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## News From the Legislature

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Raleigh, Feb. 6.—The economy bloc in the appropriations committee swept all opposition out of its path during the past week, and with one full swoop amputated a half million dollars from the proposed 1939-41 budget. But at the week-end, knowing observers predicted a de-acceleration, if not a reversal, of the drastic economy policy pursued during the week before the final appropriations draft is reported out of committee. The probable result—a revised budget quite possibly larger, at least as large, as the tentative budget drawn up by the advisory budget commission.

Well known in legislative circles is the fact that the drastic economy drive is an aftermath of the highway diversion fight which last week reached and passed its climax in the house. Leaders of the economy fight were pledged to anti-diversion. Motive behind their inspired drive can be clearly read: by slashing appropriations sufficiently they hope to obviate the necessity for diverting highway funds to the use of the general fund.

Contrary to appearances and expectations, however, the economy bloc displayed most of its strength during the first few days of committee hearings, will hereafter be of negligible importance. Most of the cuts made so far will be restored before the final appropriations draft reaches the floor of the house and senate, it is predicted. Basis for this prediction is: The economy bloc encountered practically no opposition the first day or two; all cuts recommended were passed. As the week wore on opposition to the drastic slashing across the economy bloc lost progressively more of its following in the committee. Votes became more evenly divided, rather than overwhelmingly in line.

Suffering probably the worst blow at the hands of the committee was the advertising fund, which was tentatively slashed from \$250,000 to \$200,000 for the biennium. The loss of \$50,000 would seriously cripple the state publicity program, which was instituted two years ago and has proven eminently successful to date. Opposition to the advertising campaign was led by Representative W. R. Clegg of Moore, who favored its discontinuance. Pointed out to Mr. Clegg following his opposition were some pertinent facts in regard to results of North Carolina's two-year-old campaign to attract more tourists and more business to the state. Samples: For the first year's \$125,000 expenditure for advertising the state revenue department received an increase of \$1,250,000 in gasoline taxes, as compared to the like period the year before. Hotels, restaurants, resorts, etc., reaped a total of nearly \$70,000,000 from visitors by auto to the state, as compared with a former \$30,000,000 to \$35,000,000 per year; 124 new business and industrial plants were added in the state during the year with a plant outlay of between eight and ten million dollars and giving employment to thousands of North Carolinians.

With the highway fund diversion fight relegated to the background by a 17 to 2 committee vote following Governor Hoey's masterful rebuttal last week, lines are now being formed for the next big fight on the calendar—election law reform. Three bills of varying degrees of rigidity have thus far been introduced by Representatives McBryde of Cumberland, Vogler of Mecklenburg and Taylor of Wayne. The McBryde bill would repeal the absentee ballot law absolutely, both for primaries and general elections. The five Taylor bills carry out the recommendations of the state board of elections including drastic reform in absentee voting. The Vogler bill is a modification of the Taylor bill on absentee voting containing almost all of the same reforms. A sub-committee was appointed the latter part of the week by Representative Phillips, chairman of the election laws committee, to tackle the problem. Appointments on the sub-committee included the three members whose bills are being studied. The group is expected to complete its study this week and submit a report to the full committee early next week.

A sharp fight will develop this week over the proposed increase of \$500,000 for the University to offset the deficiency incurred by defeat of increased tuition. The measure is slated for a hearing Tuesday. If such an increase is granted, observers see a likelihood that other state institutions of higher learning will

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## Winning Friends



Practicing his own axiom of "win friends and influence people," Dale Carnegie, noted lecturer and author, is shown with the bearded Brahmin Ramgoolie Cobala, priest of the ancient Hindu temple at Tunapuna, on the outskirts of Port-of-Spain, Trinidad.

## HELP SOUGHT FOR QUAKE VICTIMS

Local Red Cross Chairman Appraised of Distress Incident to Chilean Earthquake

Mounting distress among the injured and homeless men, women and children in Chile, the acute need for medical and hospital supplies and the inadequacy of shelter, point to a continuing major disaster, following the recent earthquake, according to information received by H. Council, chairman of Watauga chapter, American Red Cross.

The Red Cross has moved to give prompt aid through a contribution of cash and through sending four airplane loads of medical and hospital supplies. President Roosevelt has appealed to the nation to help in the emergency.

Mrs. Council states that a Red Cross campaign for funds will not be waged, but she desires to encourage contributions. Any contribution, however small, that any resident of this area might feel disposed to make will be helpful in this tragic situation, and will be appreciated by the local organization.

## STOCKHOLDERS OF B. & L. IN MEETING

State of Directors is Named Following Reception of Report of the Secretary

The stockholders of the Watauga Building and Loan Association met in annual session last Friday, and the majority of the stock was represented either in person or by proxy.

After hearing the report of the secretary, W. H. Gragg, the stockholders elected the following board of directors: R. L. Bingham, L. A. Greene, W. H. Gragg, Rob Rivers, C. P. Hagaman, W. D. Farthing, H. G. Farthing, W. L. Holshouser, A. W. Smith and C. M. Critcher.

The board went into executive session and named W. H. Gragg secretary, and Mrs. Carrie H. Bingham, assistant secretary.

The meeting which was presided over by the president, Mr. L. A. Greene, was an optimistic one, and the stockholders look forward to an increased prosperity for the local institution.

## CONSERVATION PROGRAM TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

Information concerning the provisions and benefits of the agricultural conservation program for this year will be forthcoming within a few days, according to County Agent H. M. Hamilton.

Mr. Hamilton states that as soon as he receives a digest of the provisions of the act, he will arrange a series of meetings for the purpose of making explanations to the farmers and others interested.

## HOME WANTED

A home is wanted for a boy 13 years of age who has no relatives able to care for him. Further information can be obtained at the Watauga county welfare office. Anyone interested in giving a child a home is asked to call at the welfare office to discuss the plan and to determine if the person and the child meet the necessary qualifications.

## BOY SCOUT WEEK TO BE OBSERVED

Program is Arranged for Local Troop; Celebration of Scout Birthday Starts Wednesday

National Boy Scout Anniversary Week started Wednesday and will continue through Wednesday, February 14, during which period the actual birthday of scouting will be celebrated. Mr. B. W. Stallings, Scoutmaster for Troop 41, explains that today (Wednesday) is set aside for the Scouts to renew and rededicate themselves to the Scout oath. The program of activities for the remainder of the week follows:

Thursday, February 9, the annual banquet will occur. The mothers are being asked to attend this event, and all are urged to accompany their son to the banquet, which will begin at 6:30. The cost of the dinner will be 35 cents.

Friday, February 10, is Home Day. Scouts should do a good turn at home.

Saturday, February 11, is Fun Day. Through the co-operation of Mr. C. H. Trotter, manager of the Appalachian Theatre, the Scouts will enjoy a theatre party beginning at 2:30. A weiner roast will follow the show, this being through the courtesy of Mr. M. I. Clark of the Carolina Pharmacy, who will be in charge of the event.

Sunday, February 12, will be Church Day. The troop will attend the evening service at the Baptist church in full dress. The parents are urged to hear the special message that the pastor, Rev. J. C. Canipe, has prepared for this occasion.

Monday, February 13, is Civic and Brotherhood Day. Scouts will assume the management of the city government from 4 to 5 p. m. The highest ranking Scout will be mayor and the next two in rank will be commissioners of finance and public works, respectively.

Tuesday, February 14, is Vocational Day. The troop is expected to do a good turn for the Baptist church, which sponsors the local Scout movement.

## Watauga 4-H Boy is Subject of Article in National Magazine

The outstanding accomplishments of Frank Mast, 11-year-old Watauga county 4-H Club member are greeted in an article in the January issue of 4-H Horizons, national 4-H Club magazine. The article was written by L. H. Hurrell, state 4-H Club leader in North Carolina.

The article gives an account of the club record of young Mast, and tells of his success in raising a Hereford steer which won the grand championship of the North Carolina state fair, and was auctioned off for 53 cents a pound, the highest price ever paid for a steer in North Carolina. A summary of young Mast's club record is also included.

4-H Horizon is a national publication devoted to news of 4-H activities.

## New Volumes at County Library

Miss Jewel Hagaman states that about seventy-five new books have been placed on the shelves of the Watauga county library, and suggests that patrons avail themselves of the opportunity of reading them. Miss Hagaman states that interest in the library continues to grow and that people from all parts of the county are eagerly reading the volumes provided.

## MRS. SUSAN HARMON CLAIMED BY DEATH

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Susan Harmon, who died at her home near Sugar Grove Saturday morning after an illness of several months due to heart trouble and complications.

The rites were held at the Willow Valley church with the pastor, Rev. Grady Hamby, Rev. George Trivette and Rev. Dwight Edmisten in charge. Interment was in Harmon cemetery.

Mrs. Harmon was the widow of Cicero Harmon. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Carrie Woodring of Oregon; Mrs. Margaret Fink of Bel Air, Md., and Mrs. Ralph Wilson of Lovill; one son, Grady Harmon, of Sugar Grove, and five grandchildren.

## P.-T. A. MEETING

A meeting of the Boone Parent-Teacher Association is to be held at the high school cafeteria Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Following the transaction of business, the a capella choir from the school will appear in concert and a social hour will be enjoyed. A full attendance is requested.

## White House Swamp With Dimes



Washington, D. C.—Employees in the White House mail room have been working overtime for the past week sorting out thousands of letters containing dimes for the 1939 "Fight Infantile Paralysis" campaign. Photo shows Mrs. Barbara Councillor (left) and Mrs. Ethel L. Haberkorn opening some of the thousands of letters being received daily.

## J. H. BINGHAM MAY GO TO WASHINGTON

Local Attorney Asked to Explain His Pension Plan to Ways and Means Committee

By JIM RIVERS  
(Dixie News Service)

Washington, Feb. 8.—Judge John H. Bingham of Sugar Grove, Watauga county, has been invited by Congressman Robert L. Doughton, chairman of the house ways and means committee, to come to Washington and offer testimony before the revenue group which is now considering revision of existing social security laws.

Planning friend of Congressman Doughton, Judge Bingham has long advocated practices for living members of World War exemption boards. His visit to the capital, if he decides to come, would enable him to lay the plan which he has shown such interest before the powerful house committee and, in addition present views on the numerous proposals for old-age security which have been presented in the past few months.

Congressman Doughton's high regard for the Watauga jurist is reflected in the following paragraph taken from his letter of invitation to Judge Bingham:

"The hearings on amendments to the present social security act, begun last week, will probably last for some time. I invite you to come up, spend a week as my guest, and express your views to our committee. I am sure you would do it better than anyone else with whom I am acquainted."

## Report On Birthday Ball Made Tuesday

Seventy-four dollars and seventy-six cents was the net profits derived from the President's birthday balls held in Boone and Blowing Rock, according to a report made Tuesday by Pat McGuire, county chairman for the benefit entertainment.

Mr. McGuire explains that the gross returns from the dances were \$248.00, while expenses totaled \$173.24. The cost of the orchestra was \$75; \$65 was paid for the use of the high school building, while miscellaneous expenses amounted to \$33.24.

The net proceeds will be divided between the county welfare department for use among local crippled children and the national foundation for the prevention and cure of infantile paralysis.

## WELFARE MEETING

A meeting of the superintendents and case workers of ten counties of the western part of the state was held in Boone Monday. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss plans for making a review of the cases now receiving public assistance in the various counties.

The following counties were represented in the meeting: Ashe, Alleghany, Avery, Alexander, Caldwell, Mitchell, Yancey, McDowell, Wilkes and Watauga. Twenty-three persons were present, and the discussion was led by Miss Elma H. Ashton, case consultant division of public assistance, and Miss Ada McRakan, field representative of the state board of charities and public welfare, Raleigh.

## TO AID MOTORISTS

Carlyle Ingie, state highway patrolman, will be at the offices of Justice of the Peace Edwin N. Hahn Saturday at 2 o'clock, for the purpose of aiding motorists in securing drivers' licenses.

## MANY TO ATTEND LINCOLN DINNER

Missouri Congressman to Address Republican Gathering in Greensboro Saturday

Fifteen to twenty Watauga county Republicans will journey to Greensboro Saturday when the Young Republican convention, and the meeting of the state executive committee will be paramount by the annual Lincoln Day dinner at the King Cotton Hotel at 6:30 p. m.

Hon. Dewey Short, Missouri congressman, will address the gathering, and those in charge of arrangements state that he is one of the best orators in the lower house of the national congress.

The session of the Young Republican organization opens at the O. Henry Hotel at 10:30 a. m., and the afternoon session will start at 2:30. All officers are to be elected and a good program has been arranged. The state executive committee will be in session at the King Cotton prior to the hour for the banquet.

## MANY ATTEND POULTRY COURSE

One Hundred and Twenty-five Farmers Hear Addresses by Poultry Specialists

Around 125 farmers and their wives attended the poultry short course which was held at the courthouse in Boone Monday.

Ninety of this number were Watauga people while about 30 were from Ashe, Alleghany, Avery and Wilkes counties.

Speakers on the program included Dr. Dearstyne, head of the poultry department of State College; C. J. Maupin, extension poultryman of State College; Dr. Bostain, professor of genetics at State College, and Mr. T. T. Brown, extension poultryman of State College.

This poultry meeting should prove of great benefit to the poultry business in the county, says Harry Hamilton, county agent.

## LAST RITES CONDUCTED FOR MRS. REBECCA GREER

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at the home for Mrs. Rebecca Jane Greer, 79, wife of W. B. Greer, who died at her home in Brownwood Sunday afternoon. Interment was in the family cemetery at Deep Gap.

Mrs. Greer is survived by five sons, J. W. Greer of Brownwood; T. W. Greer of Coburn, Va.; W. B. Greer of Fleetwood; A. C. and John Greer of Brownwood; and the following daughters: Mrs. John Hall and Mrs. Mary Jane Moretz of Deep Gap; Mrs. Lula Moretz of Alvarado, Va., and Mrs. Hattie Carlton. One sister and one brother also survive.

## TENNESSEANS CAUGHT WITH CARGO OF BOOZE

Ernest Franklin Lipford of Shouns, Tenn., and Chas. Ollis Gentry of Mountain City, were placed in jail here last week by Policeman Ollis, after they had been captured with a car containing 20 gallons of block-ade whiskey. The Tennesseans were chased from Boone to a point near the county home, before the arrest was made.

Gentry immediately filed a cash bond for his appearance at the spring term of superior court. Lipford is being held, together with the Ford automobile which the defendants occupied.

## FINANCE GROUP TO OPEN HEARINGS IN BEER BILL BATTLE

Greer Prohibition Measure "Strikes Snag" in Judiciary Committee; Referred to Finance Body on Account Revenue Angle; Watauga Drys to Appear in Public Hearing; Blowing Rock Opposes Bill

Representative R. T. Greer's bill, which, with legislative approval, will banish the legal sale of wine and beer from Watauga county, has been referred to the house finance committee for consideration, and a number of Watauga county citizens are expected to appear to lend their support to the passage of the bill at a public hearing which will likely take place next Thursday.

Mr. Greer appeared before a judiciary committee of the house last week and argued strongly in favor of the prohibitory measure, stating that to make the county "bone dry" had been a part of his platform in the fall campaign, and asserting his conviction that the bill represented the wishes of the majority of the residents of his county. When opposition to the measure seemed imminent, Mr. Greer insisted on delaying action, pending a public hearing. Meantime, eastern legislators raised the point that the proposal, together with one by Representative Pittman of Avery county, struck at the state's revenues and succeeded in sending the proposal to the finance committee, where a public hearing is to be conducted within the next few days—likely on Thursday of next week. At any rate, Mr. Greer is asking for this much time, in order that his constituents may be apprised of the date and be represented fully.

A number of leading citizens of the county are already making their intention of going to Raleigh and assisting Representative Greer in this connection. Subsequently a strong delegation from Blowing Rock is expected to oppose aridity, on the grounds that it would be damaging to the tourist business there, and on the further grounds that Blowing Rock being partly in Caldwell county, one portion of the resort community would remain wet, thus discriminating against dealers in the Watauga portion of the town.

Other Arid Measures Besides the bills from Watauga and Avery counties, a bill has been introduced to dry up certain sections of Buncombe county; to prohibit beer in Madison county, and citizens of Rutherford and Cleveland counties have appealed to their representatives to ban sale of alcoholic beverages from their territories.

Representative Greer desires the assistance of all those interested in his measure when the public hearing is announced.

## MRS. MARTHA CAMPBELL DIES AT MABEL HOME

Mrs. Martha Elizabeth Campbell, widow of A. J. Campbell, died at the home at Mabel Wednesday, after a long illness. She was 67 years old.

Funeral services are to be conducted from the Baptist church at Zionville today at 2 o'clock, but further details have not yet been announced.

Mrs. Campbell was a daughter of the late Franklin Greer and Rebecca Younce Greer and was reared in the neighborhood in which she died. She is survived by the following sons and daughters: Will, Charles, Richard and Mack Campbell, Mabel; Spencer Campbell, Cleveland; Miss Pearl Campbell, Mabel; Mrs. Wm. Davenport, Rockwell, Ark.; Mrs. C. B. May, Tensed, Idaho; Mrs. Sallie Foten, Elizabethton, Tenn.; Mrs. Etta Allen, Lenoir; Mrs. Jack Swift, Johnson City. Four brothers survive: J. M. Greer, Mabel; Benjamin Greer, Landon, Oregon; Chas. A. Greer, Zionville; Monroe Greer, Walla Walla, Wash.

## FOUR ARE HELD ON ROBBERY CHARGE

Bowie Houck, Baxter Hardy, Vernie Odell Phillips and Battle Miller, local youths, were tried before Magistrate Hahn Thursday and bound to Watauga superior court under bonds of \$1,000 on charges of breaking and entering.

It is alleged that the defendants entered Pearson's store and took cigarettes and other merchandise valued at more than \$20, and robbed the lunch room at the demonstration school January 29.