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POLICIES OF RED CROSS OUTLINED BY NORMAN DAVIS

Chairman of National Organization Tells of Manner in Which Supplies Are Handled Following Changes of War Map; Other Wataugans Contribute

Chairman Norman H. Davis, in answer to various inquiries as to the present policy and activities of the American Red Cross in respect to European war relief, has issued a statement clarifying the situation. The statement follows:

"It is the policy of the American Red Cross to extend relief where it is most urgently needed providing it has the necessary freedom of action and safeguards for carrying out the distribution of its supplies to the actual victims, whether refugees or war-wounded soldiers.

"At present there are three distinct areas where such need exists and where assistance has been requested: First, Great Britain; second, the unoccupied portion of France, and third, those territories under German occupation.

"With regard to the first we have set up an American Red Cross committee in England and are sending medical, hospital equipment, clothing and other supplies including food, as rapidly as tonnage is available.

"With regard to the unoccupied portion of France the SS McKeesport, loaded with all sorts of supplies and employing safe conduct from the British blockade authorities, is now headed for Marseilles where its cargo will be distributed to the millions of refugees and war-wounded in southern France under the direction of American Red Cross representatives. In addition, a trainload of children's food is now en route to the same region from Geneva.

"With regard to the third area—occupied territory—we have been extending aid in Poland with funds contributed for that specific purpose. This program is under American Red Cross supervision, thus safeguarding control over the ultimate destination of supplies. As for other occupied territories, aid to the sick and wounded and to refugees, particularly children, is being extended only in Paris and vicinity under the direction of Wayne Chatfield-Taylor, American Red Cross delegate, working in co-operation with the American hospital and the French Red Cross.

"Beyond this limited activity the American Red Cross is not extending any relief in the occupied region of France. There are certain questions of policy and inherent difficulties, such as blockade, transportation, delivery and control of distribution which, at the present time, are most difficult of solution. The needs for relief which are daily increasing in the areas where we are now operating and in which we may operate in the future will require continuing large outlays.

"In this connection I want to point out that none of the supplies of the Red Cross have been interfered with by any government or diverted from the needy for whom the supplies were intended, and the American people can rest assured that we do not intend to engage in any co-operations not adequately safeguarded and which do not give consideration to the wishes of those who have so generously contributed to the work."

Watauga county has raised a total of \$693.74 for the Red Cross fund, more than double its original quota. Those who have contributed since our last issue are: Zion Hill Sunday School, \$6.08; L. T. Tatum, \$4.00; F. W. McCracken, \$1.00.

North Carolina Birth Rate Shows Increase

Raleigh, July 12.—The birth rate in North Carolina continued to increase during June, when 7,351 babies were born as compared with 6,645 a year ago, the bureau of vital statistics reported yesterday.

There were 39,822 babies born during the first six months of this year, an increase of 1,418 over 1939, and the number of births exceeded deaths by 22,736.

The June birth rate was 24.7 compared with 22.4 a year ago.

There were 2,664 deaths last month, a decline from the 2,799 of June, 1939, and the rate was 8.9, down from 9.4.

Despite the increased number of births, deaths of infants under two years of age from diarrhea and enteritis numbered only 50 last month, compared with 164 in June, 1939.

Tuberculosis deaths dropped to 134 in June from 148 a year ago. The bureau reported 79 deaths from various kinds of automobile accidents during June, 18 more fatalities than the highway safety division charged to traffic accidents.

JOHNSON TAX RATE
The tax rate of Johnson county, Tenn., was recently raised from \$3.87 to \$4.00, according to the Johnson County News.

No matter which way the wind blows at the North Pole, it always is from the south.

Hatch Bill Is Given Congress' Approval

Measure Finally Passed by Both Houses and Is Sent to the President

Washington, July 12.—The Hatch bill, curbing political activity by an army of state and local government employees, was finally passed by congress Thursday.

The measure was sent to the White House after the senate agreed to change the house approved Wednesday.

The legislation is a companion piece to the original Hatch act, applying to federal employees. The new measure applies to officials and employees working on programs financed in whole or in part by the federal government.

These employees would be forbidden to use their position to influence the result of elections, to coerce other employees or to engage actively in political campaigns. Various elective officials would be exempt from the last restriction.

In addition, the bill would limit individual campaign contributions to \$5,000 in any one year and would restrict the expenditures of any political committee to \$3,000,000 a year.

COVE CREEK FAIR DATES ARE GIVEN

County-Wide Agricultural Fair in September; A. & B. Attractions to Be On Grounds

The tenth annual Watauga agricultural fair will be held at Sugar Grove on the 12th, 13th and 14th of September, it is announced by Ernest Hillard, secretary.

The A. B. & B. Attractions, Inc., from Winston-Salem will furnish the amusements beginning on the 10th. The attractions are owned and managed by C. J. Belton of the B. B. Transfer Company of Winston-Salem. Fair officials believe they are very fortunate in having entertainment which will be absolutely clean in all respects. Also the fair is patronizing North Carolina business and people when the A. B. & B. Attractions comes to the county. The amusements will consist of six riding devices, 12 concessions, minstrel show, and two ponies for little children to ride.

Mr. Belton cordially invites the orphans and indigent children of the county to be his guests on the afternoon of Thursday, September 12. The children will be given popcorn and free rides.

The premium list will be available August 15. The premiums this year will be very attractive and it is now time to begin making preparations for exhibits which will be practically the same as those of last year.

ANNUAL HORSE SHOW TO BE HELD

Highspot of Blowing Rock Season Comes August 2 and 3; Increased Appropriations

Blowing Rock's annual horse show, the highspot of the summer season at the neighboring resort town, will be held August 2 and 3, it was announced last week. At the same time it was stated following a meeting of the officers and directors of the Horse Show Association, that there will be greatly increased appropriations for prize money and trophies this year.

Lloyd Tate, general manager and vice-president of the association, stated that important renovations will be made in parts of the show grounds at Broyhill field, which already includes a \$6,000 plant.

The following officers have been elected: J. Luther Snyder, president; L. M. Tate, vice-president and general manager; C. V. Henkel, secretary, and Charles G. Beck, treasurer.

Prize horses and riders from the entire South Atlantic region are expected to be attracted to Blowing Rock's seventeenth annual horse show and 28 classes will show for \$1,100 prize money and trophies.

The horse show, which is the second oldest in the south, is operated annually on a non-profit basis for charitable purposes.

Platform Committee To Report Tonight

The principal business of the Democratic national convention tonight (Wednesday) will be to take action on the party's platform, and to hear an address by Homer Adams, national president of the Young Democratic clubs.

The re-nomination of President Roosevelt seems certain, when nominations are called for Thursday evening, more than 800 delegates of the slightly more than a thousand, being already pledged to his candidacy. Friday the vice-presidential candidate will be chosen and the naming of a national committee chairman will be the closing business of the Chicago meeting.

NEW PARKWAY FUNDS ALLOCATED

Federal Funds Totaling \$3,000,000 Made Available for Scenic Highway

Federal allocations totaling \$2,890,000 and affecting 12 projects on the North Carolina section of the Blue Ridge parkway, were announced Saturday by Frank L. Dunlap, chairman of the state highway and public works commission.

Dunlap said he had just received official confirmation of the allocations from A. E. Demary, acting director of the national park service.

Surfacing, grading, construction of structures and maintenance are included in the projects. A majority of the projects are scheduled to be started this fall, and all will be launched before May 1, 1941.

Dunlap said that the conclusion of the work covered by the projects would make the parkway completely serviceable from the Virginia line to Asheville.

West of Asheville, Dunlap said, the program would link with existing roadways of the state system.

Scenic drives would be provided from Waynesville via the Sunburst road, a portion of the Blue Ridge parkway and the Pisgah road which terminates at Chandler.

The program would also provide a practical entrance into the Smoky Mountain National park from the Soco Gap road, which would cross the Cherokee Indian reservation lands to Ravensford, Dunlap said.

The allocations for the parkway were made under the authority of the present congress and were recently approved by Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes. Dunlap said a portion of the funds would be immediately available. The remainder will be ready when designated contracts are let.

AUTO DEALERS TO GATHER SUNDAY

Get-Together Supper Features Initial Meeting of Motor Car Dealers at Mayview

Some three to four hundred delegates are expected to gather at Mayview Manor, Blowing Rock, Sunday evening for the get-together supper, inaugurating a three-day convention of the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association.

J. C. McConnell, W. R. Winkler and J. L. Harrison, local members of the general convention committee, together with Mrs. Bessie B. Phoenix, executive secretary of the association, were busy engaged last week in working out the details for what they believe will be the most interesting convention thus far enjoyed by the automobile men.

On Monday there will be a luncheon at 12:30 p. m., the first business session at 2:30, the annual banquet at 7:30, followed by a dance at 10 o'clock.

On Tuesday the final session will be at 10:30 a. m., and a supper dance at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Speakers for the convention will include James Dalton, editor of "Motor"; Robert L. Thompson, director state news bureau; Dean R. B. House of the University of North Carolina; Chester H. Gray, director national highway users conference; N. C. Dezenford, vice-president General Motors Acceptance Corporation; Pyke Johnson, executive vice-president Automobile Manufacturers Association, and Adolphus Mitchell, senior traffic engineer, state highway and public works commission.

Besides the large number of delegates the various finance companies and automobile manufacturing establishments will have delegates at the convention.

Austin Wins Over Bowie In Ashe

William B. Austin, former state senator, defeated Judge Tam C. Bowie for the Democratic nomination for the house in Saturday's Ashe county convention.

Austin received 162 votes out of the 225 from the county's 19 precincts and Bowie received 63.

From 1919 to 1925 Austin served as county chairman of the Democratic party. He was elected representative from Ashe in 1926 and senator in 1938.

Snyder Retires From Coca-Cola Business

Mr. J. Luther Snyder of Blowing Rock and Charlotte, is retiring from active management of the Coca-Cola Company in the Charlotte territory, it was announced last week. Mr. Snyder, who started the coca-cola business in 1902, will be succeeded by his son, George Snyder.

Mr. Snyder, who owns the "Chetola" estate at Blowing Rock, announced that he would devote his time to private affairs.

IN THE LIMELIGHT AT THE THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Party Leader



Washington, D. C.—Franklin D. Roosevelt who controls millions of votes, kept the party mystified for a year as to whether he would run for a third term.

Hat In The Ring



Chicago.—The former governor general of the Philippines and classmate at Indiana University of Wendell L. Willkie, Paul V. McNutt, early announced his candidacy for the presidency if President Roosevelt did not run.

For Trade Treaties



Chicago.—The secretary of state, Cordell Hull, finds little opposition in his own party toward the reciprocal trade treaties which he has sponsored. A great many delegates find him the best presidential timber, next to the "chief". He is the only available man in either party who was born in a log cabin.

Third Party?



Chicago, Ill.—Senator Burton K. Wheeler, who has aroused a storm within his own party by stating that if an isolationist stand is not taken, he will form a third party. He is backed by John L. Lewis, head of the C.I.O.

RETAILERS NAME NEW COMMITTEES

Cash Prizes Are To Be Offered At Cove Creek Fair; Greene Tells of State Meeting

At a meeting of the directors of the Boone Merchants Association held last Friday evening, a new set of committees was named for the ensuing year, and other more or less routine business attended to. Following are the new committees:

Membership: D. L. Wilcox, chairman, W. O. Robertson, Craig Hollars.

Finances: M. I. Clark, chairman, Kenneth Linney, Harrison Moretz, C. H. Trotter, I. T. Barnett.

Transportation: R. A. Manship, chairman, J. L. Harrison, B. W. Stallings, Chas. Rogers, Frank Pearson, Spencer Miller.

Trade Promotion: John Conway, chairman, R. C. Rivers, L. L. McGill.

Legislative: L. T. Tatum, chairman, Russell D. Hodges, Wade E. Brown, J. L. Qualls, Mr. Burgess.

Tobacco Market: W. H. Gragg, chairman, E. A. Hodges, W. D. Farthing, Guy Hunt.

The directors voted to offer cash prizes of \$50 for the best baby beefs shown at the Cove Creek agricultural fair, and for the outstanding exhibits of farm products at that fair.

Mr. Clyde R. Greene, president of local retailers' group, who attend the meeting of the State Merchants Association at Elizabeth City last week, spoke of the gathering and quoted David R. Craig, president of the National Retail Federation, as saying that retail business in this country would be excellent during the next three years, due largely to the defense program of the federal government. He stated that industry would first feel the upswing but that retailers should be ready for the improved trade a little later on.

Youth Breaks Arms In Fall From Swing

Gene Reese, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Reese of Vilas, suffered fractures of both arms in a fall from a swing at the home last Saturday.

Young Reese and a playmate were swinging in a standing position, when one of the supporting chains broke, throwing the boy a distance of perhaps twenty feet. He fell on his outstretched hands, both bones in one arm being broken, and one bone fractured in the other.

Miss Mary Lillian Wilcox is visiting Miss Nell Hubbard in Wilkesboro this week.

HAYWOOD FARM TOUR STOPS HERE

Southwestern Farm Group En Route to Washington Interested Visitors at Shipley Farm

A Haywood county farm tour composed of 90 farmers accompanied by their three county agents, passed through Watauga county Tuesday en route to Washington, D. C. The farmers traveled on the Park to Park highway from Deep Gap to Roanoke, then through the Shenandoah Valley to Washington.

While in this county these farmers visited the Shipley farm at Vilas, which was the only farm visited by the group in North Carolina.

At the Shipley farm the Haywood delegation was shown the purebred Hereford cattle, Hampshire sheep and some of the 4-H Club boys' baby beavers. The farmers were also well pleased with the excellent pasture which they observed at this and adjoining farms and they expressed the opinion that lime and phosphate were evidently producing fine results in pasture improvement.

The Haywood farmers made the only stop in North Carolina in Watauga county, because this county is recognized throughout the state as the leading beef cattle, sheep and pasture county.

Orphanage Asks For Canned Foods Again

Plenty of fruit jars are now available at the Farmers Hardware and Supply Company for canning fruits and vegetables for the Mills Home, Baptist orphanage at Thomasville. All those desiring to help supply the demand for food at the orphanage during the coming winter are asked to call for their jars.

Last year 400 dozen jars were filled in the county for Mills Home, and it is hoped that this year even that amount may be increased. Full co-operation of the people in this worthy work is asked.

Brewer Is Attending National Convention

P. O. Brewer of Boone, former athletic director at Appalachian College, is attending the Democratic national convention in Chicago this week as one of the ninth district's four delegates.

Mr. Brewer is expected to return Saturday or Sunday.

ROOSEVELT SAYS HE HAS NO WISH TO BE NOMINATED

President Breaks Long Silence as to Third Term, and Convention is Stamped by Announcement; Roosevelt Nomination Still is Expected

President Roosevelt dramatically informed the Democratic national convention in Chicago Tuesday evening that he had no desire or purpose to be renominated, a declaration which decreased not one whit the determination of the Roosevelt forces to draft him for a third term campaign.

The chief executive's message was delivered to a boisterous convention—which previously had cheered the mention of his name for a good 25 minutes—by Senator Alben W. Barkley, the convention chairman, and was punctuated by shouts of "We Want Roosevelt now."

Barkley said he was making the statement by "specific request and authorization" of the President.

Then he said: "The President has never had, and has not today, any desire or purpose to continue in the office of President, to be a candidate for that office, or to be nominated by the convention for that office."

"He wishes in all earnestness and sincerity to make it clear that all of the delegates to this convention are free to vote for any candidate."

No sooner had Barkley finished than the tumultuous demonstration of an earlier hour was resumed, confined, however, to shouting, calls of "We want Roosevelt," whistling, bell-ringing, cheering and stamping.

Senator James F. Byrnes of South Carolina, floor leader of the "draft Roosevelt" forces, quickly sounded the viewpoint of the pro-third-term voices by telling reporters the demonstration on the floor and the cries of "We want Roosevelt!" had answered the President.

"I know that the President's statement represents his sincere views," Byrnes said. "However, it is for the delegates to say who shall be the nominee and in this emergency, the President cannot refuse to serve the American people."

But from Senator Worth Clark of Idaho, a supporter of Senator Burton K. Wheeler's presidential aspirations, came a different reaction.

"The statement is not definite," Clark said. "It leaves the convention, the delegates and the candidates in the same uncertain condition they were before. As far as I am concerned, unless Senator Wheeler decides otherwise, his name will be placed in nomination before the convention by me."

James A. Farley, chairman of the national committee—and a candidate—said:

"I have no comment to make. The statement speaks for itself."

Another opponent of third terms, Senator Millard E. Tydings of Maryland, said, "I admire the President for the statesmanlike stand he has taken." He added:

"I think he is sincere in not desiring to continue. There is no doubt that he would have gotten the full support of two-thirds of the delegates had he been a candidate."

The "draft Roosevelt" interpretation put on the statement by Byrnes quickly was echoed by other third-term advocates. Senator Claude Pepper of Florida, said Roosevelt "is the people's candidate and they will have no other."

"If necessary, we will stay here until November nominating Roosevelt until the call of duty in a time of his country's travail cannot be denied—for he is an American," Pepper said.

BETHEL GIRL WINS HEALTH CONTEST

Madeline Edmisten Winner in Asheville Competition; Goes to Raleigh Next Week

Medeline Edmisten, of the Bethel 4-H Club, won the western district health contest Friday in Asheville. She is the 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Edmisten. The western district had their contest in two sections this year, one at Boone and one at Waynesville; then these winners—three as there was a tie in Boone—were re-examined in Asheville, where Miss Edmisten won over the other girls by a very close margin.

On next Monday, Miss Edmisten goes to the 4-H short course at State College, Raleigh, and while there will compete with the girls from the other four districts of the state. To date the boy from the western district has not been selected.

BANK DIRECTORS TO MEET AT BLOWING ROCK

The directors of the Northwestern Bank are holding their quarterly meeting at the Green Park hotel, Blowing Rock, today.

No business other than official reports are booked; however, the program will feature short discussions by important officers of the organization.