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PREDICTS HOEY TO HIT ROUGH SAILING IN ASSEMBLY TILTS

Correspondent Believes Smooth Sailing is Not in Prospect for Administration; Review of Legislative Week

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Raleigh, Jan. 16.—Contrary to the opinions expressed in all the daily papers and by all observers so far, this 1939 session of the assembly is not going to be all smooth sailing. And the administration is not going to have things its own way, as was at first obviously indicated. A definite shift in the political wind was taking place as the legislative body wound up its second week of work, but as yet no word of it has been spoken in public.

Belying the very evident calm with which the assembly opened, a subversive undercurrent could be faintly detected last week, which in the weeks to come is going to grow into a tide of opposition to the administration and its program. Governor Hoey and his administrative staff are worried already, and rightly so. They foresee a great deal more trouble in getting their program through the legislative channels than they anticipated.

A careful analysis of Speaker Ward's committee appointments, made public the first of last week, gives the clue to the inside machinations brewing. In politics, as in war, the spoils of course go to the victor. Leader Ward established no precedent when he rewarded his supporters with the choicest plums of committee appointments. Bryant supporters on the other hand landed so far down the committee lists it was hard to find them at all. But a close scrutiny of Ward's appointments reveals that several of those appointed to key committee positions are very definitely known to be in open if not violent opposition to the administration and its policies, although at the same time very strong supporters of the Ward machine. True, Bryant supporters, practically all of whom were hand-in-hand with the administration, have been relegated to minor committee posts which are practically equivalent to political oblivion. Ward's followers, occupying all the important committee chairs, are Ward supporters first and administration supporters second.

From this vantage point, these observations—coupled with others which at this early date are not yet ripe for airing—point very unflinchingly toward a political coup in the making; namely, Speaker Libby Ward has his eye on the governor's chair and intends to be very much in the running when 1940 rolls around. The next governor will come from the east. Among those avowedly in

SURPLUS PRODUCTS HELP IN DECEMBER

There were 250 cases representing 1,285 persons certified by Watauga county welfare authorities as eligible to receive surplus commodity products during December, 1938, Arthur E. Langston, state director of commodity distribution with the state board of charities and public welfare, announced this week.

A state-wide total of 183,067 persons representing 39,893 cases were certified during the month, Langston said.

BOY SCOUT OUTING

Troop No. 41 enjoyed a very good time Sunday afternoon on Howard's Knob. Those making the trip were Blaine Miller, Chas. Rogers, Von Hagaman, Earl Payne, Arnold Brown, Junior Hodges, and Scoutmaster B. W. Stallings.

Each scout prepared his own meal out in the open and those not present surely missed a treat. Let's be one hundred per cent next time.—Reported.

SNOW GIVES SKIERS CHANCE AT BANNER ELK

Banner Elk, Jan. 17.—King Winter returned to the mountains here Monday, bringing the best ski snow that there has been so far, and sending dozens of Lees-McRae students to the hills to try out new skis.

Snow began falling Sunday night and continued most of Monday, reaching a depth of about three inches. Skiing had been possible on only two occasions before during the winter.

Increased interest in winter sports at Banner Elk is being shown, and parties from Charlotte, Winston-Salem and other towns have planned week-end ski trips to Banner Elk whenever there is sufficient snow for skiing and ice for skating.

Addresses Nation



Washington. — President Roosevelt as he delivered his annual message on the state of the union to a joint session of the seventy-sixth congress in the house of representatives.

FRANK EDMISTEN DIES ON FRIDAY

Well-Known Blowing Rock Citizen Victim of Pneumonia; Funeral Held Saturday

Frank Edmisten, well-known citizen of Blowing Rock township, a brother of Sheriff A. J. Edmisten, and one of the county's best citizens, died at the home last Friday from an illness with pneumonia of less than one week's duration. Mr. Edmisten was 61 years old.

Mr. Edmisten was a member of the Middle Fork Baptist church, of which he was a member, Saturday afternoon by Rev. Robert Shore, Rev. W. D. Ashley and Rev. Grady Minton, and interment was in the Hartley cemetery at Coal Springs. Mr. Edmisten, who was a prosperous farmer and leading citizen of his neighborhood, joined the Middle Fork Baptist church in 1921 and was ordained a deacon in 1925. He had been elected as clerk of the church, Sunday school superintendent, and was a delegate to the association at various times. He was a consistent member until his death, ever willing to perform any Christian duty.

Mr. Edmisten was married to Miss Isadora Elrod in 1903, and they spent the remainder of his life in Blowing Rock. To this union four children were born, three of whom, with the widow survive: Mrs. Ruth Lentz, Blowing Rock; Mrs. Belle Johnson, Mountain City, Tenn.; Shuford Edmisten, Blowing Rock. He also leaves nine grandchildren and a multitude of friends, wherever he was known. Two brothers and one sister also survive: Sheriff A. J. Edmisten of Boone; Dock Edmisten of Rutherford, and Mrs. D. J. Cottrell of Boone.

It can be truthfully said that a loving husband, a devoted father, a good neighbor and a model citizen has gone to his reward.

FSA To Help Farmers Cut From WPA Rolls

Farmers on Relief Who Are Able to Get Land For Farming Will Be Aided, Says Chappell

Farmers dropped from WPA relief rolls will be aided by the Rural Rehabilitation program of the Farm Security Administration if they have, or can get, adequate land for farming and can meet FSA requirements, County Supervisor Paul J. Chappell said today.

"Farmers without adequate land should make plans at once for the coming crop season," Mr. Chappell said. "Where the land is sufficient to allow the farmers to benefit from the rural rehabilitation loan program, and to let sound farm plans be made, the Farm Security Administration stands ready to extend help."

The rural rehabilitation program is helping more than 600,000 farmers in the United States to get back on their feet. Present personnel of the Farm Security Administration cannot carry a very greatly increased number of farm people.

County Supervisor Chappell urged that every ordinary source of credit and assistance be sought by farmers for whom WPA is no longer open. County Farm Security Administration officers will give advice on loans or other help to families in this group who cannot get ahead with their farming through using the regular channels of credit.

PRESBYTERIANS ORGANIZE HERE

Prospect of Building Presbyterian Church Grows Brighter as Meeting is Held

A commission, named by the Holston Presbytery, met with leading Presbyterian churchmen of the community here last Friday evening for the purpose of organizing a church in this city.

The commission was composed of Mr. J. D. Faucette and Dr. H. H. Thompson of Bristol; Dr. Robert King, Johnson City, and Dr. William H. McCorkle of Kingsport. Dr. Thompson presided and a sermon was delivered by Dr. King. Rev. John Yelton of Stony Point, Tenn., superintendent of home missions for the Holston Presbytery, was present, together with Rev. Sexton Buchanan of Blowing Rock.

Officers of the church will be elected at a meeting to be held in the high school building Sunday afternoon, January 29. All members or others interested are invited to attend.

It is thought likely that the organization of the church will hasten the construction of a building in this city, the Presbyterians having purchased a lot for the purpose some time ago.

Northwestern Bank Had Good Year in '38

Deposits Increased Over \$1,000,000; Total Resources Now Nearly \$4,000,000

The Northwestern Bank, which is now one of the largest banking institutions in western Carolina, enjoyed a phenomenal growth and expansion last year.

The bank was organized on legal business July 1, 1927, with units at Mountain, Va., survives, together with two brothers, W. G. Todd of Boone, and J. Polk Todd of Lancaster, Wash.

Resources of the bank July 12, 1937, were \$2,586,528.23, the deposits at that time being \$2,285,814.33. The resources on December 31, 1938, were \$3,733,119.30, and the deposits \$3,344,828.77. The gain in deposits in the four original units from July 12, 1937 to December 31, 1938, was approximately \$386,000. The capital since the taking over of the Bank of Ashe and the Merchants and Farmers Bank is \$180,000, and the surplus \$120,000. There are 408 stockholders. The additional stock placed upon the market by virtue of the taking over of the Taylorsville bank has met a ready demand from the stockholders.

A 3% dividend was paid January 1, 1938, July 1, 1938 and January 1, 1939, and a substantial residue of earnings was passed to the surplus account.

Congressman R. L. Doughton is chairman of the board of directors; Governor R. A. Doughton is president; Edwin Duncan, executive vice-president; John McBee, vice-president; and W. J. Caroon, secretary. Home offices of the bank are located in North Wilkesboro.

The Boone branch has shown a substantial gain in deposits and other resources during the past year, and the officials are hopeful over the business outlook for the current year. Mr. W. D. Farthing is cashier of the Boone bank and Mr. G. D. Brinkley is cashier at Blowing Rock.

Sale of Health Seals Was Good

The response to the sale of anti-tubercular Christmas seals was very good this year, stated Mrs. G. K. Moore, county chairman of the campaign, as she received belated returns from different sections of the county.

A total of \$159.43 was realized from the sale of the health stickers, it was revealed, and Mrs. Moore desires to thank all of those who assisted in making the campaign such a successful one. The crowded condition of the newspaper as press time precluded the publication this week of the names of those who bought the seals.

Mrs. C. C. Oates of Kings Mountain, is spending two weeks visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Jonts Cottrell in Boone.

New Attorney General of the United States



Washington, D. C.—Former Governor Frank Murphy of Michigan, after taking the oath of office as new attorney general of the United States. Mr. Murphy is accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Marguerite Teahan.

MRS. F. P. MOORE IS TAKEN BY DEATH

Sister of W. G. Todd of Boone. Succumbs at Globe; Funeral is Held Sunday

Mrs. F. P. Moore, aged 79 years, sister of Mr. W. G. Todd of Boone, and a native of Watauga county, died at her home at Globe Friday evening, having never regained her former health after a stroke of paralysis suffered some time ago.

Funeral services were conducted from the home, Rev. Bob Shore, Rev. Mr. Gray and Rev. Kenneth Hayes taking part in the rites, and interment was in the family cemetery.

Mrs. Moore was a daughter of the late Col. Joe S. Todd of this county, and was reared here. She was married to Finley P. Moore February 26, 1878, and had resided in Caldwell county since that time. She had been a member of the Globe Baptist church for more than a half century and lived a life of devotion to every religious endeavor.

She had a host of friends among the older residents of Watauga county.

MAYOR ENDORSES BIRTHDAY BALL

Former Local Chairman of President's Ball Asks Co-operation of the Citizens

Mayor W. H. Gragg, who was formerly local chairman for the President's Birthday Ball committee, and who has always lent every support possible to the movement against infantile paralysis, issued the following statement Tuesday in regard to the forthcoming event:

"I would like to insist that the people of this city aid in every way possible the campaign incident to the President's ball, which is sponsored for the purpose of raising funds with which to combat infantile paralysis. This year half of the money secured stays in the county to help our own children which fall heir to this dread malady. The balance goes to the national foundation, through which it is hoped some day that paralysis of this kind may be driven from the land. Those who do not care to attend the ball, may drop a dime in one of the cans to be provided and thus aid in the 'march of dimes' campaign which is part of the President's ball campaign. Let us do our full part in this worthy endeavor."

New Book by Local Author Off Press

"And Thou Phillip," is the title of the newest volume written by David P. Allison of Boone, and which has just come from the presses of William B. Eerdmann Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, Mich. The author's copies have arrived and the volume will be on sale in this city soon.

The book is described as being the vivid and eventful story of Peter Morgan and his son Phillip, of the town in which they lived and some of the most exciting years in American history. You will recognize yourself and your parents in this real story of real people and of spiritual struggle in the modern world," says the prospective of the publishers.

DELL RICHARDSON BACK DODGE DEALER NAMED IN WATAUGA COUNTY

The Graham Motor Company of Boone has been appointed as Dodge-Plymouth dealers in Watauga county, and at the present are operating agency at the Shell Service Station. The Duncan Motor Company of West Jefferson is distributors for these cars in Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga.

PRESIDENT'S BALL TO BE HELD AT HIGH SCHOOL JAN. 27TH

Local Hotel Unavailable for Benefit Dance; McGuire Says Indications Are For a Most Successful Event; Committees on Arrangements Are Chosen

The President's Birthday Ball, the proceeds of which will be used to combat infantile paralysis in Watauga county and in the nation, will be held this year on Friday evening, January 27, at the Boone high school gymnasium, according to word from Roger McGuire, local chairman, Tuesday. The balls had previously been held at the Daniel Boone hotel, and the change to the high school came after the ownership of the local hotel had refused the use of their floor for the benefit dance.

Preliminary reports indicate to Mr. McGuire, and the vice-chairman, Miss Marguerite Miller, that this year's ball will be largely attended and will likely be the most successful held since the start of the annual event. Fifty per cent of the proceeds will be used for the national foundation for the prevention and cure of infantile paralysis, while the remainder will remain in the county to help crippled children along the road to recovery.

This year's campaign is being carried on in two ways: A march of dimes campaign which is under way this week, through which a "mile of dimes" are to go into the fund, and a celebration on January 30 of the birthday of President Roosevelt, himself a victim of infantile paralysis.

A complete organization will direct the campaign in the county, and the chairmen in each community will push the march of dimes endeavor. While the details of the program have not been arranged, the dance card tables for those who do not care to dance and with a floor show and other entertainments. Complete details will be published next week.

Following are the community committees which have been established to carry on the campaign:

Program
Wade Brown, chairman, Mrs. Jas. Mast, Mrs. G. K. Moore, Mrs. Rob Rivers, George Farthing, John Combs, Grant Hodges.

Music
M. I. Clark, chairman, Miss Purdom, Miss Lucille Miller, Miss Virginia Wary, Mrs. Graydon P. Eggers, Gene Wike.

Entertainment
Flucie Stewart, chairman, Sam Horton, Mrs. C. S. Prevette, Mrs. Sarah Gaidy, Mrs. Jennie Critcher, Miss Gladys Taylor, Mrs. Joe Crawford, Mrs. Jimmie Moore, Bernard Dougherty, Mrs. Ralph Winkler, Mrs. Amos Abrams, Mrs. W. B. Collins, A. E. Hamby, Kenneth Linney, H. M. Hamilton, Mrs. W. M. Matheson, E. S. Christenbury, Mrs. Edwin Rivers.

Bridge
Mrs. James Council, chairman, Mrs. Baxter Linney, Mrs. Pat McGuire, Mrs. Paul Coffey.

Setback
Gene Garbee, chairman, Russell D. Hodges, Ford King, Richard Olsen, John Greer, Robert Greene, W. W. (Continued on page eight)

Garbee is Featured Over Station WBT

Coach F. E. Garbee, director of health and physical education at the college, was featured in an interview relative to his work in health education with Gene Wike over radio station WBT Tuesday at 11:45 a. m. Mr. Garbee was presented as speaker on the regular weekly program presented by Appalachian College faculty members and students which was as usual conducted by Gene Wike, publicity director.

The program over the air has been in effect since the opening of school in the early fall and will continue for a number of weeks yet. Special renditions from the Appalachian A Cappella choir, college orchestra, and talks by individual professors will be heard at 11:45 every Tuesday, and officials of the college have asked for the attention of all who are interested in Appalachian and its progress.

Mr. Garbee's talk centered around work in the field of education, discussion on Boy Scout troops of this vicinity and the Appalachian High School association.

TOM BUMGARNER HELD

Tom Bumgarner of Boone is bound under bond to the spring term of court to answer charges of violation of the prohibition laws. When apprehended near Boone by Sheriff Edmisten, Bumgarner threw a carton of whiskey into the New River Power Co. dam, thirteen pints of which was recovered by the sheriff.