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The Week in Washington

A RESUME OF GOVERNMENTAL HAPPENINGS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Washington, Dec. 28.—When the special session was called six weeks ago, it became evident from the first that congress was in a mood to assert its pre-new deal independence. Business wanted relief from an ill-distributed tax burden and some assurance of a stable government policy toward labor. Labor factions, engaged in an internal row, demanded clarification of laws affecting collective bargaining. Besides this, the longer-standing problems of relief, reorganization of government departments, regional planning, balancing of the budget, and a threatening foreign situation all called for timely, intelligent action.

The four-point legislative program presented by the White House which had been prepared during the relatively serene summer months failed to click with congressional independents who were in no mood to tune up the ink-pads for another rubber-stamp session. But the working leadership both in the house and senate was faced with the many-headed dilemma of having to cling to the President's "must" schedule, throttle opposition moves and if necessary stall for time until dependable majorities could be swung solidly behind a more up-to-date governmental policy to combat the politically ominous "Roosevelt Recession."

Plans to Boost Business
Immediate plans to help business are still largely in the conference stage. Passage of the housing bill by the house was the first concrete step to carry out the President's program to stimulate a building boom. Other moves "in the works" will be designed to help the railroads with higher rates, easy credit, and recommended consolidations. Public utilities may be given a breathing spell, and the present tax structure will be modified to relieve "middle-sized" businesses of their present oppressive burdens.

No doubt affected by the verbal barrage from assembled businessmen at the National Association of Manufacturers convention (discussed last week), the house refused to add another hamstringing to business when it voted to send the Black-Conerly wages and hours bill back to the labor committee. House spokesmen doubted whether it would ever be revived. The bill, backed by CIO and opposed by the powerful AFL lobby, was killed largely through a blockade action led by southern congressmen who affected a coalition among opposing Democrats and Republicans to defeat the administration measure.

Farm Measure Has Many Hurdles
The farm bill experienced a better fate. The house passed its own version of the bill and awaited similar action by the senate which came nine days later. Differences between the two measures are being ironed out preparatory to final passage and presentation for White House approval sometime in early 1938 unless the house refuses to confirm senate changes or if friends of the wages and hours bill carry out their threat to scuttle farm relief after their bill, for which they traded votes, was not passed. A veto is also possible because of the McNary-Boileau amendment, which cannot be changed in conference, prohibiting use of retired acreage by farmers for pasturage or for the production of milk, meat or poultry.

Foreign Affairs in Spotlight
Lack of action last week in the domestic scene was more than counterbalanced by developments in our foreign affairs. When first reports of the Panay bombing reached here, Japanese Ambassador Hiroshi Saito rushed to the office of Secretary Hull to present profound regrets, offer indemnities and guarantees against repetition of such "incidents."

But this time the White House had evidently lost patience with the Japanese custom of presenting mimeographed apologies after each bombing and shooting of neutral Americans and a note signed "F. D. R." instructed Hull to request that the Japanese foreign office talk the matter over with Emperor Hirohito and get some definite satisfaction.

"Son of Heaven" Gets Note
Old-school diplomats were shocked at the unprecedented action. The Japanese emperor, "Son of Heaven" and 129th lineal descendant of the Sun Goddess who, according to legend, made the world nearly 2600 years ago, is aloof from politics, is consulted only at rare intervals on the most urgent questions through the medium of difficult "court language" which precludes extended

JUNIOR ORDER TO INSTALL OFFICERS

Ralph G. Greene Will Be Installed as Councilor at Meeting Monday Night

Daniel Boone Council of the Junior Order United American Mechanics will install newly elected officers at its regular meeting time in the Junior Hall next Monday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Every member is urged to be present for the installation ceremonies, which will be conducted by the district deputy.

Ralph G. Greene will succeed Richard E. Kelly as councilor and W. M. Cook will be vice councilor.

The council recently proposed to let the local troop of Boy Scouts meet once a week in the lodge hall. Also, members of the Presbyterian church were given permission to hold services there during the winter months or until a building could be erected.

POULTRY NEED EXTRA CARE DURING JANUARY

The wintry blasts of January call on all the resources of the North Carolina poultrymen, declares Roy S. Dearstyne, head of the State College poultry department.

Careful attention should be paid to the diet of layers and breeders, he points out. Usually the birds are in strict confinement, and even if allowed range, they can do little to supplement their diet.

Heating the drinking water, especially in the early morning, is a good practice during cold days. Water is highly essential to the bird's welfare, especially during the periods of high production.

Dearstyne also cautions growers to watch the body weight of their layers. Any decline in weight is usually followed by a decline in production. Weight should be regulated through the amount of scratch feed given the birds.

Winter culling is a profitable practice, he said. By removing culls, the poultryman not only reduces his feed bill but also decreases the number of females per male, thus increasing the chances of fertility during the breeding season.

Small incubators for hatching chicks at home should be checked over before being used. Quite often this operation is postponed until the last minute at which time it is found that replacement parts are needed.

One of the most important things the poultryman should strive for in cold weather is warm, dry houses. Careful adjustment of the ventilation will do much to make the birds comfortable, Dearstyne says.

AN APPRECIATED GREETING

Here's to The Democrat—Congratulations for the pretty new home. I hope the holidays have been cheerful, and that The Democrat will continue to bring us the news and double its subscription list during 1938.

J. M. SHULL

Valle Crucis, N. C.
discussion. The firm American stand brought little results. The emperor was reported to have been duly informed but no reply was forthcoming from the Nipponese Holy-of-Holies.

An impasse was struck in the diplomatic situation when Japanese military officials refused to admit the charges of witnesses and survivors of the Panay sinking that land forces had raked the decks of the ship and machine-gunned sailors and civilians struggling in the water. Another point was made when it was definitely proved that the U. S. gunboat was flying the Stars and Stripes when the attack took place.

Field-Day for Headline Scribes
Throughout the week, the press has been having a field day of "war scare" headlines, and here, in Washington, two congressional moves could be directly traced to the sudden interest in international affairs. One action was to force the Ludlow amendment before the house early in the January regular session. This amendment would take away from congress its constitutional right to declare war except after a national referendum affirming such action unless there was "an invasion of the United States or its territorial possessions and an attack upon its citizens residing therein."

More important is the growing opinion that the neutrality act, as presently constituted, is a failure. Representative Maas, Minnesota, has already proposed a resolution to repeal the act outright. Senator Lodge has written a series of amendments to the present law which would emasculate it until it had practically no effect at all.

Busy Diplomat



Tokyo.—"Never a dull moment," comments American Ambassador Joseph C. Grew on diplomatic activities here since the start of the Sino-Japanese war last August. Ambassador Grew transmitted the recent exchange of notes of American protest and Japanese apology touched off by the sinking of the gunboat Panay, three privately owned ships and killing and wounding of American sailors and citizens, latest in a series of "incidents" in the Far East.

An Improved Wire Service For Boone

It is now possible through the efforts of Mr. Herman Wilcox, of the local telegraph office, for money to be transmitted by wire to and from Boone, a service which has been needed for some time. In explaining the new service, Mr. Wilcox states:

"It is with great pleasure that we are able to advise the public that we have recently made arrangements between Mr. G. P. Hagaman and the Western-Union Telegraph Company to wire money in and out of Boone. There has been a constant demand by the public for some time for this service. The local Western-Union being a joint railroad office, would not permit us to handle this business, however, through the kindness of our district superintendent, arrangements have been made with Mr. Hagaman of the North-western Bank to handle this business on the same basis as all first-class Western-Union offices.

"In order to wire money from Boone now, all you will have to do will be to contact Mr. Hagaman and he will give us the desired information and in turn we will transmit the exchange.

"In receiving money the message will be delivered to the bank, and it will notify receiver of the money and it will be paid them by Mr. Hagaman.

"We feel that this is another step in giving the public what they want. Western-Union has recently put into effect reduced rates on different services also."

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM WAR-TORN CHINA

Dear Friends:
As our hearts turn again, at this season, to that first Christmas time so long ago, when that great gift of Love came into men's hearts, we know that with that love came mercy and pity for the sufferings and woes of the children of men.

Here in China we are in the midst of the terrible agony of the very being of a whole country. Through that suffering there is emerging the soul of a nation. That nation needs your prayers. The mangled bodies of its soldiers in Danforth Hospital ask your prayers and we who are trying to minister to them treat your prayers, love and support throughout these eventful days.

May unceasing peace and joy fill your hearts.

Sincerely yours,
MOLLIE TOWNSEND,
Khuikiang, Kt. China.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weston are spending the holidays in Jacksonville, Fla.

DEMOCRAT COMES IN ABBREVIATED FORM

The Democrat comes to its readers this week with exactly half of the usual volume of reading matter, features, etc. Most of the weeklies and many of the daily newspapers still miss an edition during the holidays, but The Democrat long ago decided from this custom, and prefers rather to allow its staff such time for the holidays as it can, without altogether missing a publication. Next week the paper will come from the press in its usual form.

BITES TODAY FOR MRS. ALICE COOK

Beloved Boone Lady Succumbs in Lenoir Hospital General Wednesday

Mrs. Mary Alice Cook, one of the town's most beloved ladies, died in a Lenoir hospital Monday from a long illness, which had been considered critical for about ten days. She was 70 years old.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon from the Advent Christian church by Dr. F. E. Warman, and interment was in the family cemetery near Rutherford.

Survivors include the husband, A. B. Cook, and the following sons and daughters: E. D. Cook, Boone; T. B. A. B., Jr., and W. C. Cook, Fish Tail, Mont.; Hayden Cook, Red Lodge, Mont.; George Cook, Boone; Mesdames George Keys and J. A. Keys, Lenoir; Mrs. H. T. Vannoy, Fish Tail, Mont.; Mrs. J. Cloy Winkler, Elkin; Mrs. Bill Fowler, Leaksville. Two sisters and one brother also survive: Mrs. Mattie Bowman, Lenoir; Mrs. Jessie Greer, Lenoir, and Mr. Hayden Sherrill, Washington, D. C. There are 32 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Cook who was reared in Caldwell county, a member of one of the most prominent families in that section, had resided in Boone for many years, where she was held in the highest esteem. She was active in the religious life of the community, a kind and generous neighbor, and in her death the town has lost one of its noblest Christian characters.

BUSINESS GOOD SAY MERCHANTS

Talk of National Business Recession Isn't Reflected in Local Christmas Trade

Despite persistent reports of a national business recession, Boone merchants expressed themselves the first of the week as being highly pleased with their receipts from the sale of Christmas merchandise, and several indicated that their annual inventories would show less of the strictly holiday merchandise held over than for many years.

Sales generally equalled those of a year ago, it was reported, while in some instances it was believed that a final check-up would show a considerable increase in retail sales.

Valle Crucis News

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Farthing of Carey, N. C. are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Farthing at Valle Crucis and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mast at Sugar Grove.

Mr. Harry Coits of Carthage, is a holiday visitor with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tester.

Miss Sue Taylor of Nashville, is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. C. D. Taylor.

Mr. Gilbert Taylor of Kingsport, Tenn., was a Christmas visitor at the home of his mother, Mrs. C. D. Taylor.

Miss Nattie Smith of Reisterstown, Md., is spending the holidays at the home of a sister, Mrs. C. D. Taylor.

Miss Mary Wagner, who is a student at the Hannah Moore Academy, Reisterstown, Md., spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. W. H. Wagner.

Miss Francis Farthing of Collettsville, is a holiday visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Farthing.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Mast spent Christmas with relatives in Lincoln.

Mrs. Landstreet of Memphis, Tenn., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. D. Butt.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Leak of the Philippine Islands, are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shull.

Miss Wilhelmina Shull, who has recently made a trip around the world with Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Leak, is spending the holidays at her home here.

All of the teachers from the Valle Crucis school, with the exception of Miss Bouldin, are spending the holidays away from the valley.

Mrs. Henry Taylor spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. J. A. Keys at Lenoir.

Mr. Phil Mast of Burlington, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mast.

Mr. Baxter Tester left Monday evening for Elliott City, Md., where he will resume his work, after a visit to homefolks in this neighborhood.

GOP Policymaker



St. Louis, Mo.—Dr. Glenn Frank, former Wisconsin University president ousted for his liberal views, now named chairman of the committee on program which will formulate a new charter for the Republican party. On receiving news of his selection, Dr. Frank told reporters the task would be "the most important of my life."

Legion Officer Addresses Union

Service Officer Lionel Ward of Watauga post of the American Legion, addressed the young people of Oak Grove Baptist Student Union Sunday afternoon. The popular Legionnaire had been asked to give an account of happenings in France twenty years ago and compare them with present world conditions in connection with the general subject of peace which was being studied last week.

After the usual B. Y. P. U. program, the entire group of young people listened attentively to the personal experiences of the ex-soldier who made his hearers feel that peace was something of which to be proud.

News of Week in Vilas Community

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kimble of Winston-Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Hayes of Purlear, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Mast and Mr. Smith Mast of Johnson City, Tenn., were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mast during the holidays.

Recently a fine boy, J. V. by name, was born to Rev. and Mrs. Vilas Minton.

Mr. E. Y. Edmisten, who entered the hospital at Banner Elk for treatment and operation some weeks ago, is much improved and is expected home within a few days.

The following young people from college have been at home during the holidays: Shelton Dugger from Chapel Hill, Carl Henson from Boone, Juanita Glenn from Roanoke, Va., Velma Combs from Charlotte, Ersal Pressnell from Mars Hill, Dora Dean Sherwood, Forrest Smith and Mona Bingham from Knoxville.

Mrs. Albert Wilson spent Christmas with her mother in Mountain City, Tenn.

Messrs. Clayton Campbell of the Far West, and Ronda Campbell of Cleveland, Ohio, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Campbell.

Miss Lucile Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Walker, was recently married to Mr. James Fletcher, of Watauga Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. George Edmisten and Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Cable spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Edmisten.

Mrs. C. I. Billings and sons, Billie and Jimmie, are spending a part of the holidays with relatives in Mooresville.

Mr. Sam Adkins surprised all his neighbors by staying away from the filling station one whole day.

On Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Claude Isaacs of Heaton, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Chappell of Shouns, Tenn., spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brinkley.

The following guests were at the Horton home during the holidays: Mrs. A. R. Barlow and family, Mr. Carl Prestwood and Miss Oline Barlow, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Pipes, all of Lenoir; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Huffman of Hickory; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Banner of Newland; Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Horton and Mrs. Julia Lewis, of Sherwood.

Mrs. Jennie Jenkins of Bristol, Tenn., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith on Christmas.

Jim Rivers, of the U. S. Bituminous Coal Commission information service, was with his family in Boone for Christmas. He returned to Washington Sunday afternoon.

J. CALVIN TRIVETT TAKEN BY DEATH

Well Known Watauga County Citizen Succumbs; Funeral Service Held Monday

John Calvin Trivett, aged 81 years, prominent resident of the Vilas neighborhood, died at the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem last Saturday. Mr. Trivett had been at the hospital for several days undergoing a course of treatments.

Funeral services were conducted from the Advent Christian church in Boone Monday by Rev. S. E. Gregg and Dr. F. E. Warman, and there was a large assembly of friends of the deceased and of his family. Interment was at the Adams cemetery near Vilas.

Surviving are the following sons and daughters: J. H. Trivett, Piney Flats, Tenn.; Rev. W. L. Trivett, Boone; George A. Trivett, Limestone, Tenn.; Mrs. M. S. Baird, Bluff City, Tenn.; Grant M. Trivett, Birmingham, Ala.; Joseph H. Trivett, Johnson City, Tenn.; Mrs. W. R. Brewer, Shulls Mills; Mrs. M. C. Hollar, Boone; Mrs. W. B. Cook, Lenoir. Two brothers, Larkin M. Trivett of Boone, and David N. Trivett of Beaver Dam, Va., also survive. There are three sisters, Mrs. Mary Hodges, Kentucky; Mrs. Alice Hayes, Vilas, and Mrs. Malissa Brown, Boone.

Mr. Trivett was born in Watauga county, the son of the late Elijah and Mrs. Trivett, and spent his long life in this region, where his standards of upright living had brought him into the highest esteem of his fellowmen. He was a kind neighbor, a devout churchman and a public-spirited citizen, who contributed a full share to the well-being of his county.

Good Fellows Club Is Organized Here

Boone's newest social organization, the Goodfellows Club, came into being Monday evening when a group of thirty business and professional men gathered at the Daniel Boone Hotel to enjoy a sumptuous dinner, to participate in "setback" contests and to have the privilege of mingling with each other in a spirit of genuine good fellowship. The idea of the informal gathering, which insofar as the repast was concerned, operated on the Dutch plan, originated with Coach E. E. Garbee of Appalachian College, who in turn was made president of the club, Mr. Russell D. Hodges being elected secretary without opposition.

At the dinner Mayor Gragg acted in the capacity of toastmaster, the usual round of witticisms was engaged in, and the card tables were prepared. It was an evening of genuine fun, and the charter members congratulated Mr. Craven of the hotel management for the fine part he played in entertaining the guests.

It was decided that the next meeting of the club will be held January 17th.

Those present included: A. R. Smith, Frank Williams, E. Ford King, Russell Hodges, Roy Manship, W. C. Collins, Oliver Robertson, W. C. Black, Dr. R. K. Bingham, Edwin Dougherty, Peck Holshouser, D. J. Whitener, L. L. McGibb, Gordon Winkler, Bub Teams, R. A. Ruffy, Joe Crawford, Rob Rivers, Grady Farthing, Hardin Brown, Wade E. Brown, Ralph Winkler, Pat Landis, Council Cooke, A. D. Wilson, Watt Gragg, Baxter Linney, Jim Winkler, John Greer, E. E. Garbee.

Christmas Quiet In This Locality

Christmas day passed quietly in Boone, little occurring to mar the sanctity of the day. Those of the residents who did not go to other points to visit with friends, stayed, for the greater part, by their respective firesides, and there was little foot-travel on the streets. A few arrests were made over the weekend, all of them having to do with public intoxication.

FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR TENANT LOANS IN N. C.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The farm security administration said today machinery for the making of farm tenant loans was in operation in 21 states.

Other states now are setting up their state and county committees preparatory to receiving applications.

States where receipt of applications has started and amounts allocated in those states for this year include North Carolina, \$527,586.