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The Week in Washington

A RESUME OF GOVERNMENTAL HAPPENINGS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Washington, Nov. 30.—International affairs are pressing upon the attention of Washington from a dozen directions, and raising numerous questions which are likely to engage congress in discussions which may be prolonged and acrimonious.

First is the situation in Germany, created by the recall of the American ambassador, Hugh Wilson. Following the President's public declaration that he was shocked and horrified at the brutality of the Hitler government toward the Jews, the summoning of Ambassador Wilson home "for report and consultation" is the sort of diplomatic move which has often in the past presaged war.

Through Ambassador Kennedy in London the government is taking an active hand in the effort to find suitable new homes to which the Jews whom Hitler is driving out of Germany and Mussolini is threatening to expel from Italy can be removed by international action.

That there is grave apprehension in administration circles of efforts by Germany and Italy to establish colonies for their nationals in South America, and thereby gain political influence which would be in contravention of the American Monroe Doctrine, has been indicated by many straws in the wind lately.

Point was given to it by the President's declaration that the whole Western Hemisphere, from Hudson's Bay to Cape Horn, has identical interests and that all of the nations of America, North and South, must stand together.

When he coupled this with a declaration that this country must give first attention to our national defenses, especially in the matter of fighting aircraft, it was taken in many quarters as serving notice on the dictators that the United States will fight, if necessary, to keep them out of South America.

Possible friction with Cuba seems to have been removed by the official visit to this country of Colonel Fulgencio Batista, the actual dictator of Cuba. The importance of Cuba in the international situation is that it would furnish an ideal airplane and submarine base for a foreign enemy if it were not tied closely to the United States.

As for the rest of the Latin-American nations, the Pan-American conference about to be held in Lima, Peru, is expected to reassure all of the nations to the south of us of the good intentions of the United States toward them.

The Prime Minister of Canada, visiting the President, is understood to have renewed the assurance that Canada will make common cause with the United States in any situation which threatens the interests of any part of the Americas.

Trade Agreement Important
An extremely important step, calculated to remove any possible friction between the United States and the British Empire and to further strengthen the friendship between the English-speaking nations was the signing in Washington of the reciprocal trade agreement between this country, Great Britain and Canada.

This was the nineteenth such trade agreement negotiated by Secretary Hull with various nations. It takes effect on January 1. Under it Great Britain abolishes all tariff duties on American wheat, lard, canned grapefruit, cotton, corn and some other farm products, while we make tariff concessions on textiles, metals and manufactured goods of several kinds.

Canada reduces duties on American fruits and vegetables, fishery products, paper products and various kinds of manufactured goods, while the United States agrees to continue on the free list all Canadian products which now enter duty free.

This closer tying together of the English-speaking democracies is part of a broad program for a united front against aggressions by the authoritarian dictatorships of Europe. It is the hope, if not the expectation, of the administration, that all of the conditions which point to international (Continued on page four)

APPALACHIAN TO GET SCIENCE HALL

Contract is Let For Construction of Building Costing Around \$100,000

The contract was let last week for the construction of a one hundred thousand dollar science building for Appalachian State Teachers College, the Erwin Construction Company of Statesville, being the successful bidder on the job, which is to be jointly financed by state and PWA funds. The plumbing contract was let to the Bagwell Plumbing and Heating Co. of Durham for \$5,250, and the Piedmont Plumbing & Heating Co., of Gastonia, will do the heating for \$4,863.

The new building, which will be situated between the administration building and the new high school, will have dimensions of 66x132 feet, will be of fireproof construction and contain about 45 rooms.

The new dormitory for men, which is located on the former site of Newland Hall, is now ready for the roof structure, and Superintendent B. C. Teams expects to have the building ready for occupancy early in next summer.

Boone High Band Elects New Officers

Officers Choose Girls to Run For Band Sponsor

On Wednesday afternoon, November 16, the Boone High School Band elected officers for the coming year. The new officers are as follows: J. B. Hagaman, president; Agnes Preston, vice-president; Laura Ruth Hagaman, secretary; Carolyn Walker, treasurer; and Carolyn Miller, reporter.

The officers of the band met that afternoon and selected ten girls to run for sponsor. This girl will march with the band, behind the drum majorette, in uniform. The band will buy her uniform and in order to do this, the voters are a penny each. Everyone is asked to vote as many times as possible to help out on the uniform.

CHRISTMAS SEALS BEING SOLD HERE

Mrs. Moose Starts Sale of Stickers in War Being Waged Against Tuberculosis

Mrs. G. K. Moose, chairman of the local committee for the sale of Christmas Seals, had canvassers at work in the city Tuesday, offering the health stickers, while the campaign was being conducted in other sections of the county through the school principals.

Mrs. Moose says the principals and teachers are co-operating wonderfully in this work, and she expresses her great appreciation for their help in this campaign. This year 25% of the funds raised from the seal sales will go to the national anti-tuberculosis fund, while three-fourths will be used locally for prevention and treatment of the malady.

Since the first time they were sold in this country in 1907, Christmas Seals have helped to develop a national defense against tuberculosis. They help support medical research, health education, tuberculosis testing, X-ray programs and nursing. The full co-operation of the people is urged in this work.

L. C. GARLAND

L. C. Garland, of Trade, Tenn., died Monday at Grace Hospital, Banner Elk. Funeral services were conducted from the late residence Tuesday and burial was in the family cemetery. Surviving are several children.

DISPOSAL PLANT IS BEING BUILT

Work Started on \$110,000 Municipal Improvement Program for Blowing Rock

The first work began Monday at Blowing Rock on a \$110,000 improvement program which is being financed by the city in conjunction with the PWA, and which is to include general street improvements, a more adequate water supply, sewage lines and a disposal plant.

Burt & Raby, Asheville contractors, are at work on the sewage disposal plant, which is located on the John's river side of the resort town.

TO ADVERTISERS

A large number of Boone merchants will use the county newspaper next week for their Christmas shopping messages, and there will likely be more advertising lineage in this edition than in any other during the holiday season.

Due to the necessity of issuing a greatly enlarged paper next week, it is the purpose of the publisher to have as many of the advertisements in type by the end of this week as is possible. The full cooperation of the business men is asked in this connection. Plenty of Christmas cuts are available to advertisers, while copy suggestions, layouts, etc., will be gladly furnished by the newspaper. It is imperative that advertising is in the hands of the printer by the end of the week, as when the layout of the paper has been completed, the addition of extra pages at press time cannot be accomplished.

HOUSES ENTERED IN RESORT TOWN

Mayor of Blowing Rock Calls Attention to Wave of House-breaking on Mountain Top

"There having been a wave of housebreaking in our town," states Mayor D. P. Coffey of Blowing Rock, "I shall appreciate it if you will find space in your next issue for this statement:

"On the night of November 23, Chief Policeman F. R. Hatley, working on a reliable clue, arrested two young men as they came out of a summer home.

"They gave their names as John Henry Teaster and Mack Ward, each is 21 years of age, and live six or eight miles from the town of Blowing Rock.

"When arrested the two men had in their possession a bag containing a variety of small items, some shoes, a trace and bit and a number of keys.

"The two men are now in jail in default of \$1,000 bond each.

"The town officials have been diligent in efforts to apprehend the guilty parties and we feel that the problem has been solved. We are especially glad to know that no citizen of our town is involved in the series of housebreakings, and that all investigations, including fingerprinting, eliminates Edgar Robbins and others from any connection with the crimes."

Burley Tobacco Referendum To Be Held Dec. 10

A burley tobacco referendum on the continuance of the crop control program in 1939, will be held on Saturday, December 10, according to County Agent H. M. Hamilton.

The advantages and disadvantages of the crop control program, which is one of the best ways devised thus far for keeping farm prices up, have been widely discussed during the past year.

In order to become effective, the law requires that two-thirds of the burley growers vote their approval of the plan.

PASTORS, DEACONS TO MEET HERE DECEMBER 5

The Pastors and Deacons conference of the Three Forks Baptist association will meet with the Boone Baptist church Monday, December 5, and Rev. Tipton Greene, chairman of the committee, has released the following program for the meeting which will start at 2 o'clock.

Devotional, R. H. Shore. Questions for discussion: The Need of Understanding of Present Day Difficulties, Rev. Grady Hamby; The Need of Self-examination, Rev. D. M. Edmisten; The Need of Power to Overcome Temptation, Rev. W. C. Payne; The Need of a Sense of Sin, Rev. R. C. Eggers; The Need of Spiritual Wisdom, Rev. J. C. Canipe.

The discussion of each subject is to be led by the speaker named and it is hoped that every pastor and deacon in the association will be present and help discuss the vital subjects.

SCOUT MEETING

Boy Scout Troop No. 41 will gather in regular meeting at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. It is announced by Scoutmaster B. W. Stallings. All winter meetings of the Scouts will be held at the church, the cold weather having necessitated the temporary abandonment of the Scout hut.

ROBT. BROWN DIES IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Nephew of Boone People Meets Death in West Virginia; Details of Accident Not Given

Word has been received here from Parkersburg, W. Va., that Robert Brown, 28, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Brown, formerly of this city, died Saturday night as a result of injuries received in an automobile accident sometime Saturday evening. Full particulars of the accident were unavailable.

Mr. Brown was well known in this county, having visited his aunt, Mrs. A. L. Cooke, and his uncle, Mr. W. Hardin Brown, several times in the past few years, and he also attended Appalachian College for one year before transferring to the University of West Virginia, where he graduated.

Mr. Brown was a popular young instructor in the city school system at Parkersburg, where he was highly respected and well thought of among his wide circle of friends and associates.

Surviving are his wife, Peggy Franklin Brown, his parents, a brother and sister of Fireco, W. Va., and a sister who is enrolled in the nursing school of the University of West Virginia. Besides the immediate family are several uncles and an aunt, including Mrs. A. L. Cooke and Mr. W. Hardin Brown of Boone; Mr. John E. Brown of Washington, D. C.; Rev. R. L. Brown of Moravia, Iowa; Mr. D. A. Brown of Southampton, Pa.; Mr. Homer F. Brown of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mr. A. L. Brown of Worden, Montana.

LAST RITES HELD FOR MRS. ROGERS

Aged and Well Known Boone Woman Succumbs After Brief Illness; Burial Friday

Funeral services were conducted Friday morning at the late residence for Mrs. W. W. Rogers, aged 77, prominent resident of this city, who succumbed Thursday morning to a two weeks' illness.

Mrs. Rogers was born in Boone February 1, 1861. She was the former Louise Jane Pearson, daughter of the late Henry and Mrs. Pearson and has many relatives and friends residing in this and surrounding counties.

She was the widow of the late W. W. Rogers and is survived by ten sons and daughters; Coy Rogers of Deep Gap; Larry of Blowing Rock; Alton and Henry Rogers of Boone; Mrs. Olin Winebarger, Meat Camp; Mrs. James Vannoy, Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. Shuford Story, Boone; Mrs. Carl Winkler, Asheville; Mrs. Ellen Wheeler and Miss Della Rogers of Boone.

Victory Dinner Is Held Monday Night

A large number of Watauga county Democrats gathered around the banquet board at the Daniel Boone Hotel Monday evening for a Victory Day dinner. In addition to leading figures in the county Democracy, Representative R. L. Doughton was present and spoke briefly, while the main address of the evening was delivered by Attorney Ira T. Johnston of Jefferson. Attorney Archie Qualls acted as toastmaster.

Referring to the national trend in the last election, Mr. Johnston averred that the Democracy had suffered no serious setback, and stated that a careful analysis of the balloting revealed that a Presidential candidate on the Democratic ticket would have received more than 350 electoral votes in the recent election.

ALERT BIBLE CLASS IN BASKETBALL TILT

The Alert Bible class of the Boone Baptist church meets the Elkland high school in a basketball encounter at the high school gymnasium here this (Wednesday) evening. The high school band will be in attendance and there will be no admission charge.

The Bible class team will journey to Fleetwood, in Ashe county, Friday evening, where it will participate in a basketball game at the school there.

Forty-four were in attendance at the class Sunday, despite the rough weather and the goal of fifty is expected to be reached by next Sunday.

Consideration is being given to the working out of a plan whereby burley tobacco in excess of the 1938 marketing quotas might be stored, and loans made available on the stored excess of producers who did not overplant their 1938 acreage allotments.

VISIT OF SANTA IS POSTPONED

Due to the rough weather of the past few days, committees of the merchants association, working in conjunction with the town officials, have found it impossible to decorate the city with its holiday garlands and lights by Saturday as had been anticipated, and the visit of Santa Claus will have to be postponed until Saturday, the 10th, when the patron saint of childhood will come to town to delight the kiddies and distribute goodies.

By the time the holiday lights are turned on, individual merchants will have their windows decorated for the holiday season, which they expect to bring a greatly increased patronage to the local shops.

GUN DISCHARGED; YOUTH IS KILLED

Former Resident of Stony Fork Fatally Injured While Hunting Near Ohio City

Dillard McKinley Greene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Greene of Laxon, who has lately been employed at Coshocton, Ohio, was accidentally shot and killed while on a hunting trip near that city Thanksgiving Day. Mr. Greene, who was 18 years old, fell down, the 22 calibre rifle which he was carrying, discharged, and the bullet penetrated the body just above the heart.

Funeral services were conducted Monday morning from the Laurel Springs Baptist church, in the home neighborhood, by Rev. W. C. Greene, Mr. Nathan Greabe assisting in the rites. Burial was in the nearby cemetery.

The bereaved parents, seven brothers and three sisters survive: Arlie Greene, West Lafayette, Ohio; Stuart, Coliidge, Russell, W. G. Lee, Johnnie Greene, Laxon; Mrs. Theodore Porter, North Wilkesboro; Misses Joan and Reba Greene, Laxon.

Good Burley Crop Is Being Predicted

That the crop of burley tobacco grown in Watauga county this year will prove to be unusually large, and that the weed will be of a higher quality than has hitherto been produced, seems fairly certain, according to reports coming from those who keep in close touch with the agricultural situation locally.

There are now 900 tobacco growers in the county and approximately 450 acres were allotted these growers under the AAA program. An average yield of 1,040 pounds an acre is expected in the county.

DUNKLEY BUYS INTEREST IN LOCAL GROCERY STORE

Mr. T. M. Dunkley, who for the past five years has been a citizen of Boone and who formerly managed the A. & P. store here, has announced the purchase of a half interest in the Mullins Grocery and will on December 1, assume the management of the popular home-owned store.

Mr. Dunkley states that it is his intention to render high class, courteous service to the patrons of this store and solicits the patronage of his many friends and former customers.

The bowling alleys which Mr. Dunkley has been operating, have been sold to Messrs. Dallas Hodges and George Greene.

FATALLY INJURED ON LOGGING JOB

Frank Woodring is Struck With Crowbar While Moving Log; Dies in Local Hospital

Frank Woodring, aged 31, resident of the Meat Camp section, died Sunday in the Watauga Hospital from injuries sustained when a crowbar, with which he attempted to move a log, struck him in the abdomen.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday from the Hopewell Methodist church by Rev. W. J. Cook, Mr. Nathan Greene also taking part in the rites. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Woodring is survived by the widow and five children. The father, McCager Woodring, also survives, together with several brothers and sisters.

REA DIRECTORS TO MEET ON FRIDAY; MOVIES FEATURED

Electrical Equipment, Its Uses, Prices, Etc., to Feature Meeting of Caldwell Mutual Directorate; Many to Deliver Addresses and Prizes Awarded

The directors of the Caldwell Mutual Corporation (REA) have arranged another meeting to discuss electrical equipment, its uses, prices and where to get it, according to a letter mailed out to members and prospective members of the corporation this week.

The meeting will be held in the courthouse in Boone Friday, December 2, at 7 p. m. The local county agent and home demonstration agent will be on hand to address the assemblage and there will be some more film strips from the REA, showing electrical equipment at work on the typical farms. An especially interesting and informative program has been arranged and everyone is invited.

The complete program is as follows:

7:00 p. m.—Introductory remarks by H. M. Hamilton, Jr., county agent, and Miss Elizabeth Bridge, home demonstration agent.

7:10 p. m.—"Our Program," by G. F. Messick, superintendent.

7:20 p. m.—"The Relation a Good Wiring Job Has to the Success of Our Project," by H. F. Clark, REA Utilization department.

7:35 p. m.—The New Electric Brooder Program, by Leo C. Prickett, REA agriculture engineer.

7:50 p. m.—"How Electrical Appliances are Used," by Miss Thelma Wilson, REA home economist.

8:40 p. m.—Special attraction, The Champion Cook of Caldwell County, Max C. Wilson, project attorney, will engage W. B. Collins, former Watauga county farm agent, in a cooking duel.

8:55 p. m.—Moving picture show, (sound film).

9:15 p. m.—Valuable electrical prizes are to be given for attendance by the dealers of Boone and Lenoir.

DIRT IS MOVED ON POSTOFFICE SITE

Supervising Engineer is Now in City; Excavations to Be Completed in Few Days

A steam shovel and a fleet of trucks are busily engaged this week in excavating for the basement of the new Boone postoffice, and W. H. Gragg, who has sub-contracted the dirt-moving, expects to have the job completed within the next few days.

Mr. Wolf Mueller, supervising engineer from Washington, is here and will remain on the job during the seven months required for the completion of the new building. As soon as the lot is ready, Mr. Skidmore, in charge of actual construction, will get the building under way as rapidly as weather conditions will permit.

"SNOW WHITE" TO BE SHOWN ON STAGE HERE

"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," Walt Disney's famous fairy story, is to be shown as a stage play here on December 6th, under the auspices of the Parent-Teacher Association, it was announced Tuesday.

"Snow White" is to be played in the afternoon, while in the evening "Huckleberry Finn" will be featured. Mr. Roy F. Lewis of Delphi, Ind., is bringing the company to town and states that he has an exceedingly competent group of players.

The proceeds from an admission fee of 10, 15 and 25 cents, will be used for the benefit of the lunch rooms at the demonstration and high schools.

SUCCESSFUL DEER HUNT

Richard E. Kelley, Kenneth Linney and Paul Coffey returned Saturday from the Pisgah National Forest where they had participated in the annual deer and bear hunt. Mr. Kelley brought back a fine 150-pound buck, while Messrs. Linney and Coffey also killed smaller animals.

WINTRY WEATHER

Watauga county and this entire mountain region had its first cold weather during the past few days. A Thanksgiving Day rain changed into snow and sent the thermometer plunging, from springlike temperatures to ten and fifteen degrees. Freezing temperatures still prevail during the evenings.