

The Week In Washington

A Resume of Governmental Happenings in the National Capital

Washington, January 6.—A lot of new congressmen are now in the city and are full of plans for carrying out what they consider to be the will of the people who elected them.

This would all seem very well except that they will take their seats in the new congress with diametrically opposed views on what the people want. Some Republican representatives are convinced that they were elected because the people are dissatisfied with the way the war program is being handled. Others feel that they were elected because the people are tired of wastefulness and inefficiency in the handling of domestic affairs. Still others are convinced that their supporters want the collycocking of labor to stop, or want farm subsidies to stop or want price control to stop.

On the other hand there are still many New Deal representatives who were re-elected and are sure that their re-election was a vote of confidence by their supporters in the way things are being handled at the present.

This means there are going to be plenty of fights in congress even if all congressmen should forget selfish ambitions and only attempt to carry out the wishes of their constituents.

But in spite of all the battles we can anticipate in congress, it seems fairly certain that the new congress as did the 1942 session, will give full support and the right of way to all measures which bear directly on the furnishing of war equipment to our forces all over the world in the quickest possible time.

One of the first things the new congress will face will be the gigantic problem of coping with the manpower situation. The powers which are to be given to the War Manpower Commission will be worked out by congress and will probably result in the passage of a national war service act, giving the government the right to assign any man between the ages of 18 and 65 to any job which he is needed to fill.

A blue print for such an act has already been drafted by Grenville Clark, who was responsible for drafting the selective service act. But it is recognized that this new program offers innumerable complications which didn't arise with the selective service act. In the first place, our government had experience with selective service of men for the armed forces in the last war, and was able to use the 1916 measure as a guide for a practical draft measure of this war.

Never before however, has our government attempted to give the government power to tell every man where he should work and for how long. But if the measure drafted by Mr. Clark is an indication of what the final measure would be, we can expect every able-bodied man and woman to be subject to the call of industry at a wage in keeping with that already paid for the particular type of work involved.

The argument for such a measure will be that when the government has the right to call men to give their blood to their country in the armed forces, there is no reason why it shouldn't call others, unfitted for the army, to do equally necessary jobs at home. There is little chance that the labor problem during the coming year can be solved entirely by voluntary methods, but there are questions which arise which so far remain unanswered. Several congressmen have already pointed out that this proposed measure cannot be compared with selective service since the latter act is requiring men to work for Uncle Sam whereas, a draft board measure would require men and women to work for private employees who are engaged in making a profit.

Those who offer this argument feel that the rate of pay should be determined by the government and that the government probably should act as paymaster. Some think the government should virtually be given control over the plants for which men must be provided and operate them similarly to an army camp.

But it is more likely that plants will remain under private control with the government keeping a close watch over the relations with men forced to accept work in these plants. There probably will be, for example, a regulation that these men are not required to join unions but will work under the same pay-hour plan as the union members.

There is no doubt that, before any

Ambidextrous Cadet to Fly for Uncle Sam



Aviation Cadet Michael D. Benareik shows his ability at operating two machines at the same time while blindfolded to clerks at a cadet center finance office. Cadet Benareik, 25, who is from Centerton, Pa., is now taking his pre-flight training at the San Antonio aviation cadet center to become a combat aircrew pilot. In civilian life he set a record for adding and calculating machine speed.

Women 'Chain Gang' for Uncle Sam



No Vassar daisy chain is this one, composed of the first women ever to be hired by the quartermaster corps on an army reservation. They are hauling a big army truck out of its garage at Camp Grant (Ill.), and in case you're asking, we don't know why somebody didn't start the motor and back it out.

Kephart Writes Open Letter to New Head of Elections Board

In view of the many events culminating in the recent election in Watauga County and the action of the State Board of Elections, I am sending the following letter to the new chairman of that board.

Col. William T. Joyner, Chairman State Board of Elections, Raleigh, N. C.

Dear sir: In view of the irregularities in the recent election in Watauga County as found by the State Board of Elections and many others in the same election and going back into the years, I believe that I express the sentiment of the large majority of the voters in Watauga county in suggesting that it will serve the best interests of the county and the state to remove at once the present chairman of the Watauga County Board of Elections and replace him with someone who can command the respect and confidence of all the people of the county. If this needs further support I will gladly, as soon as my own affairs allow the time, circulate a petition in the county and send to you the names of thousands of voters who join with me in this request. May I give you one illustration of the irregularities to which I refer. This could be multiplied many times. Our present absentee voting law makes possible wide open tampering and illegal voting.

Finding it necessary to leave the state just prior to the election on November 3, my wife and I went to the Chairman of the County Board of Elections and prepared absentee ballots according to his instructions, for we had never done it before, and delivered them to him personally, and sealed. (You have probably noted how easily these envelopes can be opened.) When we returned we found, and this is amply supported, that our votes had not been counted because they were mixed—that is, it was alleged that my ballots were in my wife's envelope and vice versa. This glaring evidence of tampering with absentee ballots before sending them on to the various precincts is known not to be a new departure in Watauga County during the term of service of this chairman.

plan for drafting labor is approved, congress will make a strong effort to side-track that part of the Wagner act which provides for time and a half for all work over 40 hours a week. It is claimed that some industries cannot pay that rate for regular extra employment without losing money on their government contracts and this prevents maximum production in many plants. But labor forces will continue to use every means possible to prevent alterations in this measure for which they fought so hard.

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I have made numerous attempts to get the chairman to allow me to verify the above facts so that I might be absolutely sure just why our votes were not counted. Remember that they were made out following his own instructions, sitting right across the table. My efforts have been thwarted every time. Since the absentee ballots are in his custody and he is solely responsible for them I definitely charge him with responsibility for this tampering. My son recently lost his life in the service of his country, trying to help destroy international banditry and in defense of our own national freedom. Here at home we have now reached the point where we do not intend any longer to tolerate such manipulation by little local political gangsters. We want political decency restored. The chairman's removal and the right appointment will be the first and necessary step in this direction in this county. If the right appointment will be the first and necessary step in this direction in this county. If the right appointment is made we can practically guarantee you that the State Board of Elections will not again be embarrassed and the state disgraced by election squabbles in our county as it has been for many years and particularly during the term of the present chairman.

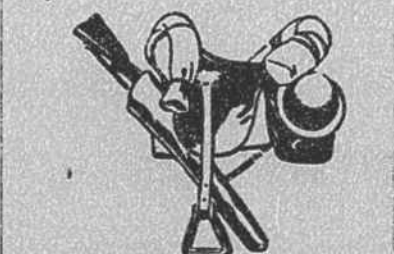
Yours sincerely,
A. P. KEPHART.

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The tradition of American cavalry threads back to Indian warfare days and although modern armies are largely motorized today, the cavalry still plays an important role. Sturdy, well trained horses and excellent equipment and trappings are necessary.



When men are in the saddle for hours, their saddles, saddle rolls and other equipment must be made to stand the wear. Complete with carbine and helmets, the equipment for the cavalryman runs into hundreds of dollars. You can help provide this with your War Bond purchases. If you have not done so, join the Payroll Savings Plan and put ten percent of your income into War Bonds. U. S. Treasury Department

State College Hints For Homemakers

By RUTH CURRENT
N. C. State College.

You will contribute to victory if you have the same goal in your home as people in the armed forces, in factories and on farms—to win the war. You homemakers, however, have an additional goal. You are expected to preserve, in spite of the war's challenge, those spiritual ideals that have always characterized the American home.

The first thing in the morning plan your day. It's the little things you do that help to bring victory.

Inspect left-over food and food supplies on hand.

Read or listen to market reports. Plan the day's menu.

Review the menu to be certain it provides the nutritional foods necessary in our daily diet.

Plan the preparation of this day's food to conserve all essential vitamins and minerals.

Spend 10 minutes seriously studying nutrition—if you are in doubt about a food problem, consult your home economics teacher or home demonstration agent.

Shop for needed articles. Plan menus by the week and take advantage of week-end specials. This plan is your daily check for necessary changes. Restrict shopping to a minimum.

Have fun at meals. Leave war talk for other times.

We should not salvage only the goods we cannot use—or our neighbors cannot use.

Buy Defense Bonds

India now has 220,000,000 Hindus. About 100,000 boats are now operating on rivers in Siberia.

Automobile Repairing

I have reopened my garage at Laxon, 9 miles from Boone on highway 421, and am doing general automobile repair work. Good line of parts on hand. I also do all kinds of farm machinery repairing.

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A SPECIALTY

HAMPTON'S GARAGE

A Word Of Appreciation

As my term ends as Representative in the General Assembly from Watauga County, I want to take occasion to thank my friends and supporters for their consideration and kindness during my tenure in office.

It was a pleasure for me to serve the people of Watauga County in this capacity, and the relationships which existed were most pleasant. I tried to serve the people faithfully and well, and their fine support of my efforts is highly appreciated.

GORDON H. WINKLER

TAX LISTING

Begins On Jan. 1, 1943

In accordance with the laws of North Carolina, all persons living in Watauga county are required to list their real and personal property for taxation during the month of January, 1943. A penalty is provided in the law for failure to list as set forth.

All tax payers are requested to come out and list on the dates mentioned on posters placed in each township. In addition to the listing of real and personal property, as of January 1, all male persons between the ages of 21 and 50, are to list their polls during the same period, as provided under the law.

At the same time it is required that a crop report be made at the time of listing.

The full co-operation of the people of Watauga county, in making prompt listings, as set forth, will be appreciated.

TAX LISTING IN BOONE TOWNSHIP

Mr. L. M. Hodges the list-taker in Boone Township, will list your taxes at the following places on the dates named:

VILAS, Vilas Service Station, January 11, 1943, before noon.

LOVILL, T. L. Mast Store, Jan. 11, 1943, afternoon.

Rutherford, E. D. Cook Store, Jan. 12, 1943, before noon.

Mr. Hodges will be in the office all other days in the courthouse at Boone, for the purpose of listing your taxes.

I. B. WILSON

Tax Supervisor, Watauga County.

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IF IT FAILS TO STOP YOUR
COUGH DUE TO COLDS ASK FOR
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Boone, N. C.