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U.S.PLAYGROUND IS PROPOSED FOR MOUNTAIN AREA

Thousands of Acres in Tennessee Valley Authority Would Be Embraced in Recreational Development Outlined by Roose velt; Property in Six States

Washington, Jan. 16—Thousands of acres of land in North Carolina and five other southern states will become a part of a giant national playground under a recommenda-tion of the Tennessee Valley Au-thority, which was submitted to congress today by President Roose-velt. velt

The proposal, if adopted, would convert the area encompassed by the TVA development into a new great national playground, which would attract millions of voters to the section.

the section. "Many of our citizens and even government officials hold a belief." the President said in a special mes-sage to Congress transmitting the report, "that the purpose of the act creating the (Tennessee Valley) Au-thority was primarily the develop-ment of electric power. "It is nerviews time to call atten-

ment of electric power. "It is perhaps time to call atten-tion to this utter fallacy." Additional objectives, Roosevelt said, were to control flood damage —estimated at \$20,000,000 annually —and to make the river navigable. In its broader sense the TVA was formed, he continued, "to raise the standards of life by increasing so-cial and economic advantages in a given area." given area.

given area." Power development, the President declared, was only a part—"and ul-timately only a small part"—of the social and economic effort in the Tennessee watershed. With his message he transmitted a study prepared by TVA on recrea-tional possibilities in the area. The report called attention to the fact thai TVA's lake had supplied the region with "the one element which neture omitted from an otherwise lavish recreational possibilities in the area.

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the different states and of their po-litical subdivisions, agencies and in-strumentalities without exception, are to be included in gross income



Somewhere in France.—Here are British troops near the front lines in France. A relief party is seen coming up the trench. This photo was passed by the British censor. Somewhere

FARMERS BENEFIT BY SETTING TREES

\$30 Can Be Earned Under Soil Conservation Program by **Planting Eroded Land**

Any farmer in the county can earn \$30 on the soil conservation program this year by setting trees on their croded land, says County Farm Agent Harry M. Hamilton, Jr. This \$30 payment doesn't interfere with the regular soil building allowances, therefore, a farmer can still get lime and phosphate on his general soil building allowance. building allowance

a study prepared by TVA on recrea-tional possibilities in the area. The region with "the one element which nature omitted from an otherwise lavish recreational possibilities in the area. The land and water domain of TVA in the six states, exclusive of that in the Wilson reservoir area in Alabama, was listed in the roport as 871.500 acres. "The Tennessee river lakes cut through the heart of a region al-ready rich in scenic and recreation resources," the report said, "a region tain National park, the millions of that an National park, the millions of the Asheville (N. C.) area." Treation al fire TVA lakes had provided, the board said, a hunters and fishermen's paradise. Highway improvement, it added, have broughi tourists into the valley in increasing numbers.

Burley Brings High Prices on Boone Mart

Mountain Burley Warehouse on Monday and Tuesday sold 122,809 pounds of leat and formers of the section received \$21,138.42 for their offerings. Prices ranged from \$8.00 nor hundred to \$37,00 Wednesday's value totaled better Wednesday's sales totaled better than 60.000 pounds and prices were said to have been somewhat stronger. One warehouse em-ployee ventured that the average would be well above \$18.00 per hundred.

hundred. Large loads of tobacco have been streaming into town through-out the day, and prospecis are that sales will be large during the week. The local warehouse will remain open as long as any leaf remains unsold in the burley area

GROUSE SEASON CLOSED MONDAY

The report said that TVA was prepared to develop recreational fa-cilities and activities in the follow-ing territories. Tennessee, 169,000 acres; Alabama, 525,500 acres; Kentucky, 108,000. North Carolina, 23,500; Mississippi, 11,500, and Georgia, 7,000. **Changes in Income Tax Laws Are Cited** The effect of the enactment of the public salary tax act of 1939, is that the wages, salaries and compensa-tion of all officers and employees of the different states and of their po-bifical subdivigues and of their po-

D. FINLEY MAST DIES AT HOME IN VALLE CRUCIS

Long Illness Ends at 5 o'Clock Wednesday Morning; Leader in County's Religious and Civic Life; Funeral Services Thursday

D. Finley Mast, 82, life-long resi-dent of the Valle Crucis communi-ty and one of the county's most prominent citizens, died at his home Wednesday morning at 5 o'clock following an illness of nore than three years. His condition had been considered scrious for the past week. Funeral services will be conduct-ed from Valle Crucis Methodist church Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock, and burial will follow in the Mast cemetery neur the deceased

o'clock, and burial will follow in the Mast cemetery neur the deceased man's home. The Masonic order will have charge of the services. Rev. J. W. Parker, pastor of the Watauga circuit, and Rev. E. Dargan Butt of the Episcopal church, will also be present.

Butt of the Episcopal church, will also be present. Survivors include two sons, Joe C. Mast of Valle Crucis, and Claude L. Mast of Patterson, and a niece, Mrs. Eddie Lund of Summerfield, N. J., who was reared at the Mast home. Mr. Mast was a son of the late Andy Muss, was born and spent his entire life at the ancestral home which throughout the years became which throughout the years became which throughout the years became a center of community activity and a favored retreat for summer visi-tors to the mountain section. He became a member of the Methodist church in carly manhood, and for more than half a century served as superintendent of the Valle Crucis Sunday school. His activity in re-lig.ous work had caused him to be tooked upon as one of the county's outstanding churchmen. Mr. Mast was a member of Snow Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and had been especially concerned with its frater-nal activities. He had never held public office. Mrs. Mast, otten referred to as

nal activities. He had never held public office. Mrs. Mast, often referred to as "Aunt Josie," passed away in Feb-ruary, 1936. The products of her ancient loom had found their way into leading homes of the nation, and her fine, charitable traits of character had made her the favorite of thousands of visitors to the val-lay.

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TO RETIRE



ton, who has announced his inten-tion of retiring from congress at the end of his present ferm, after having served the district for 30 years.

FRED OSBORNE SLAIN IN W. VA

Boone Coal Dealer Believed to Have Been Victim of Unknown Assassin

known Assassin Funeral services will be held at Oak Grove church Thursday after-noon at 1 o'clock for Fred Osborne. local coal dealer, who died in a Co-burn, W. Va, hospital Monday night. Interment will be in the Hine cemetery. Osborne, according to reports reaching here, was loading coal late Friday evening at the R. A. Rich-mond mine. Attendants at the tip-ple were absent for a few minutes and when they returned found Os-corne in an unconscious condition suffering from a blow in the back of the head. The owner of the mine took the injured man to a Coburn hospital where he received treat-ment hut never regained conscious-ness. Richmond accompanied the body to Boone and expressed the opinion that Osborne was attacked by some unknown assalant who doubtless mistock him for one of the mine employees. He stated that ho-cal officers are attempting to appre-hend the guilty man. Osborne is survived by his parents. Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Osborne of Tedd. <text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text>

Veteran Ninth District Solon Announces Decision to Retire From Public Life; Chairman of Ways and Means Committee Has Served District Ably for Thirty Years

Representative Robert L. Dough-ton of the ninth district, dean of the North Carolina congressional delega-tion and chairman of the ways and means committee, made public Tues-day his decision to relinquish his strenuous public duties at the expi-ration of his present term on Decem-ber 31 of this year.

ber 31 of this year. The announcement was conveyed through a formal statement made available to the press in the house press gallery, Mr. Doughton's col-leagues being unaware of his pend-ing retirement, although they had understood it was a step he had long considered. Representative Dough-ton, who is 75, was disinclined to ask re-election two years ago, but President Roosevelt prevailed upon him to serve through the present congress.

The President states that he is not The President states that he is not yet fully reconciled to the idea of Mr. Doughton's planned retirement, and said he would be very sorry if the Carolinian goes through with it, because he would hate to lose him from the house membership. The President added that Mr. Doughton's congressional services had been of at value. Mr. Doughton's formal statement

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aff. Doughton's formal statement follows: "Thirty years ago the people of our congressional district elected me to represent them in the congress of the United States. At every bi-emial election since that time, they have seen fit to re-elect me to this same responsible office. For their continued loyal support, I am pro-foundly grateful, and for the many tokens of their trust and confidence, I express deep and sincere thanks. "I now feel that the time has ar-rived when I should acquaint them with my future political intentions. Some months ago I decided that I would not seek re-election. This de-cision has been made known, con-fidentially, to a few of my friends who understand my motive and po-sition. "Taking this step is particularly

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for the taxable neriod beginning December 31, 1938. The following individuals much each make, under eath, a return: I. Every individual who is single and had an income of \$1,000, or ev-ery individual who is married and rot living with husband or wife with an income of \$1,000, must file an income tax return.

an income tax return. 2. Every individual who is mar-ried and living with husband or wife, with an income of \$2,500 or ever, must file a return (either joint-ly or separately whichever they elect to do) elect to do).

elect to do). Income derived from wages, sal-aries, dividends, interest and annui-ties should be filed on Form 1040A. Income from the operation of a business, rents, sales of capital as-ets, etc., should be filed on Form 1040. MRS_L_C_MILLER

The public salary tax act of 1939 is new and may be confusing to state employees never having filed a federal income tax return, and any one desiring information may secure same by writing to the col-lector of internal revenue, Greens-boro, or one of his deputies.

All taxpayers must file returns on or before March 15, 1940, for the year 1939.

Blanks may be secured from the Greensboro office or from R. L. Clay, deputy collector, Boone.

W. F. SHERWOOD STRICKEN

Mr. W. F. Sherwood, prominent merchant of the Cove Creek sec-tion of Watauga county, has been confined to his home with a right serious ailment for the past several days. His many friends will be glad to know that his condition to-day is thought to be somewhat im-proved.

The Blowing Rock Parent-Teacher Association will meet Friday night in the school auditorium with Mrs. Douglas as the principal speaker. She will use for her subject, "Stand-ardizing the Elementary Library," which is the aim of the P.-T. A this year. Mrs. Ingle, the school li-brarian, will be chairman of the program

MRS. J. C. MILLER

Mrs. J. C. Miller, aged 61, died at the home on Blowing Rock R. F. D., Saturday and funeral services were conducted from the Middle Fork Baptist church on Monday. Inter-ment was in the nearby cemetery. The survivors include the husband The survivors include the husband and the following sons and daugh-ters: Brown Miller, Shulls Mills; Jonas and Stokes Miller, Blowing Rock, and Miss Agnes Miller; step-children: Elmer Miller, Mrs. Jessie Ford and Ford Miller, Blowing Rock.

TO ASSIST TAXPAYERS

A representative of the United States internal revenue service will States internal revenue service will be at the Boone Drug Co., on Feb-ruary 23-24 for the purpose of assist-ing local income tax payers in filing their returns. The filing period this year has been set as from February 15 through March 15, and the offi-cials are anyious to random the tax cials are anxious to render the tax-payers every possible assistance.

reported during the past season.

WILLIS SMITH PLANS TO RUN FOR GOVERNOR

Raleigh, Jan. 14-Willis Smith Raleigh attorney, said today he de-finitely intended to enter the North Carolina gubernatorial race, and would make a formal announce ment "near the end of the weck." Carolina

BOONE P.-T. A. TO MEET

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Boone schools will meet Thurs day evening, 7:30 o'clock, in the De monstration auditorium. One of the high school departments will pre-sent a puppet show, and other en-tertainment features are in prospect. A full attendance of members is urged

urged.

Benefit Dance

--some looted from the arsenals of the army itself--was charged to-night against 18 members of the "Christian Front" who were arrest-Claude of Rominger. There are three daughters, Mrs. Nancy Pres-nell, Beech Creek; Mrs. Ialee Hicks and Mrs. Anna Lou Presnell of Ro-minger. There are 33 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren sur-viving, together with six brothers ed and accused of revolutionary intentions. The 18 men were charged speci-

fically with conspiracy to create a revolution and overthrow the gov-

and two sisters. Mrs. Hicks belonged to the Zion ernment. J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the bu-reau of investigation, said they in-tended to bomb and shoot their way to power and set up a government similar to Hitler's dictatorship over Primitive Baptist church. She was a faithful member throughout the years, and was well known and highly regarded by the people of her community.

Claude

LEE GRAVELY ENTERS RACE FOR GOVERNOR Rocky Mount, Jan. 12—L. Lee d sa Gravely of Rocky Mount, formally enterted the gubernatorial race today and pledged himself to a 12-point platform which included planks op-

posing highway fund diversion and the three per cent sales tax.

posing highway fund diversion and the three per cent sales tax. Gravely was the fourth Democrat to enter the field. Others are J. M. Broughton, Raleigh attorney; Lieu-tenant Governor W. P. Horton of The Tuesday Night Club will sponsor a dance at the county build-ing next Saturday night, January 20. The festivities are to begin at 8 o'clock, and proceeds will be used for local charitable purposes. Mrs. Ed Hollifield of Shulls Mills.

Asked what he felt to be his out-standing achievement during the three decades of his service, Mr. Doughton expressed the belief that the two things which had brought him the greatest happiness were his band in the presence of the second

him the greatest happiness were his hand in the passage of the social security act and the development of the Elue Ridge parkway. For the past eight years Mr. Doughton has been chairman of the ways and means committee, the most important governmental com-mittee existing. He has served un-der and intimately known six presi-dents. He went to Washington un-der the administration of President dents. He went to Washington un-der the administration of President Taft and has served continuously in the administrations of Presidents Wilson, Harding, Coolidge, Hoover and Roosevelt. Only Representative Sabath of Illinois, has served in the house longer than Doughton. He has ably served the nation dur-ing the two next enviced next enviced.

ing the two most crucial periods in modern history—the World War and the recovery administration of President Roosevelt.

But today, Doughton was not concerned primarily with the historic, he was looking ahead. He said he hoped to do some writing and felt that the record of some of his exand He said he thoroughly intended to (Continued on page five)

MRS. SIMEON GRAGG

Similar to inder a dictatorship over Nazi Germany. The plot, he said, was aimed against Jews generally and involv-ed seizure of key government agen-cies such as federal reserve banks, post offices and vital public utili-tics.