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The Week in Washington

A RESUME OF GOVERNMENTAL HAPPENINGS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Washington, Jan. 19.—It is far too early to attempt to forecast what this session of congress will do in general, or what will be the outcome of particular measures pending or proposed. But the developments of the first few days of the session point clearly, in the opinion of most experienced observers, toward certain lines of administration policy upon which, it seems likely, there will be rather general agreement in congress.

In general, the new policy of the administration is to play much closer to business than it has heretofore done and to return to economic principles which were discarded in the first days of the New Deal. But it is part of the play to do this without sacrificing any of the political hold on the masses which has been built up by the policies which the administration has been following for the past five years.

Sorting Sheep From Goats
The President drew a sharp distinction between the honest 90 per cent of business men and the 10 per cent of "big business," which, he intimated, needs curbing in the public interest. The "good" element in business should be relieved of too burdensome pressure of taxation, he said, while the monopolistic tendencies and practices of "big business" should be thoroughly investigated, exposed and checked by such new legislation as may be necessary.

In the meantime, honest capital should be encouraged to invest in a broad building program with fair chance of profit, and industry should be encouraged to greater production and re-employment.
At the same time the President sounded a warning to labor against monopolistic tendencies and illegal practices. That was calculated to assuage many of the fears of capital and industry, which have been doubtful as to how far the administration was committed to support of high-handed labor policies enforced by violence.

Yearly Instead of Hourly Wage
Many observers point out that the President's suggestion that there should be a readjustment of the whole scheme of compensation for labor, looking toward the eventual establishment of a yearly wage instead of the present hourly wage, and his other recommendations are in the nature of a return to the economic policies proposed in the beginning of President Roosevelt's administration by Prof. O. W. M. Sprague, the Harvard economist who was called into the administration councils from the post he had held for many years of economic adviser to the Bank of England. Prof. Sprague and Under Secretary of the Treasury Acheson, who was Mr. Roosevelt's first under-secretary of the treasury, split with the President in the fall of 1933 in disagreement with the New Deal policies and especially with the NRA and both resigned.

Sprague, Acheson Vindicated
Both Mr. Sprague and Mr. Acheson maintained the view that there was no single remedy for economic troubles, and events have proved them right. Dr. Sprague was especially insistent in his belief that no tinkering with the currency on any scheme of managed money would do the trick alone. He proposed going at the root of the nation's troubles, one thing at a time. He advocated a building program, starting with an attack on prices of materials through anti-trust suits, if necessary, and the use of all government influence. He included among his recommendations that labor in the building trades be induced to recede from its stand for a high hourly wage; in short, a program of lower prices and normal production.

Those precise proposals were made by the President in his message to congress; which shrewd observers take as evidence of the ultimate triumph of Prof. Sprague's economic ideas, in which Mr. Acheson backed him at the cost of his job. It was Mr. Acheson's idea that people and corporations in financial trouble should be encouraged to "go through the wringer" by recourse to bankruptcy and a fresh start.

Administration Holds to Policy
It should not be imagined, however, that the present return of the administration to those earlier ideas of economics, means that all of the ideas of the ardent New Dealers have been abandoned. On the contrary, a new line of conservation is being raised in New Deal circles.

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FARM PROGRAM BE CLARIFIED AT COUNTY MEETINGS

Extension Agents to Hold Meetings in Every Township of County to Explain 1938 Agricultural Conservation Program and to Discuss New Farm Practices

By W. B. COLLINS,
(County Agent)

Within the next two weeks the extension agents of Watauga county will hold one or more meetings in every township of the county to explain the 1938 agricultural conservation program, and to discuss with the farmers and their wives some of the farm practices which they might follow this year to their advantage.

Following is a list of the times and places at which these farm meetings will be held:

Valle Crucis—Friday, January 21, at 9 a. m.

Matney school—Friday, January 21, at 1:30 p. m.

Foscoe school—Saturday, January 22, at 9 a. m.

Windy Gap school—Saturday, January 22, at 1:30 p. m.

Cove Creek high school—Tuesday, January 25, at 9 a. m.

Mabel school—Tuesday, January 25, at 1:30 p. m.

Bethel school—Wednesday, January 26, at 9 a. m.

Courthouse at Boone—Wednesday, January 26, 1:30 p. m.

Green Valley school—Friday, January 28, at 9 a. m.

Todd school—Friday, January 29, at 1:30 p. m.

Bamboo school—Saturday, January 29, at 9 a. m.

Triplet school—Saturday, January 29, at 1:30 p. m.

Deep Gap school—Tuesday, February 1, at 9 a. m.

Blowing Rock school—Tuesday, February 1, at 1:30 p. m.

It is hoped that a large number of farmers and farm women will attend these farm meetings so they may get a better understanding of the services available to them through the extension work in the county, and so they may understand the 1938 agricultural conservation program in order to plan their farming operations so as to get the greatest payments.

New Dry Goods Store Will Open on Friday

Bare's Fair Store is the name of Boone's newest mercantile establishment, which will open its doors to the public Friday morning. Mr. G. T. Bare, who operates stores at West Jefferson and North Wilkesboro, is spending the week here, superintending the arrangement of the large stock of merchandise.

Mr. Bare is a successful merchant, and has been in business in the neighboring counties for several years. He states that Mr. Guy Hunt, who has been in charge of the West Jefferson store for the past two years, will manage the Boone establishment, and is extending a cordial invitation to the people of the county to attend the opening in an advertisement appearing in The Democrat today.

BLUE RIDGE SINGERS TO MEET JANUARY 30

The Blue Ridge Singing Association, an organization which embraces singers of gospel music in parts of Watauga, Wilkes and Ashe counties, will hold its next convention on Sunday, January 30, at Mount Pleasant Baptist church, 18 miles west of North Wilkesboro. It is announced by the chairman, J. C. McNeill.

The session will open at 10 o'clock and Lloyd Hendrix will have charge of the devotional period. U. G. Foster will deliver the address of welcome and response will be by Lawrence Greene. Those attending are asked to have baskets for dinner at noon.

All singing classes and quartets are invited to be present and take part in the day's program.

CAPTURE KIDNAPER

Peter Anders was seized in Los Angeles Tuesday by federal agents and was rushed eastward to answer charges of kidnaping Chas. Ross, wealthy Chicago clubman, last September. A ransom of \$50,000 was paid, \$14,000 of which was among the prisoner's effects.

HUGE DEFICIT

The treasury department reports its deficit on January 15, as 6 1/2 months of the fiscal year passed, at \$795,726,970.

Makes Way



Washington, D. C.—When Justice George Sutherland retires from the supreme bench January 18, his place will be taken by a liberal, Stanley F. Reed. As Sutherland has been accounted a conservative the change is expected to mean much to future decisions on New Deal measures.

PENALTY ON TAXES AFTER FEBRUARY 1

One Per Cent Penalty Will Be Added First of Each Month Until 1st of May

A penalty on unpaid county taxes for the year 1937 will be added after February 1, according to A. D. Wilson, tax collector.

Taxes may be paid now at face value and all taxpayers are urged to pay on or before the first of February and save the amount of the penalty which will otherwise be added as required by law.

CHILD'S ARM BROKEN IN SCHOOL BUS ACCIDENT

Ray Dickie Ollis, 13 years old, son of Chief of Police S. D. Ollis, suffered a broken arm and fractured bones of one hand in a strange accident, which occurred as the child was en route to school at Blowing Rock Monday morning.

The Ollis lad, together with other passengers on the school bus, was holding a toy airplane out of the window, watching the air currents spin the propeller, when a passing truck ran too close, caught his arm in some way, broke both bones just above the wrist and cracked the bones of the hand. Another child suffered a dislocated finger joint at the same time.

The injured boy was taken to the Banner Elk hospital, where it is said his condition is satisfactory.

GEORGE W. MCGUIRE

George W. McGuire was born December 30, 1862, in Ashe county. At the close of the Civil War his father, a Confederate soldier, moved his family to Watauga county. This section of Watauga became, in later years, a part of Avery county, and it was here that George McGuire grew to manhood.

At the age of 18, he professed faith in Christ and joined Beech Mountain Baptist church. He was a faithful member of this church for 57 years, and served a number of years as a deacon. In 1881 he married Tobitha Lothery. In 1888 she died, leaving him with four children, three of whom still live. In 1891 he married Alice Trivett. To this union was born ten children, eight still living.

He departed this life January 9, 1938, at the age of 75 years and 13 days. He is survived by his wife and eleven children, four sons, Frank McGuire, Whaley; Charley McGuire, Barrett, W. Va.; Roy McGuire and Hurst McGuire, of Heaton, N. C.; seven daughters, Mrs. Sarah Jones, Whaley; Mrs. Ida Ramsey, Lester, W. Va.; Mrs. Fern Buchanan, Hampton, Tenn.; Mrs. Vana Trivett, Mrs. Erleen Church, Mrs. Oda Jones and Mrs. Blanche Harmon, all of Heaton. One brother, L. W. McGuire, and one sister, Mrs. J. M. Storie, of Whaley, also survive, as do 49 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Beech Mountain Baptist church January 11, conducted by Rev. Carl Roberts of Johnson City, Tenn., and Rev. W. D. Ashley, of Boone. Burial was in the church cemetery.

GWYN PHILLIPS

Gwyn Phillips, aged about 60 years, died at his home on Rich Mountain last Friday. Rev. E. C. Hodges conducted the funeral at Rich Mountain Baptist church and interment was in the nearby cemetery.

CANIPE SPEAKS AT JUNIOR MEETING

Graduates of Orphan Home Present; New Officers Publicly Installed

Rev. J. C. Canipe covered the principal address at a special installation meeting of the Daniel Boone Council of the Junior Order here Monday evening, at which time officers for the ensuing year were publicly installed.

Misses Mildred Fraby and Mildred Cowan, graduates of the Junior Orphan Home at Lexington, and at present students at Appalachian College, told of the benefits of the home and the facilities there.

Rev. S. E. Gragg, a veteran member of the fraternity, spoke briefly of the principles of the order.

A number of visitors from the North Wilkesboro council were present for the ceremonies. Also many ladies and townspeople were present as the program was open to the public.

District Deputy Clyde R. Greene was in charge of the installation, and the following were installed for the ensuing term of six months: Junior past counselor, R. E. Kelley; counselor, Ralph G. Greene; vice counselor, W. M. Cook; treasurer, A. D. Wilson; recording secretary, W. W. Williams; trustees, D. L. Wilcox and A. E. Hodges; warden, R. D. Shoemaker; conductor, S. B. Greer; outside sentinel, G. E. Miller; inside sentinel, E. F. Shore; chaplain, J. C. Canipe; assistant recording secretary, Mack Greer.

Lions To Establish Project For Blind

Mrs. Inez Wall, of the state blind commission, was a special guest at the Lions Club Tuesday evening, when co-operation with the sightless constituted the principal subject of discussion.

It was agreed that some project would be instituted here, make one local blind person self-supporting, and a sales booth is to be opened in the postoffice, where candles, cigarettes, cigars, etc., will be dispensed by a blind person. The club appropriated money for stocking the booth, while the blind commission will furnish the booth itself. The plan has been inaugurated in most of the counties of the state and has met with a ready response.

Dr. King is chairman of the blind committee for the Lions, the other members being Council Cooke and W. B. Collins.

June Steele Dies After Brief Illness

June Paul Steele, salesman with the Spanhour store here, died in a Charlotte hospital Monday after an illness of only a few days. An infection, developing in a leg which was fractured several years ago, is said to have brought about his death.

Funeral services were conducted at Marston, N. C., Tuesday at 11 o'clock and interment was in that community. Mr. A. S. Harris, manager of the Spanhour store, and Mr. Hummie Adams attended the rites.

Mr. Steele was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Steele of Marston, and was formerly a student at Appalachian College. For more than a year he had been employed at Spanhour's and was held in high esteem by the people of the community.

GEORGE MILLARD LOVE SUCCEUMBS AT TRADE

George Millard Love, aged 60, died at his home near Trade, Tenn., Saturday. Funeral services were conducted from the late residence Sunday afternoon by Rev. E. C. Hodges, assisted by Rev. Eugene Brown of Mountain City. Interment was in the neighborhood cemetery with the Masons in charge of the graveside rites.

Mr. Love was a son of Rev. Joseph H. and Mrs. Malinda Love and was born April 26, 1877. He was united in marriage October 8, 1909, to Mrs. Lizzie Wallace Wilson, and the following children survive: Roger R. Love, Mrs. Ruby M. Main, of Trade; one step-daughter, Mrs. Hollie Bumgardner of Trade. Mr. Love, at the time of his death was a member of the Johnson county court and had served his people faithfully as such for the past 19 1/2 years.

GOVERNOR TO TAKE OATH

James H. Price was inaugurated as governor of Virginia today in the traditional pompous ceremonies.

Most Valuable Student



Miss Lucille Hartley, daughter of Mrs. Pearl Hartley, of Wilkesboro, was voted the most valuable girl in the student election held at Appalachian State College Saturday.

MISS APPALACHIAN NAMED ON CAMPUS

Eight Hundred Collegians Participate in Election of Superlatives

Appalachian State College campus was a scene of bustling activity Saturday as 800 students participated in a closely contested election for campus superlatives and representatives of the "May court," who will be featured in the current yearbook.

All precincts heard from, the balloting showed concentrated opinion in placing students in the honored positions. In several instances, however, the lack of majority votes necessitated another run-off.

Heading the list of superlatives as Miss Appalachian is Mavis Smith, attractive and intellectual blonde from Lenoir, who won over Margaret Eury, Bessemer City, after the second balloting.

Though Ervin Smart, Elenboro, was on tour as forward on the Appalachian basketball team at the time of election, it made no difference to his followers who selected him as Mr. Appalachian. He was opposed in the election by Melvin Fairley, of Gulfport, Miss.

Opinion seemed unanimous in choosing the most valuable boy and most valuable girl, Lucille Hartley of Boone and Wilkesboro, and Dwayne Thompson of Philadelphia, N. Y., made the coveted positions in the first voting.

After a heated campaign and one that probably aroused more interest than any other, Anne Jones of Shelby, was voted the most popular student over Bob Elliot of Charlotte.

In conjunction with the superlative balloting, election was held for May Queen and her court. In this the students showed preference for the impressive, brunette type by naming Dassy Williams of Boone as May Queen. Runner-up to her was Hazel Plaster, Winston-Salem, who automatically becomes the maid-of-honor.

A group of ten constitutes the rest of the queen's court. Senior attendants: Louise Johnson, Hudson; Nell McSwain, Dallas, and Virginia Nelson, Pilot Mountain; Junior attendants: Annette Blanton, Lattimore; Christine Edens, Roland, and Lillian Linney, Wilkesboro. Sophomore attendants: Martha Garner, Raleigh; Louise Grayson, Trade, Tenn. Freshmen attendants: Joy Harris, Roaring River and Katie Jean Rowe, Newton.

Rev. Kirch to Preach At Lutheran Church

Rev. Paul Andrew Kirch, of the Board of American Missions of New York City, will preach in Boone at Grace Lutheran church Sunday morning, January 23, at 11 a. m. Rev. Mr. Kirch is a minister of outstanding ability and the public is cordially invited to hear him.

GOODFELLOWS TO MEET AGAIN THURSDAY NIGHT

The recently organized Goodfellows Club will hold its second dinner meeting at the Daniel Boone Hotel Thursday evening of this week. It is announced by Mr. Eugene Garbee, president of the club, who urges a full attendance.

BIRTHDAY BALL COMMITTEES ARE NOW FUNCTIONING

Tickets On Sale for Annual Benefit Dance; McGuire Gives Out List of Committee Assignments; Urge Continuance of Fight on Paralysis

Mr. Roger McGuire, general chairman of the committee on arrangements for the President's Birthday Ball, is going forward with the detailed plans for the event, which he confidently predicts will draw a larger crowd than in any previous year since the incipency of the benefit affair. Tickets are now on sale at the various business places of the city, and Mr. McGuire states that due to the fact that only a limited number of dancers may be taken care of, tickets should be promptly secured. The admission is as heretofore \$1.00 per person.

The birthday ball will be held at the Daniel Boone Hotel Friday evening, January 28, beginning at 9 o'clock, and while celebrating the fifty-sixth birthday anniversary of President Roosevelt, funds will be provided for the new National Foundation, whose purpose is to wage a relentless war against infantile paralysis.

Hal Moore and his orchestra, famed for their renditions over the Columbia radio network, have been secured to furnish the rhythm for the dancers, while bridge and other card games will furnish amusement for those who do not dance. Refreshments will be available and the proceeds from their sale will go into the general fund.

During the evening dancing will be suspended for a brief time while the assemblage listens to a radio address by the President.

More than a million dollars is expected from the five thousand balls which are to be held throughout the country, which will go for the benefit of the 900,000 infantile paralysis victims in this country. Leaders in every field of national activity have rallied to the birthday ball committee and are helping to carry on the fight against the malady.

Local Committees
Following are the committees which have been appointed by Mr. McGuire to aid with the different phases of the celebration:

Program committee: Wade Brown, Mrs. James Mast, Mrs. G. K. Moore, Mrs. Rob Rivers, Mrs. Watt Gragg.

Music: Misses Nell Trivette, Virginia Wary, M. I. Clark.

Entertainment: Dr. Abrams, Sam Horton, Mrs. C. S. Prevette, Mrs. Sarah Gaither, Mrs. Jennie Critcher, Mrs. Gladys Taylor, Mrs. Pat McGuire.

Bridge: Mrs. James Council, Mrs. Baxter Linney, Mrs. Joe Crawford, Mrs. Jim Horton.

Setback: Gene Garbee, Russell Hodges, Ford King, Richard Olsen and Rob Greene.

Decorating committee: Miss Kathryn Harwell and Prof. Antonakos.

Following are those who have been named to sell the tickets for the ball. Those in this community have already received their tickets and Mr. McGuire asks the others to call at their convenience and secure their tickets:

Boone Drug Co., Carolina Pharmacy, Kidd Brewer Cafe, Todd Service Station, Carolina Cafe, Misses Wilma Baird, Lucy Olsen, Ruby Wilson, Marguerite Miller, Louise Critcher, Richard Kelley, Mrs. Ruth Isaacs, Alice Robbins, Bill Casey, Cliff McConnell, John Conway, Lee Stout, Coy Billings, G. D. Brinkley, Ed Hodges, Tom Coffey, Jr., Rob Greene, Misses Helen Gragg and Pauline Brummat.

MISS MOORE HONORED AT MARS HILL COLLEGE

Mars Hill, Jan. 18.—Martha Moore of Boone, was elected vice-president of the Clo Literary Society of Mars Hill College at its regular meeting.

Miss Moore, who is in the graduating class this year, is one of the most popular students on the campus. She has been a cheer-leader for the past two years.

Other officers elected to serve are: Marie Murphy, of Southern Pine, president; Helen Smith, Asheville, second vice-president; Virginia Francis, King, recording secretary; and M. E. Miller, Greensboro, corresponding secretary.

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