\$1.50 PER YEAR

FUNDS ASSURED FOR SMOKY PARK

President Promises \$783,000 Al lotment as Soon as Congress Authorizes Such Action

The Smoky Mountain national park and the Blue Ridge parkway were given a new lease of life Wednesday. The President assured Senators Reynolds of North Carolina and McKellar of Tennessee , advocates of completing the park, that he would allot \$763,000 for the park so that it may be completed just as soon as congress would pass a bill authorizing such use of the money.

A short time afterward the President sent his budget message to congress recommending that \$4,-000,000 be spent on the Blue Ridge parkway and the Natchez trace, the latter being in Tennessee and Ala-

Of the \$4,000,000, the sum of \$2. 500,000 would be spent during the fiscal year beginning July 1, next, to carry the Blue Ridge Parkway work forward, under the present schedule, while \$1,500,000 would be spent on the Natchez trace.

Immediately after the conference with the President, the two senators joined in the introduction of a bill authorizing the appropriation which the President said he would take care of with an allotment so that it would not afterward be necessary to enact a specific appropriation bill

We found the President greatly interested in the completion of the Smoky Mountain national park," said Senator Reynolds after the conference. "With us was Daniel Bell, director of the budget, who concurred in the plans, which remove every obstacle. I am sure that both branches of congress will accept the bill and pass it so that the work may be expedited. The state of North Carolina is already spending \$250, 000 a year advertising for tourists; and the approval of the President of the general plan to close out, the park fits into the picture admirably.

A year ago the congress appropriated \$6,000,000 for the Blue Ridge parkway and the Natchez trace, of which \$4,500,000 is being spent on the parkway and the remainder on the trace. It is estimated that the \$2,500,000 that the President asks for the parkway will be all that will be needed during the coming fiscal

State Republicans To Meet in March

Chairman Meekins Announces Change in Date For Convention; Probably in Charlotte

Charlotte, Jan. 12.-Chairman W. C. Meekins announced Saturday that state Republican convention would be held in March this year instead of April.

The sessions, he said, probably will be held in Charlotte.

meet in Greensboro on February 12 at 3 p. m., and would be followed by the Lincoln Day dinner.

Meekins, here on a business trip from his home in Hendersonville caid Republicans were planning to offer a full slate of candidates.

"Decision has been made to hold the convention in March due to the fact that the 1937 state legislature moved up the date for filing for office," he stated.

MRS. EMMA COFFEY **FUNERAL WEDNESDAY**

Mrs. Emma Coffey ,68, a native of Watauga county, died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. B. E. Perry, in Longview, Monday evening of last

Funeral services were held from the Advent Christian church in Longview at 10 a. m. Wednesday with Rev. Alton Trivette, pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. Pressler and Rev. F. G. Womack, pastor of the Pincola Baptist church. 1937 Burial followed in Shulls Mills cemetery, Watauga county, with Rev. S. Gragg and Rev. R. L. Isbell in

charge of the services at that place. Mrs. Coffey is survived by one son, Clyde Coffey, of Hickory; one daughter, Mrs. Berry; three brothers, D. C. C. L. and Wesley Coffey of Watauga county; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was the Tempa Calloway Coffey. She was a

To Address Juniors



Rev. J. C. Canipe of the First Baptist church, who will deliver an address at the public installation of the officers of the local Junior Order Council next Monday even-

JUNIOR OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED

Rev. Mr. Canipe Will Speak at Public Ceremeny of Town's Only Fraternial Order

The newly elected officers of Daniel Boone Council No. 129, Junior Order United American Mechanics. will take office at a public instalation in the Junior Order hall next Monday evening, January 17th, at 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. J. C. Canipe will deliver the principal address.

The Junior Order has the distinction of being Boone's only fraternal The frateruty is the largest organization of his kind in North Carolina, and the local coun-ch was instituted here in 1928.

The meeting will be open to the public and everyone is invited to attend, but more especially every Junior, and every one who has ever belonged to the local council or any other Junior Order council.

meeting:

Song—Opening Ode.

Benediction—Rev. Paul Townsend. Song-To be selected.

Remarks-Rev. S. E. Gragg Talks by Misses Fraddy and Cowan of the Lexington Home of the

Junior Order. Installation of officers.
Address by Rev. J. C. Canipe.

Benediction.

Refreshments. The program will be interspersed with string music.

MRS. WILSON ATTENDS FUNERAL FOR BROTHER McBee, Sr., J. E. Pannell and G. W.

Mrs. Owen Wilson of Boone went to LaGrange, Ga., on January 1, Presnell and C. M. Bailey.
where she attended the funeral servBank Personnel ices for her brother, Mr. George E. Meekins also announced that the state executive committee would which was held at the First Baptist church, with Rev. W. E. Howard in Cashier; Dudley S. Hill, assistant charge. Interment was in Shadow Cashier; Miss Anne Duncan, assist-Lawn cemetery.

Mr. Waugh, who had been ill for some time, died at his home on December 31. He was born at Fieetwood, N. C., and was a lumberman

by trade. Survivors include three sons, G. E., Jr., Billy and Fred; one daughter, Faye; four brothers, W. C., of La-Grange; Howard of Freedland, Md.: Harris of LaGrange; Charlie of Marion, N. C.; two sisters, Mrs. J. C. Clark of Huntington Beach, Calif.; Mrs. Owen Wilson of Boone. The

N. C. RELIEF FUNDS TOTAL \$92,757,651

parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Waugh,

of LaGrange, also survive.

Washington, Jan. 11-The National Emergency Council reported North Carolina had been allocated | \$92,737,651 from relief funds appropriated by congress in 1935, 1936 and

Of this amount, the report showed \$84,492,656 actually had been spent in the state, with the remainder of \$8,264,995 unexpended as of December 31, 1937.

FOOD SALE

The ladies of Laurel Springs Baptist church will hold a food sale on widow of the late W. M. Coffey and Saturday, January 15, in the building a daughter of the late Levi and formerly occupied by the A. & P. store, next to Boone Drug store. member of the Blue Ridge Advent Proceeds from the sale will go to the erty and for the present will devote building fund for the church

NORTHWEST BANK NAMES OFFICERS IN ANNUAL MEET

Few Changes Made in Person nel of Bank: List of Officer: for Various Branches and Boards of Managers Given: Shows Institution to Re in Fine Condition

North Wilkesboro, Jan. 11-Stock holders of the Northwestern Bank formed on July 1, 1937, as a merger of the Deposit and Savings Banl here, with banks at Boone, Sparta Biowing Rock, Bakersville and Burnsville, held their first annual neeting here today.

Following the report of the bank's business by Edwin Duncan, executive vice president, directors were elected and in their meeting they elected R A. Doughton, of Sparta, president R. L. Doughton, of Laurel Springs, chairman of the board; Edwin Duncan, of Sparta, executive vice president; John C. McBee, Sr., of Spruce Pine, vice president; W. J. Caroon, of North Wilkesboro, secretary. Mic-Bee is the only new officer being ad-ded to the central organization

Board of Directors The board of directors is as fol-ows: R. L. Doughton, chairman; R. A. Doughton; W. C. Berry, of Bakersville; W. B. Collins, of Boone; W D. Farthing, Boone; G. W. Greene, Toe Cane; M. A. Higgins, Emnice; W. W. Mast, Valle Crucis; Harry ary 29, will be staged instead,

Commenting on the bank, President R. A. Doughton said that be was "very much pleased with the arrangements. Mr. McGuire feels most stuce its organization in July." He expressed approval of the board of directors and with reference to the little conflict in determined. The detailed program for the directors and with reference to the little conflict in determined.

"Depositors at any office of the Morthwestern Bank have the protection of the full resources of the entire organization," he said. Speaking of the personnel, he praised the clonged to the local council or any services of W. J. Curoon, who came from Smithfield, and is now serving Following is the program for the as cashier of the North Wilkesboro peeting. branch and secretary of the entire L. S. SPURLING

Local boards of managers were elected for the tranches as follows: North Wilkesboro-R. L. Doughton, C. T. Doughton, J. T. Prevette, C. O. McNeil, C. A. Lowe, Ralph Duncan, George S Forester and J. H. Pearson

Sparia—R. A. Doughton, D. ... Duncan, M. A. Higgins, M. E. Reeves and A. F. Reeves.

Boone I. A. Greene, W. B. Col-lins, W. W. Mast, S. E. Gragg and G. P. Hagaman. Rakersville-W. C. Berry, John C.

Greene. Bakergville-B. B. Penland, Robert

Members of the bank personnel for the branches were elected as follows: North Wilkesboro-W. J. Caroon, ant cashier.

Sparta-Alton W. Thompson, cashier; Mrs. Marjorie Choate, assistant cashier.

Boone-W. D. Farthing, cashier G. P. Hagaman, assistant cashier. Blowing Rock-Gurney D. Brinkley cashier; Miss Susie Osborne, assistant cashier.

Bakersville-W. C. Berry, chairman loan committee; E. H. Poteat, cashier; Mrs. E. G. Miller, assistant

ier; Miss Marguerite. Greene, assistant cashier.

Since the merger on July 1, resources of the bank have climbing steadily, and the statement as of December 31 listed resources at \$2,775,590.59, and deposits at \$2,-462 392.50. The total capital struc-Reported. ture, including capital stock, surplus and undivided profits, is \$270,652.-

CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF LOCAL GROCERY FIRM

Mr. J. E. Clay has sold his interests in the Mullins & Clay Grocery establishment to Mr. Ab Mullins, and the business will continue under the old firm name, rendering the same high type service as in the past.

Mr. Clay, who has been half owner of the business since it was organized four years ago, will continue to reside in Boone, where he owns prophis time to his farm.



The last boat to leave the stricken U. S. S. Panay, carrying a load of medical supplies and members of the crew. Note how sailors have stripped in case further attack should force them to take to the water. Here the little boat reaches the reed-covered shore. These are original news pictures rushed here by clipper plane.

Date For President's Ball Is Changed to January 28

The President's Birthday Ball, from the adjoining counties. which was scheduled to have been held at the Daniel Boone Bailey, Penland; J. T. Prevette and on Friday evening, January 28, N. B. Smithey, North Wilkesbore, according to an announcement and M. E. Reeves, Laurel Springs. according to an announcement made by Pat McGuire, chairdirectors and with reference to the consolidation of the banks said that it is able to accommodate customers by loaning larger amounts of money that any separate unit could have those who have already article.

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Mr. McGuire states that unusual interest is being manifested this year in the ball, and that indications are there will be a record attendance

Arrangements have been made for securing Hal Moore and his famous Columbia Broadcasting System orchestra, featuring Ruby King, torch singer. This is one of the most noted dance orchestras of the south, and during the past season was en-gaged at Wrightsville Beach. At present the orchestra is located at

evening's entertainment has not as gether with nurses and it is said yet been prepared, but again those that this plan of operation has been who do not trip the "light fantastic" will have ample opportunity for entertainment at bridge tables and other orwise. A full attendance is urged and it is again explained that every dollar contributed to the ball fund will result in further research and treatment of infantile perulysis. Mr. McGuire elicits the continued hearty co-operation of the people in this

from the community, county and worthy endeavor. TO RUN AGAIN

Lenoir Man Seeks Re-Election West Jefferson Ball Expected to as Solicitor of the 16th Judicial District

Lenoir, Jan 10 Solicitor Lee S. Spuring of Lenoir, today formally announced his candidacy for renomination and election as solicitor of the 16th judicial district, subject to the

that he would seek the ninth dis- this week. trict congressional seat should Representative Robert L. Doughton decide to retire.

A native of Cleveland county, Mr. Spurling has served as district solicitor since 1926 and is seeking his fourth consecutive term.

SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL

A revival meeting at the Shulls the gastor, Rev. Vilas Minton, and Rev. Dwight Edmisten, began on January 6. It is said by many folks counties took advantage of the opto be the greatest revival ever held Burnsville—Paul A. Coffey, casher; Miss Marguerite. Greene, as greatly revived. There were 37 additions to the church, 20 by baptism and 17 by restoration and by letter

The church and community feel under lasting obligation to Revs. Minton and Edmisten for their faithful services for God and church,-

CHRYSLER REHIRES 55,000 Detroit, Jan. 11.-Fifty-five thousand Chrysler corporation employees, idle since December 23, returned to work today as production was resumed in the corporation's automotive plants here. Chrysler officials said the plants would operate on either a 24-hour or 32-hour weekly basis, depending upon business conditions

GEORGIA REMAINS DRY

Atlanta, Jan. 11.—The third at- this activity. tempt in as many years to legalize liquor in Georgia was defeated today by the state house of represen-

DANCE FRIDAY TO AID BOOK TRUCK

Assure Continuation of Traveling Library

(Special to The Democrat) West Jefferson, Jan. 12-With the view of raising funds to resume ope ration of the WPA book-truck action of the voters in the June ties, a benefit dance will be given Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga coun-Democratic primary.

In making his announcement, Mr. at the Colonial hotel here night, Mrs. Blanche Pless, at the Coloniai hotel here Friday Spuring became the first Caldwell county candidate to announce for public office and put at end rumors and Alleghany counties, announced the "Walla Walla," marine news that he would seek the viath dissuper-

> The dance is being sponsored by Mrs. Pless and WPA educational teachers in the three counties and the public is cordially invited to attend and help restore the services of this worthy activity.

In announcing the dance, Mrs. Pless pointed out that this is the only regional WPA bookmobile in the south and that its benefit to this Mills Baptist church, conducted by section that has rather dimited library facilities was clearly demonstrated last summer when a large num-Saturday, December 18th, and closed ber of people in all parts of the three portunity to get and read good books.

The truck was purchased last spring and a special body, containing shelves for the books was built on to the chassis of the truck. All last spring and summer it operated on regular schedules in various com munities in the three counties and hundreds of men, women and children would meet the truck on its rounds, Mrs. Pleas stated.

Due to lack of funds, operation of being made to re-establish this serv-

In addition to partial support as provided by WPA, the state library department co-operates in supplying books to be loaned. In Watauga county Mrs. Dora Penn is supervisor and is urging everyone to help

Mrs. J. F. Smith of Vilas, was an

HOSPITAL PLAN OF OPERATION IS MAPPED BY BOARD

State-Duke Cwned Institution to Receive Patients Shortly; Miss Heinzerling to Be Superintendent; Any State Licensed Physician May Practice There; **Directors Named**

The board of directors of the Wat-auga Hospital met last Wednesday, adopted a set of by-laws to govern the operation of the institution, named a superintendent, an executive committee, and placed all in-readiness for the opening of the hospital for patients, just as soon as a small amount of preliminary work may be done in the building.

Miss Edna Heinzerling of Statesville, was made general superintendent of the hospital and of the nurses and is now in Boone looking after the details incident to the early opening of the plant. Miss Heinzerling is well qualified for her new position. She served for a period of six years as superintendent of the Baptist Hospital, was formerly superintendent of the Mooresville Hospital. Sne was chosen by the State Nurses Association to write a book, "A History of Nursing in North Carolina." The volume will be used as a text in nurses' training schools throughout the state. Mass Heinzerling will be affiliated with the col-lege, it was said.

The hospital, which was erected on the campus of Appalachian College through state and Duke Foundation financing, will be operated as an "open hospital." That is to say, any physician licensed to practice medicine or surgery in the state of North Carolina may bring his patients and tre this organization.

The detailed program for the an will be available at all times, tomost successin elsewhere.

The actual operation of the hos-pital will be in the hands of an exe-cutive committee composed of Smith Hagaman, chairman ex-officio; I. G. Greer, secretary ex-officio; Dr. J. D. Rankin, W. D. Farthing and Miss Cora Jeffcoat.

The building is a three-story brick structure, of fireproof construction, is patterned after the latest thought n that type of architecture and is as modern as any similar building in the state. The plans were drawn by the late R. F. Coffey and carried through by B. G. Teams, superintendent of buildings for the college.

Directors present for the meeting were Smith Hagaman, chairman; I. G. Greer, secretary; T. H. Coffey and T. C. Baird.

Jay Jones Noted Slugger of Marines

Jay Jones, son of Mrs. J. W. Jones of Boone, who is with the United States Marine Corps at Shanghai, China, is making himself something family here. From weekly, is taken the following excerpt, which would seem to indicate that young Jones always gets his man:

"'Slugger' Jones entered the ring wearing that impressive expression for which he and Joe Louis are famcus, and was tumultously received by a group of fans who realized that plenty of action was in the offing. So there was! In his charactic way, Jones started the battle off with a bang and carried it to the end. His only defense was an onslaught offense which the sailor boy, 'Whirlwind' Tummins, discovered too mystifying to evade. 'Whirlwind's' befuddlement steered him into a right cross which effected a knockout in the first round, significant of the usual Jones victories.'

RE-EMPLOYMENT OFFICE NOT BE OPEN FRIDAY

The representative of the state reemployment service will not be in Boone Friday of this week, as had been originally stated, but will be here Friday, January 21, at the ofthe truck was discontinued last fice of the clerk of the court. Those September and every effort is now desiring to see him should call there between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3

BREAKS ARM IN FALL

Mrs. Ida Spainhour suffered a broken arm in a fall on the snow Tuesday morning, and was treated at the Hagaman Clinic. The injury contribute towards the support of is expected to heal without undue delay.

Mr. A. C. Mast and family left appreciated caller at The Democrat Wednesday for Vero Beach, Fra. office Saturday.