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ASSEMBLY ENACTS MARRIAGE LAWS; ELECTION REFORMS

Ninety-Day Session of Legislature Ends Tuesday; Appropriates Record Amount for Conduct of State Affairs; Governor Hoye Says Legislature Did "Constructive" Job

The North Carolina legislature adjourned at 2:30 a. m. Tuesday, and ended a 90-day biennial session, chief accomplishments of which were passage of a record \$155,000,000 appropriation bill, and of stricter marriage and election laws.

New laws will require men and women to have pre-marital physical examinations and expectant mothers to be given blood tests. The absentee ballot was abolished in primaries, and its use restricted in elections. The "professional marker" will be eliminated in primaries.

The new election law will allow election officials to mark ballots only if no other marker is available. It will also prohibit a marker, other than an election official, from aiding more than one voter.

New Hanover county (Wilmington and Morehead City) were authorized to legalize horse racing and pari-mutual betting if they are approved by referendum. Onslow county was given permission to have races and betting if the county commissioners approve.

Extra funds were voted for public schools, which may be used by the school commission to restore pay of veteran teachers to the 1930 level. The money was not earmarked, however, for increments and may be used in general salary adjustments.

The legislature adjourned exactly as it began, on Tuesday.

Governor Hoye, in an interview yesterday, said the general assembly had done a "constructive" job, and listed the following as among "a few" outstanding accomplishments:

Substantial progress in public education; enactment of a continuing revenue act; wide expansion of the health program; an agricultural program which "very distinctly represents progress"; an "entirely satisfactory" department of justice at a cost of only \$10,000, and election law reform.

During the final hours the house killed a bill which would have provided for a popular vote on a constitutional amendment to raise the pay of legislators from \$600 to \$900 a session.

The house also killed a senate bill which would have provided a commission and advisory council to study the state's educational facilities and plan a long-range educational program.

The house passed a senate bill to levy a \$250 tax on peddlers and itinerant dealers who solicit farmers and buy their scrap tobacco.

TAX LISTING TO START APRIL 17

Ten Per Cent Penalty For Those Delinquent in Their Listing; List Takers Named

Tax listing will begin in Watauga county Monday April 17th, according to Mr. C. D. McNeill, tax supervisor of the county, who has announced the appointment of the new list-takers, as follows:

- Bald Mountain—Glenn Howell.
- Beaver Dam
- Blowing Rock—Kent Brown.
- Blue Ridge—Marion Coffey.
- Boone—W. L. Trivette.
- Cove Creek—Allen Adams.
- Elk—P. G. Carroll.
- Laurel Creek—J. L. Shull.
- Meat Camp—Bynum Clawson.
- North Fork—Walter South.
- Shawneehaw—Howard Edmisten.
- Stony Fork—E. B. Hardin.
- Watauga—Paul Fox.

Mr. McNeill points out that this year a ten per cent penalty is provided against those who are late in listing, with a minimum charge of \$1 for listing made after the month of April. The penalty is made mandatory under the machinery act.

NILEY COOK INJURED

Mr. Niley Cook, resident of the Blowing Rock section, was critically injured Wednesday morning when his body was crushed by a log as he worked in the timber in the Sampson district. As the Democrat went to press attaches at the Hagaman clinic, where the injured man was brought, could not yet divulge the extent of his injuries, but feared that his condition was serious.

\$25,000 Development To Follow Sale Of Tater Hill

Closes Big Deal



S. C. Eggers, local realtor, who has just sold the "Tater Hill" property to a newly-formed corporation. The deal, which is the result of three years effort on the part of Mr. Eggers, will result in the expenditure of \$25,000 in the development of the scenic mountain retreat.

SCHOOL BOARDS ARE SELECTED

Board of Education Names Horton Chairman and Members

The recently-named board of education met Monday and organized by naming J. B. Horton chairman and re-electing W. H. Walker as county superintendent, at the same time appointing committees for the various schools of the county. Under the new law, one member has been appointed for a term of three years, one for two years and one for one year, in the order listed, while the first named is temporary chairman, who will call the initial meeting.

The committees are as follows:
District 1—Boone
L. L. Bingham, Roy Hagaman, Joe C. Hodges.

Building Committees: Howard's Creek, Bart Norris; Rutherford, Ike Bodenhamer; Miller, Harrison Baker; Rich Mountain, L. E. Beach; Bamboo, R. H. Vannoy.

District 2—Green Valley
Green Valley, Winebarger and Riverview—Alex Tugman, Wm. Winebarger and G. C. Ragan.

District 3—Deep Gap
Deep Gap, Castle, Stony Fork, Mt. Paron, Elk and Lower Elk—W. C. McNeil, Zeb Greene, P. G. Carroll.

District 4—Blowing Rock
Blowing Rock, Cool Springs, Penley, Bradshaw and Cook—Richard Hollers, Collis Greene and Clyde Clawson.

District 5—Valle Crucis
Valle Crucis, Foscoe, Grandfather, Valley Mountain and Cool Springs—Richard Olsen, T. H. Calloway and J. L. Triplett.

District 6—Cove Creek
Cove Creek, Rominger, Presnell, Kellersville, Windy Gap and Liberty Hill—T. L. Mast, W. T. Payne and Sam Atkins.

District 7—Bethel
John W. Ward, David Hagaman and Carl Farthing.

District 8—Mabel
Mabel, Silverstone and Pottertown—John E. Combs, Bert Mast and Allen Perry.

Todd District
Elkland—W. N. Howell.

Burley Average Last Season Was \$19.01

Washington, April 1.—The bureau of agricultural economics reports gross warehouse sales of burley tobacco in the past season totaled approximately 341,500,000 pounds and averaged \$19.01 per hundred pounds for a total value of \$66,814,000.

In the previous season, similar sales amounted to 419,000,000 pounds at an average of \$20.08 per hundred for a total value of \$81,126,444. The bureau said that in the past season 252,000,000 pounds were sold on Kentucky markets, 66,500,000 on Tennessee markets and the balance on other markets. Sales on the Kentucky markets averaged \$19.47 per hundred, on Tennessee markets \$18.16 and on others \$17.18.

The Lexington (Ky.) market topped the list with total sales of 75,560,000 pounds for a value of \$16,230,854.

S. C. Eggers Disposes of Scenic Mountain Top to Unnamed Corporation; Extensive Development is to Follow; Improved Road to Property is Now in Prospect

Mr. S. C. Eggers, local realtor, announces the sale of the famed Tater Hill property to a newly formed corporation, which plans to build a swimming and fishing lake, a golf course, overnight cabins to accommodate 100 people, and develop a mountaintop resort of unexcelled convenience and beauty. The total investment will be in the neighborhood of \$25,000, when the property is improved.

Mr. Eggers is not privileged at this time to give the names of the buyers, but does state that work will start and details be given out as soon as the papers of incorporation are completed.

The 1,254-acre tract of land which has been in the Linney family for three generations, and which was a prized possession of the late Col. Romulus Z. Linney, extends from the top of Harmon's Knob on the east, west to include the 5,300-foot eminence, known as Tater Hill, and is three miles long, and thirteen miles around. There are 300 acres of almost level land. The immediate view is the Cove Creek valley, while to the east on clear days a splendid view may be had of parts of Wilkes and surrounding areas. During the past century Colonel Linney developed the tract to an extent and built a rock house to which he journeyed each summer. In late years, however, no one has inhabited the area. Mr. Eggers has worked for three years in bringing the tract to a culmination.

Preliminary plans call for the building of a lake covering 14 acres, which will be stocked with fish and used for bathing; cabins are to be constructed which will accommodate 100 persons, a modern golf course will be built and a dude ranch will be a feature of the development.

The development will soon be accessible by a fine motor road from Boone, via Howards Creek falls, in 15 minutes. The development promises to be a mecca for sightseers because of its scenic value and the fact that the nearest human habitation is about two miles from the summit of Tater Hill.

Further news of the development will be awaited with much interest.

Farmers Get \$21,000 In Benefit Payments

Watauga county farmers have already received checks totaling \$21,000 in payments under this year's soil conservation program, and several thousand dollars are yet to be expended, states County Agent H. M. Hamilton, Jr. This is in addition to about \$4,000 worth of phosphate which farmers have taken in preference to the cash payments.

Mr. Hamilton states that 450 local farmers have made application for 47% phosphate to be used on pastures and meadow land this year, or about 250 tons valued at \$7,500.

Postal Receipts at Local Office Show Increase

Postal receipts for the first quarter of this year show an increase of 13.2 per cent over the same period last year, according to W. G. Hartzog, Boone postmaster. The gain for the first three quarters of the 1939 fiscal year is 9 per cent.

Receipts for the first nine months of the 1938 fiscal year totaled \$11,834.92, and for the same period this fiscal year receipts jumped to \$12,839.46, an increase of almost \$1,000 over the same period last year.

Total receipts for January, February and March of this year was \$4,029.40, compared with \$3,532.93 for the same period last year.

Rev. Buchanan to Give Up Pastorate

Rev. E. S. Buchanan, pastor of the Blowing Rock Presbyterian church, tendered his resignation last Sunday and will likely accept a call to Lee County, Va.

Rev. Mr. Buchanan came to Blowing Rock in June, 1931, and is exceedingly popular with the people of all denominations in this area. His resignation goes into effect April 23. A congregational meeting Sunday night will vote on acceptance of the resignation.

MARTIN TO SPEAK AT GATHERING OF COMMERCE BODY

Winston-Salem Editor to Be Principal Speaker When Chamber of Commerce and Local Retailers Gather Tuesday Evening; Business Matters to Be Discussed

Hon. Sanford Martin, editor of the Winston-Salem Journal, has accepted an invitation tendered by the local Chamber of Commerce, to be the principal speaker at a banquet to be held at the high school building Tuesday evening at 7:30, under the joint auspices of the commerce body and the Boone Merchants Association. Mr. Martin will be presented to the assemblage by the mayor of Boone, Mr. W. H. Gragg.

At a business session of the two organizations, which will follow the banquet, special committees will make their reports on the outlook for the establishment of a burley tobacco warehouse in Boone, and a building of a golf course in the vicinity.

Prof. E. S. Christenbury of the Boone high school, and Prof. Hamrick will be present with their denigrating team, as special guests.

The merchants had planned to hold a pep meeting during the course of the evening on account of the annual treasure hunt event, which is to be announced next week. Advertising matter, trade tickets, etc., are to be distributed to the retailers at this time.

FOR AUTO VICTIMS

Two Beech Creek Men Are Killed When Car Plunges Down Embankment

Funeral services were held at Beech Creek Saturday for John Harman, 25, and Dwight Trivett, 20, residents of that section, who met their deaths Thursday afternoon in an automobile accident. The men were en route, it is said, to Butler, Tenn., on business when the car they occupied left the road and plunged down a 35-foot embankment. Both were dead when a passing motorist reached them. Harman was beneath the vehicle with his head crushed. Trivett, the driver, was yet under the wheel, his neck broken.

Mr. Harman was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Harman, while Mr. Trivett was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Trivett. Trivett is survived by his widow, while Harman was unmarried.

Rev. Vivian Greene and Rev. Ed Farthing conducted the double funeral services, which were widely attended. The young men were most popular in their home community, where their tragic deaths brought deep sorrow.

Conservation Officials Are Visitors in City

Mr. Charles W. Burnham, supervising fish culturist, and Mr. E. B. Kugler, assistant commissioner with the department of conservation and development, together with Mr. H. Grady Farthing, district game protector, are spending a few days in the county, surveying the game fish streams and otherwise looking after the propagation of trout in the area. More than 1,100,000 fish are now in the pools at the hatchery near Boone and will be placed in the streams this spring. Many of the trout to be released are already of legal size.

State's Cigarettes Worth Half Billion

Washington, April 2.—The census bureau reported tonight cigarettes constituted almost one-half of the \$1,384,737,686 total value of products turned out by North Carolina's industrial establishments in 1937.

The report said 10 establishments produced cigarettes valued at \$536,191,093, and paid \$14,536,210 to 16,421 wage earners.

During the year the state had 2,896 manufacturing establishments, including printing and publishing plants, which paid \$189,265,474 in wages to 258,771 workers. The 1935 figures were: 2,599 establishments, \$148,922,367 total wages, 277,100 workers, \$1,103,910,930 total value of products.

Candidates For Municipal Offices Are Placed In Field

Heads WPA in N. C.



C. C. McGinnis, who on April 1, entered into the office of acting state WPA administrator for North Carolina. The appointment as administrator becomes effective on April 26, at which time the accrued annual leaves of the retiring administrator expires.

WRIGHT HOME IS RAZED BY FLAME

Loss of Appalachian Professor is Partly Covered by Insurance; Teacherage Damaged

located near the Appalachian College teacherage, and one of the best frame buildings in the town was burned to the ground at noon Tuesday. The fire started from a chimney and was first noted on the roof of the structure. Most of Dr. Wright's library and considerable of the furniture was saved from the flame. The Wrights will reside for the time being in one of the faculty homes.

The loss, which is perhaps five or six thousand dollars, is partially covered by insurance.

The college teacherage, located east of the Wright residence was damaged about a hundred dollars as a high wind held the flames against the side of the structure. The principal loss was broken window panes and burned window frames.

Easter Cantata to Be Given at A. C. Church

"Redemption's Song" is the name of the Easter cantata to be given in the Boone Advent Christian church on Sunday evening, April 9th, at 8 o'clock by the combined choirs of the Grace Lutheran and Advent Christian churches. The soloists are: Soprano, Mrs. Clyde Winebarger; alto, Mrs. Elbert Vannoy; tenor, E. M. Cook and Arendall Warner; bass, Rev. Will Trivette. Following are the numbers of the cantata: "A New Song," choir with soprano obligato. "Ride On in Majesty," men's choir. "Midnight in the Garden," soprano and alto duet. "And He, Bearing His Cross Went Forth," bass solo and choir. "If I Bear Not a Scar for Him," soprano solo. "Now Upon the First Day of the Week," choir. "Till the Glad Story," three-part women's chorus. "Death is Swallowed Up in Victory," alto solo and choir. "The Song of the Redeemed," tenor solo and choir. "Behold I Stand at the Door and Knock," tenor solo. "Rejoice and Be Glad," choir.

We invite you to be with us and hear these songs of praise and thanksgiving for the resurrection of Jesus.

Pre-Easter Revival Is Now Going On

Rev. J. C. Canipe is now engaged in the conduct of a pre-Easter revival at the Boone Baptist church, the well-known minister using "Passion Week" as his general theme.

Large crowds are in attendance at the services and widespread interest is being shown. Mr. Canipe having been in and around Jerusalem is able to make the story of the last week in the life of Jesus unusually interesting. One will be amply repaid for attending these services, which are to continue through Sunday.

W. R. Lovill to Oppose Mayor W. H. Gragg in City Election; Aldermanic Candidates Are Named; Interest Grows in Contest; Registration Books to Open Saturday

A Democratic ticket headed by W. R. Lovill as candidate for mayor; A. E. Hodges, Lee Stout and R. W. McGuire for aldermen, will oppose Mayor W. H. Gragg, G. K. Moore, A. E. Hamby and George C. Greene, in the election May 2, to determine which political party shall hold the reins of the municipal government for the forthcoming two years.

The Democrats held their convention Thursday evening at which time more than 300 partisans gathered in nominating session, while the Republicans nominated their slate Tuesday evening. Indications are that the campaign will be waged intensively and that the largest municipal vote in the history of the city will be cast. Forecasters believe that the total vote will be in the neighborhood of 1,000.

The registration books will be open at the city hall Saturday and all those who have never participated in a city election or who have become 21 within the past two years will be required to register.

The city has been for the past two years controlled by a bi-partisan group. Mayor W. H. Gragg, a Republican, is serving his second term. G. K. Moore, now in his third term, is a Republican member of the board of aldermen. A. E. Hodges, Democrat, is serving his first term. L. T. Tatum is rounding out his second.

SUNDAY SALES OF BEER FORBIDDEN

Compromise Law Dries County on Sundays and Restricts Issuance of Wine Licenses

The sale of beer and wine is to be forbidden in Watauga and twenty other counties on Sunday as a result of a bill passed in the closing moments of the legislature, and which was adopted as a substitute measure, following unfavorable action on all of the bills presented which would return individual counties to their former bone dry status.

When hope of returning prohibition to the mountain counties faded, Representative Greer and Representative Johnston of Ashe county, urged the appointment of a sub-committee to act on the proposals. The enacted law is the result of the recommendations of that group.

Under the proposal the county commissioners are to have the right to ban the sale of wine and beer on Sundays and to have discretionary powers in the matter of issuance of "on premises" license for the sale of wine.

Information is that the Watauga county commissioners will take immediate action to place the statute in effect in this county.

Wiley Norris Dies At Meat Camp Home

Mr. Wiley Norris, one of Meat Camp township's most esteemed citizens, died at the home Sunday from a long illness. He was 83 years old.

Funeral services were conducted from the Meat Camp Baptist church Tuesday afternoon by the Rev. Tipton Greene, and interment was in the Brown cemetery.

Survivors in the immediate family are three sons: W. P., T. C., and C. K. Norris of Boone Route 2. Two sisters and one brother also survive: Mrs. Mary Greene, Boone; Mrs. Maggie Henley, Hay, Wash.; John Norris, Laurel Broomery, Tenn.

Mr. Norris, who was reared in the Meat Camp section, was one of the county's best and most honorable citizens.

WINKLER BUYS GUERNSEYS

Mars Hill, April 4.—Four registered Guernsey cows have recently been sold by Roy J. Wall to W. M. Winkler of Boone, owner of New River Dairy. These animals are Fanning Fields Flora, Fanning Fields' Effie, Fanning Fields' Fanny, and Fanning Fields' Edwina, according to the American Guernsey Cattle Club of Peterborough, N. H.