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The Week in Washington

A RESUME OF GOVERNMENTAL HAPPENINGS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Washington, Aug. 7.—Carolina students of political psychology are trying to estimate the probable political effects of two unexpected occurrences in the closing days of the congressional session.

One was the unheralded "denunciation" of the commercial treaty between the United States and Japan by proclamation of the secretary of state. The other was the personal attack upon Vice President Garner by John L. Lewis, head of the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

The Japanese matter comes down to this: Senator Key Pittman of Nevada has been trying for some time to get congress to enact some law which would effectively prohibit the sale and export to Japan of materials of war. He had general support for the idea, since the sympathies of congress, like those of the nation in general, are entirely with China.

But unless the President should declare by proclamation that a state of war exists between Japan and China there is no law on the American statute books which can be invoked to prevent anybody from selling anything to Japan, except a few items which are specifically under the control of the munitions board.

It would make for an awkward international situation were the President to declare the Japan-China affair a war when neither of the parties to it admits it is a war. Hence the United States is at peace with both nations, neutral in their neighborhood quarrel, and proposes to remain so, especially since we are bound by a treaty with Japan, signed in 1911, under which each nation gives the other free access to its markets, subject to modest tariff duties for any commodities which either exports and the other imports.

"Denouncing" a Treaty
That treaty, however, contains a clause under which either Japan or the United States can cancel by giving six months notice. Such notice, in terms of diplomacy, is called "denouncing" a treaty.

While the senate was trying to find some way to limit exports to our peaceful neighbor, Japan, without violating that old commercial treaty, it occurred to Senator Arthur Vandenberg to read the treaty. He came across the "denunciation" clause and immediately drafted and introduced a resolution in the senate calling upon the President to denounce the treaty.

The resolution caused something of a sensation. Nobody had thought of that way of clearing the decks to do what Senator Pittman had tried to do, legally barring the door to the export of goods to Japan and the importation of Japanese wares into America. While the senate cloakrooms were still buzzing with the audacity of the proposal, and sentiment was forming strongly for it, regardless of party lines, the administration acted.

Possibly the President and the secretary of state had already considered the denunciation of the treaty with Japan, and were hesitating because of doubt about the attitude of congress. But the reception given the Vandenberg resolution, which never came to a vote, removed all doubt.
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HOMECOMING TO BRING NOTABLES

Congressman Doughton, Judge Hayes and Others Expected at Event at Blue Ridge Church

The annual homecoming event at the Blue Ridge church on the scenic highway eight miles east of Deep Gap, is to be held on August 13, and Judge Johnson J. Hayes, Congressman Doughton, Dr. B. B. Dougherty, Hon. Ira T. Johnston and others are expected to take part in the exercises.

At 10 o'clock a group of three pictures, the gift of some friends of the church will be unveiled by the children from the daily vacation Bible school, while the remainder of the morning will be devoted to singing by visiting and local choirs.

At 1 o'clock the dedication of the new church building will be in charge of Rev. Walter T. Whittington of West Jefferson, and Rev. Henry Smith, the local pastor. A large crowd is expected to gather for the occasion.

Mrs. George Teague, who has been in poor health for some time, is a patient at Grace hospital, Banner Elk, where she will take treatments.

ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW ON TUESDAY

Ladies of Two Local Churches Announce Summer Event; Public Invited to Participate

The annual flower show, sponsored by the ladies of the Boone Baptist and Methodist churches, will be held in the basement of the Baptist church Tuesday, August 11, from 3 to 9 o'clock.

Entries are to be received from 9 o'clock in the morning until 1 o'clock in the afternoon and are not to be withdrawn until the end of the show. A silver offering will be taken.

Everyone is invited to send entries, to visit the show and enjoy the beautiful flowers. The show has its particular value, it is pointed out, in raising the standards of the quality and beauty of flower arrangements for all those who attend. There is a definite stimulation for growing and arranging the flowers of the garden. An increasing interest in flower arrangement has been noted in the past few years and flower shows play an important part in this phase of gardening.

Following are the classifications under which the flowers will be shown:

Class A—Dahlias: a. Specimen bloom; b. Prettiest mixed arrangement; c. Prettiest pom-pom; d. Best collection; e. Rarest; f. Single; g. Cactus.

Class B—Gladioli: a. Largest specimen; b. Best mixed arrangement; c. Rare color.

Class C—Zinnias: a. Finest variety; b. Best mixed arrangement; c. Dwarf arrangement.

Class D—Marigolds: a. Largest specimen; b. Chrysanthemum flowered; c. Best arranged mixed.

Class E—Snapdragon: a. Largest flowers; b. Best collection.

Class F—Mixed Flowers: a. Best arrangement; b. Largest variety.

Class G—Petunias: a. Ruffled; b. Prettiest common variety; c. Finest dwarf.

Class H—Nasturtiums: a. Finest double; b. Common variety.

Class I—Verbena: a. Largest flowers; b. Best arrangement.

Class J—Wildflowers: a. Best arrangement; b. Largest variety.

Class K—The best display of each of the following: size, perfection, color and arrangement combined: Ageratum, calendula, clarkia, cornflower, cosmos, shasta daisies, dianthus, delphinium, straw flowers, forget-me-nots, gallardia, phlox, larkspur, lupine, mignonette, scabiosa, pansy, poppy, roses, sunflowers, cut-and-come, and sweet peas.

The most attractive display of a single color or the combination of two colors.

The best arranged old fashioned nosegay.

The most beautiful miniature garden.

The best arranged tea table.

The most attractive shadow box.

The most unique arrangement of flowers.

The largest variety; the prettiest blooming pot plant; the prettiest non-blooming pot plant; the best arranged table.

Prizes: First prize, blue ribbon; second prize, red ribbon; third prize, white ribbon.

Points to be considered by judges: Perfection 25, size (variety considered) 25, color 25, arrangement 25.

Candy will be sold. There will be an entry charge of 25c for each exhibit or \$1.00 for a table.

Good offerings and sales were reported last week from the local livestock market. Sales and prices were good, one calf having been sold for \$41.00. Many buyers were present and a definite shortage of lambs was noted.

FIELD DAY CANCELLED UNTIL ASSOCIATION

Rev. M. A. Adams, field worker with the State United Dry Forces, announces that the field day for Watauga county which was to have been observed on the fourth Sunday in August, is cancelled until after the meeting of the Three Forks association.

The cancellation is at the request of the executive committee of the association, and Mr. Adams will make further announcements later.

DR. DOUGHERTY SPEAKS

Dr. B. B. Dougherty spoke Friday at a meeting of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club, using as his subject, "Forty Years of Progress in North Carolina."

Rev. Graham To Return Sunday



Rev. Dan Graham and his evangelistic party will return to the Boone tabernacle next Sunday evening for a series of revival services which will continue for at least two weeks. Services will be held each evening.

WPA DISMISSALS WILL BE RESUMED

Dismissal of Persons on Relief For 18 Months to Be Resumed Following Discontinuance

Washington, Aug. 7.—The WPA today ordered its state administrators to resume the dismissal of persons who have been on the work relief rolls continuously for 18 months or more.

Col. F. C. Harrington, the works projects administrator, telegraphed the administrators that the dismissals should be resumed after congress adjourned without changing recently enacted legislation requiring them.

The dismissals had been suspended by Harrington on July 26 pending a final decision by congress on proposals to ease the requirements of the new relief act.

In his telegram today, the commissioner said:

"All relief workers except (war) veterans who have been continuously employed on WPA projects for 18 months or more must be dismissed prior to August 31, and after August 31 all relief workers except veterans who have been continuously employed for 18 months must be discharged at termination of such continuous employment."

Rites Held in Avery For Slain Officer

Funeral services for Alvin Jones, 30, Avery county deputy sheriff, who was shot and killed early Saturday evening at Senia, by Larry Griffith of Burnsville, were conducted at the Powder Mill Baptist church near Senia Sunday.

The officer was slain as he attempted to serve a peace warrant on Griffith, it was said. The officer met Griffith in the road and the latter started firing, four of five pistol bullets lodging in Jones' head and side, death being almost instantaneous. Griffith's wife is said to have taken out the warrant.

After slaying the officer, Griffith entered a nearby residence and fired a bullet into his own head, dying almost instantly.

Rites Conducted For Dewey Mast

Funeral rites were observed at Newton Saturday morning for Dewey R. Mast, native Caldwell county citizen, and several years ago a resident of Boone, who was fatally shot at his home in Charlottesville, Va., Thursday morning.

Mr. Mast's body was found in the bedroom of his home, and the coroner issued a verdict of suicide. Associates were unable to assign any reason for the self-destruction.

TATER HILL LAKE SITE BEING SURVEYED

Work started Monday on a survey of a proposed lakesite on the Tater Hill property, the development being in charge of S. C. Eggers, local realtor. The road to the Tater Hill from the Howards Creek road has been graded and will be open to travel when the loose dirt has settled. No surface has been applied yet.

ALUMNI GROUP IN BANQUET MEETING

Former Students of State University Form Four-County Alumni Association

Former students of the three branches of the University of North Carolina gathered at a banquet session at the Daniel Boone Hotel Friday evening, formed a four-county alumni association and named officers for the new organization.

The members of the association will include those from Watauga, Avery, Ashe and Alleghany counties, and the organization was formed under the direction of Mr. J. Marvon Saunders, general alumni secretary.

Dr. D. J. Whiteaker called the meeting to order and introduced Dr. B. B. Dougherty who welcomed the group, and in turn presented the toastmaster, former Lieutenant Governor E. A. Doughton. Officers elected for next year, president, Dr. D. J. Whiteaker; secretary, Mrs. W. B. Collins. Since both the president and the secretary are residents of Watauga county, vice-presidents were chosen from the other three counties, as follows: Ed. M. Anderson, Ashe; Dr. T. R. Burgess, Alleghany, and Dr. Albert Brown, Avery county. In the future the plan is to rotate the offices.

The guest speaker was Dr. A. R. Newsome, head of the University of North Carolina history department, and president of the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association, in a very comprehensive and informative way, Dr. Newsome surveyed the resources of North Carolina and pointed out how the state university was helping to discover, develop and direct the use of these resources.

Many examples were given of aid that North Carolina had received from laboratory and research projects conducted at its educational institutions. Dr. Newsome shared that in a very real way the University of North Carolina was serving the whole state. Many who could not attend regular academic classes availed themselves of extension services.

Among the other alumni leaders who spoke briefly were Senator W. B. Austin, Hon. Ira T. Johnston, a trustee, and Mr. Robert M. Gambill.

Blowing Rock Show Wins Wide Acclaim

Saturday night's ball in the Green Park hotel casino brought to a close Blowing Rock's 16th annual horse show, acclaimed by the spectators and exhibitors as the best since showings began in the resort center.

Nearly 50 exhibitors with 97 horses contested for the prizes and ribbons amounting to over \$1,000. Peavine Society Born, horse exhibited by Julius Johnston and ridden by Miles Wright of Charlotte, took top money in one of the stake classes and went beyond other entries in taking the judges' eye as the grand champion of the entire show.

Ella Wee, exhibited by R. W. Baker of Greensboro, was the winner in Friday's stake class, taking prizes in the five-gaited saddle horse class. Camp Yonahlossee contestants featured throughout the show, both in manner of horsemanship among the lady riders, and for conformation of the horses.

Junebug and Billy Tate, sons of Lloyd M. Tate of Blowing Rock, featured with Ed Daniels, Green Parked, Norwood stables, as tops among the male riders. Joan Goodin of Blowing Rock, Mary Southerland of Camp Yonahlossee, and the Emery sisters of Greenville, S. C., demonstrated unusual skill as lady riders in jumping, hunting and other phases of horsemanship.

Prior to the show came the election of new officers to serve the association for ensuing year: J. L. Snyder, president; L. M. Tate, vice-president, and Charles G. Beck, secretary.

DEN OF COPPERHEADS YIELDS 30 REPTILES

The snake story of the year goes to Deep Gap, where copperheads were recently slain on a wholesale scale. Messdames Jessie Greene, Mae Greene and Francis Watson were picking blackberries recently when Mrs. Watson almost stepped on a copperhead. She called to her husband nearby, who in turn killed 30 of the venomous reptiles, which had "denned" in a pile of slabs and sawdust at an old sawmill site, and Mr. Watson believes many more snakes are harbored at the same place. At any rate he is waiting for favorable weather, so that he may ignite the dust and timbers in an effort to exterminate the vipers.

Heads Baptists



Atlanta, Ga.—10,000 Baptist messengers unanimously elected Dr. James Henry Rushbrooke, above, of London, England, as president of the Baptist World Alliance to succeed Dr. George W. Traett of Dallas, Texas. Dr. Rushbrooke will hold office for a period of five years.

COUNTY GROUP TO APPRAISE LOANS

Three Local Farmers to Aid Mr. Chappel in Work of Farm Security Administration

Three Watauga farmers have been named by the Farm Security administration, U. S. department of agriculture, to help County Supervisor Paul J. Chappel, carry out the tenant purchase program.

Alex Tugman, Boone Route 2; Leo A. Carrinder, Matney, and R. Alfred Thomas, Mabel, well known farmers, were chosen members of the county FSA advisory committee. The announcement was made early this week by Vance E. Swift, FSA state director, Raleigh, who said he has just received the official word from Regional Director Howard H. Gordon of Raleigh.

Advisory groups now have been named in 100 counties in the state, chosen as counties in which loans will be made this year to tenant farmers for the purchase and improvement of farms. These include counties designated last year as well as new counties recently added to the list.

The county committees were chosen by the secretary of agriculture on the advice of the state farm advisory committee. These local committees will study applications for loans, choose tenants who have the character and ability to pay for a farm, and appraise the farms successful applicants want to buy. Tenants are placing their applications for loans with county supervisors who will assist successful applicants in building or repairing houses and in laying out their farm plans, it was pointed out.

College Presenting Excellent Performance

Entertainment will reach a new peak in the college auditorium here next Saturday night with Sadah Schuchari, noted violinist, and Mrs. Ruth Rankin Rutherford, of equal prominence as pianist, scheduled to top the summer performances.

Mrs. Rutherford is familiar to citizens of Boone and students of the college, having appeared on local programs previously. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Rankin.

Miss Schuchari, following eight years of study, made her debut at the age of 13 with the Hartford Philharmonic orchestra. Subsequently she won fellowships at the Julliard school, then Naumberg prize which carried with it a New York debut at Town Hall, and a year later she was presented as soloist with the New York Philharmonic Symphony orchestra. Since then she has frequently been heard from coast to coast with major symphony orchestras as well as in recitals.

TABERNACLE REVIVAL

Interest is increasing nightly in the Miller-Hendershot meetings in the Boone tabernacle. You are invited especially to hear the sermons for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, on the following subjects:

"Why I Am Not a Roman Catholic."
"Why I Am Not a Protestant."
"Why I Am a Christian."
These will be the last messages of Evangelist Miller until after Mr. Graham's visit, if he comes as announced on next Sunday. The Miller-Hendershot meetings will be resumed after Mr. Graham's visit.

FARM TOURS WILL START ON MONDAY

Annual Visit to Demonstration Farms of County Planned; Statement by Farm Agents

The annual farm tours of the county will begin Monday, August 14, and end Tuesday, August 29, according to Messrs. H. M. Hamilton and G. G. Farthing county agents, who issue the following statement:

"On these tours the demonstration farms will be visited in order to see the results that have been obtained through the use of phosphate and lime as well as through other good farm practices such as growing legumes and winter cover crops, following crop rotations, using commercial fertilizers properly, and improving livestock through the use of good, purebred sires.

"We, as county agents, believe that we can give better service to more people by taking them right out on different farms in the county and studying the various problems of farming wherever they arise. Consequently, if you will go on the township tour which is most convenient for you we feel sure that you will become interested enough to make the county-wide tour. Every farmer in the county should be interested enough in farming to spend at least one day on these tours and we are confident that you could not find a more profitable way of spending some of your time.

"We believe that we shall be able to get several more demonstration farms, as well as one or more watershed areas, approved this fall and next spring. If you are interested in becoming a demonstration farmer, please let us know."

The township tours will begin in Bald Mountain township Monday morning, August 14 and end in lower Beaver Dam township on August 25.

The county tour for the eastern section of the county will start from the courthouse in Boone on Monday, August 28; for the western part of the county from Cove Creek high school on Tuesday morning, August 29.

WOMAN HELD IN STEVENS SHOOTING

Boone Man Shot in Abdomen, Allegedly by Caldwell County Woman Tuesday Evening

Taylor Stevens of Boone, was shot in the abdomen Tuesday night, allegedly by Miss Pearl Pritchard of Lenoir, at her home in the Valmead section.

Sheriff Felix Parlier of Caldwell county, who arrested the woman and lodged her in the jail at Lenoir, is quoted as saying that the woman told him Stevens took some of her money and that she fired in an effort to recover it. The official said Stevens stated he did not know why she fired the weapon.

The wounded man was taken to a Lenoir hospital. Information is that the bullet ranged through the abdomen, and that Stevens' condition is critical.

Roosevelt to Continue His New Deal Aims

Washington, Aug. 6.—President Roosevelt was described today by his senate leader, Senator Barkley of Kentucky, as being confident that when congress returned to Washington after its vacation it would enact most of the administration legislative measures it shelved in the last few weeks.

Barkley told reporters, following a Sunday afternoon luncheon with the President and Secretary of Commerce Harry Hopkins, that the chief executive appeared on the whole to be fairly well satisfied with the accomplishments of the congress which adjourned Saturday night after the most rebellious session since the new deal came into power.

The senate leader indicated that the President did not intend to abandon any of his major legislative objectives, including proposed revision of the neutrality law, which was stymied in the senate, and enactment of a lending program, killed by the house ten days ago.

Barkley said the President appeared to hold the same view as that expressed by many of his legislative lieutenants that when recalcitrant congress members got back home and made a personal check of sentiment, their attitude of resistance to some administration measures was likely to undergo a change.