9:30 to noon and 2 to 5 in the afternoon, with brief meetings at the evening hour; Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour, Rev. Perry Crouch, Raleigh, general secretary, will preach, and the meeting will close Sunday afternoon.

At Saturday morning's session, Rev. Mr. Canipe will speak on the subject, "The One Requirement of all Christians—Faithfulness." Others who will take part in the convention are: W. Preston Hall, Nashville, Tenn.; Miss Grace Halstead, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Dr. Walter P. Binns, Roanoke, Va.; Miss Laura Bateman, Greensboro; Dr. Carl Townsend, Hayes-Barton Baptist church, Raleigh; Rev. W. K. McGhee, pastor of the First Baptist church, Thomasville; Miss Maxine Garner, Liberty; Miss Cleo Mitchell, Greensboro Baptist Student secretary, and Miss Frances Cuthbertson, of Monroe.

E. C. Thomas Dies in Oregon City

E. C. Thomas, 49 years old, a native of Mabel, died Sunday at his home, The Dalles, Oregon, but information coming to relatives here does not give details as to his illness or the funeral, other than that burial would be in the home town.

Mr. Thomas is survived by the widow, who was formerly Miss Louise Whiting, of Oregon, and three children: Mabel, Marvin and Mary. Several brothers and sisters, among whom is Marion Thomas, manager for the Rich Mountain Mortgages in Boone, also survive.

Mr. Thomas was a son of the late Jasper L. Thomas of Mabel, and was born here. When a youth he went to Oregon, where he settled and became a successful rancher. He was one of the most substantial citizens of his adopted locality, it is said, and leaves many friends both there and in North Carolina.

Applications May Be Made For Rehabilitation Loans

Applications are now being received by the Farm Security Administration for rural rehabilitation loans for the next crop year. Mr. Paul Chappell, county supervisor in charge of the rural rehabilitation supervised loan program of the Farm Security Administration in Watauga and Avery counties, announced here this week.

Mr. Chappell stated that a considerable part of the work of his office consists in assisting rehabilitation farmers to make out practical farm and home management plans and in advising them in their farming and home operations. "In order that maximum attention may be given to that important phase of the work next spring we are doing what we can to spread the lending activity over a longer period. Farmers thought to be qualified for these loans should, therefore, be advised to make their applications this fall," the supervisor said.

"The loans are limited within the bounds of allotted funds to financially distressed farm families—whether on their own land or as tenants on rented land—who are unable to secure proper credit from other sources to make a crop or to purchase needed livestock and equipment.

Eligibles must be willing and able to work and show ability to profit from instruction and guidance. There must be land, already available or obtainable, of sufficient fertility to promise a satisfactory return on human labor intelligently applied, and



Speaker of the house, Alabama's William B. Bankhead, will be speaking for order soon at the special session of congress which meets November 15.

OLIVER HAMPTON PASSES ON FRIDAY

Watauga Citizen Succumbs After Living Week With Bullet Hole in Brain

Oliver Hampton, aged 39 years, member of one of Watauga's oldest and most prominent families, died at a Statesville hospital last Friday from the effects of a bullet wound through the frontal portion of the brain, and which was self-inflicted.

A letter found beside the injured man, and addressed to his wife, indicated that family troubles had led him to suicide.

Burial was at the Hampton cemetery in the home neighborhood Sunday afternoon, Rev. R. C. Eggers conducting the funeral services.

Surviving are the widow, the former Miss Bionda Greer, and six children: Cecil, Murray, Ethel, Larron, Robert, and Carl Hampton. Six brothers survive: E. A., W. S., Walter, F. L., R. J., T. A. Hampton, all of Watauga county.

Mr. Hampton was well known in this section where he had been a substantial farmer. He had a wide circle of friends who are saddened at his tragic death.

GO TO CONFERENCE

Rev. Paul Townsend, pastor of the Boone Methodist church, left Wednesday for Asheville, where he will attend the Western North Carolina Conference. Others from Boone attending the conference are Dr. J. D. Rankin and Prof. J. M. Downum.

Blowing Rock Entertains North State Tour Group

AGED MINISTER IS ACCIDENT VICTIM

Rev. Uriah Farthing Dies in Oklahoma as Result of Auto Accident, Watauga Native

Rev. Uriah Farthing, 72-year-old Baptist minister, who was reared in Watauga, was killed in an automobile accident at Roland, Okla., where he resided, Tuesday evening of last week, according to meager information coming to relatives here.

The widow, who was the former Miss Bessie Cook of Beaver Dam, sister of W. L. Cook of Boone, survives, as does one brother, Herbert Farthing, of Shawnee, Okla.

Rev. Mr. Farthing was born in Watauga county but the family moved to Texas when he was a young man, and he has resided in that state and in Oklahoma practically his entire life. About six years ago he left Watauga county after spending a year here. He had been in the gospel ministry for almost half a century, was a devout man, and leaves many relatives and friends in this county.

Haag Circus Official Passes in Lumberton

Frank McGuyre, 54, assistant manager of the Haag circus, died in Lumberton Sunday from an illness with uremic poisoning and was to be buried in Talladega, Ala., today. Short rites were held for deceased on the show grounds in Lumberton Monday.

Mr. McGuyre, when a lad, joined the Haag circus, and with the exception of three years spent with Downie Brothers circus, traveled the entire time with the late Ernest Haag. For more than 25 years he had been coming to Boone with the show and during the visit of the circus here last month renewed his acquaintance with many local people.

Marion Thomas Takes Over Mortgage Concern

Mr. Marion Thomas of Mabel, has assumed the management of the Rich Mountain Mortgages, to succeed W. D. Farthing, who resigned to become cashier of the Northwestern Bank.

Mr. Thomas is eminently qualified for his new position by experience and training. For more than thirteen years he taught in the schools of the county, and for ten and a half years was deputy collector of internal revenue. Since the creation of Rich Mountain Mortgages he has been chairman of the board of trustees and is already familiar with the duties which he has accepted.

Blowing Rock May Entertain Merchants

Mr. Jack Craft, manager of Mayview Manor, has extended an invitation to the State Merchants Association to hold their next convention at his hostelry, and indications are that the invitation may be accepted. Mr. Craft invited the group at the meeting of the directors in Raleigh last week, and action was deferred until the next meeting the first of the year.

The convention, which is to be held sometime in June, will be attended by perhaps 500 merchants and others.

Methodist Bazaar and Oyster Supper

The annual bazaar and oyster supper given by the Women's Missionary Society of the Boone Methodist church will be held at Carolee Inn November 4. Mrs. Austin South, president of the W. M. S., will give out further details concerning the event next week.

A CORRECTION

In the published account of the funeral of Mrs. Clyde R. Greene, Mrs. D. L. Brown was listed as being in charge of the flowers, whereas it should have been Mrs. D. L. Wilcox. Mrs. Wilcox is president of the Fidelis Baptist Sunday School class, which group handled the floral offering. The error is regretted.

Newsmen, Travel Executives, Magazine Writers Have Lunch at Banner Elk. Pause at Boone and Spend Night at Mayview Manor; Visitors Delighted With Blowing Rock Section

By MIRIAM GLOVER (Staff Writer)

After being entertained at Banner Elk, Boone and Blowing Rock last Thursday and Friday, the ninety prominent travel authorities and newspaper writers touring North Carolina at the invitation of the Governor's Hospitality committee of the State Department of Conservation and Development continued on their trip through this state, much impressed with beautiful scenery of the mountains, the progressiveness of this section, and the hospitality of its residents.

The entire motorcade, paced by state highway patrolmen and escorted by Boone delegates who met the party in Banner Elk where they had stopped for lunch, swept into Boone Thursday afternoon, halted at the Daniel Boone Hotel. They were welcomed by Mayor Watt Gragg and Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian State Teachers College. Apple cider was served to the group on the hotel lawn. A large crowd had gathered to view the tour.

Although their stay in Boone was brief, the visitors showed much interest in the city, and were especially interested to learn that the town was named for Daniel Boone, and that the famous explorer had camped here. At least a dozen members of the party took pictures of the hotel, the streets, the assembled crowd and reception committees, and the huge "Welcome to Boone" sign on the hotel lawn.

Leaving Boone, the visitors were guided through the Appalachian campus and continued on their way to Blowing Rock, where they were overnight guests of Mayview Manor. The guests were cordially welcomed at Mayview by Mr. Jack Craft, manager. From six o'clock until seven they had the opportunity to sample the famous Blowing Rock hot apple toddy, served from tall stone jars beside a roaring fire in the sun parlor overlooking the Johns River gorge. The beverage was pronounced delicious, and several of the guests requested the recipe.

At seven o'clock the bell summoned the members of the tour and a number of the residents of Boone and Blowing Rock to the beautiful Mayview dining room, where a delicious southern chicken dinner was served. Mr. D. P. Coffey, mayor of Blowing Rock, introduced to the guests Mayor Watt Gragg, who was toastmaster for the occasion. At the beginning of the program, the entire party joined in singing well known southern songs, led by Miss Gertrude Gower and Mr. Eugene Craft. Miss Glover also sang two solos, which were received with enthusiastic applause.

Mr. Gragg then introduced Mr. Rufus Gwyn, Lenoir, of the state highway department; R. G. Brown, chief locating engineer of the state highway department; Mr. Lee of the Miami Herald, Miami, Fla.; Mr. Clarence Knester, of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce; Mr. J. Q. Myers, of the Carlisle Hotel in Lenoir, where guests went for lunch Friday; Mrs. Frank A. Chase, of the Miami Tribune; Mr. Jack Craft, Mr. J. G. Gilkey, of Miami; and Mr. T. H. Broyhill, of Lenoir, owner of Mayview Manor; Miss Miriam Glover, publicity director at Lees-McRae College, representing the Watauga Democrat.

The address of welcome to Blowing Rock was made by Mr. David Owens, popular humorist and business man of Blowing Rock, who was unanimously voted upon by the program committee as the ideal speaker for the occasion. Mr. Owens delighted the entire group with his humorous and informative statements about Blowing Rock.

Responses from the travel executives were made by Dr. Clyde Francis Lytle, editor of Travel Transportation; Mrs. Parrish, of Florida; Miss Mildred Cristall, of the Buffalo, N. Y. Automobile Club; Mr. M. W. Burlingame, manager of the travel department of Sportsman, Inc., Boston, and Coleman W. Roberts of Charlotte, president of the Carolina Motor Club, and manager of the travel tour.

The entire party then adjourned to the ballroom for a real old-fashioned square dance to mountain music.

The travel executives were guests of Mayview at breakfast Friday morning, at which time Mr. R. G. (Continued on page four)