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The Week in Washington

A RESUME OF GOVERNMENTAL HAPPENINGS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Washington, Dec. 1.—Between the time when congress broke up in a row last summer, practically shaking its fists at the White House, and the convening of the special session on November 15, two things happened which have knocked all the plans away. Neither was anticipated.

First, the members who have been back home conferring with their constituents did not have their ears knocked down for being sassy to the President, as it had been predicted by administration spokesmen would happen. And, second, a sudden slump occurred in business and industry, of such proportions as to send shudders of apprehension of its possible political results over every senator and representative who has to stand for re-election next fall.

Runaway Congress
The direct result of these two things is that the congress is in a more independent mood than it has been at any time in the past five years, and is showing signs of going ahead under its own steam and charting its own course.

Senate Marks Time
Since the senate cannot initiate tax legislation under the constitution, all it can do is to talk until the house sends it a tax bill to consider. But the talk in the senate, supplemented by expressions by members of the House of representatives on and off the record, disclosed a surprisingly unanimity of opinion in favor of taking immediate steps to unshackle business and industry from the fetters of restrictive taxation, particularly the undistributed profits tax and the capital gains tax.

No Tax Change Now
That the special session will repeal or amend the taxes on industry which are generally conceded to have hamstrung business enterprise, seems doubtful. But if out of the debates and the public declarations come assurances which the business world accepts that it is going to get relief in the near future, a good start will have been made toward recovery from this latest depression.

NEW AUTO LICENSES ARE PLACED ON SALE
The 1938 automobile license plates went on sale Wednesday and the motor vehicle division reports that almost 40,000 more tags had been sold this year than ever before.

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EARLY CHRISTMAS ADS ARE REQUESTED

Merchants of the town are asked to co-operate with The Democrat in the matter of preparing copy for their Christmas ads for next week's edition.

BLOWING ROCK, BOONE TO JOIN IN CIVIC MEETING

Hospitality Committee Is To Be Named at Gathering of Chambers of Commerce Here Thursday Evening

The county chairman of the Governor's Hospitality Committee, Attorney W. R. Lovell, representatives of the Blowing Rock and Boone Chambers of Commerce and all others interested are to gather in the basement of the Boone Baptist church Thursday evening, to enjoy the supper given by the Fidelis class, and to complete the naming of the local hospitality committee.

CITY OBSERVES THANKSGIVING

All Stores Close and Many Take Journeys During the Holiday Period
Boone observed Thanksgiving almost 100 per cent, only the cafes remaining open throughout the day, all other places being closed with the exception of the drug stores, which operated on Sunday hours.

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MARION THOMAS DIES AT AGE 75; RITES THURSDAY

Leading Figure in the Life of the Western Part of the County Expires From Brief Illness; Funeral Service Held at Home

Marion Thomas, widely known resident of the North Fork section, and one of the most influential citizens of the county, died last Wednesday, after an illness of only a few days, which was brought about by a paralytic stroke. He was 75 years old.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Margaret Church Thomas, five sons and one daughter: Don Thomas, Clint Thomas, Butler Thomas, Reid Thomas, Howard Thomas, Traic, Tenn., and Mrs. Ben F. Little, of Clifton. Eleven grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends are also left to mourn his passing.

DR. T. C. BLACKBURN CLAIMED BY DEATH
Prominent Hickory Physician Was Reared in Watauga County; Rites Tuesday

Dr. Thomas C. Blackburn, 68 years old, native Watauga and brother of the late M. B. Blackburn, and Hon. E. Spencer Blackburn, died at his home in Hickory early Monday morning, after an illness which had been decidedly serious for the past two weeks.

MAYOR GRAGG DECLARES OPENING OF CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SEASON

Whereas, Boone is making rapid strides toward becoming the trade center for a territory embracing some 75,000 people of the northwestern area of the state, and,

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SANTA CLAUS IS COMING



Santa Claus is on his way to Boone, and while it is not promised that in this machine age he will come astride a reindeer, nevertheless the patron saint of childhood will be in Boone next Saturday for the opening of the holiday season, and to distribute knick-knacks to the children who come to town.

SANTA CLAUS TO BE PRESENT FOR HOLIDAY OPENING

Bright Lights Will Be Turned On Saturday Afternoon, Ushering in the Holidays; Santa Claus Will Distribute Gifts to Children

Saturday marks the opening of the holidays in so far as this city is concerned and a corps of electricians is working tirelessly in an effort to have the ever-green decorations throughout the business section ablaze with lights over the week-end, and every succeeding evening throughout the holidays.

MEANTIME THE MERCHANTS OF THE town are working like beavers arranging their comprehensive stocks of gift items for what they believe will be the largest holiday trade since before the depression.

TOYS ARE SOUGHT FOR NEEDY ONES
Fire Department Solicits Gifts of Toys, Dolls, etc., for Charity

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