

# From Our Early Files

## Items From The Democrat Of January 9, 1938

John F. Hardin left yesterday for Manning, S. C., where he went to handle horses and mules for T. F. Coffey. He will perhaps be gone for the remainder of the winter.

Neary Day, who taught at Crescent Rowna county, through the fall months, has spent the past two weeks in Watauga with relatives, making preparations for a trip to New Mexico, where he is advised to go by his physician for the benefit of his health.

Rev. J. G. Pulliam of Big Stone Gap, Va., who spent the holidays here, left for his home on Monday, taking his family with him. Mrs. Pulliam and children had been here for more than a year.

Mr. W. L. Bryan received the sad intelligence Tuesday morning that his brother, Ransom Hayes, had died at his home in Denton, Texas, on December 30th, it being his 61st birthday. The funeral services were conducted from the M. E. Church, South, in that city, and the remains were

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
Having qualified as the administrator of the estate of A. Cory, late of the county of Watauga, state of North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to present them to me for payment within 12 months of the date hereof, or this notice will be filed in bar of their recovery. All those indebted to the said estate are asked to make immediate payment. This December 18, 1946.  
C. L. DULA, Administrator. 12-19-46

**KEYS**  
In One Minute



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laid to rest with masonic honors. L. M. Waters was here this week, and told us that his son Dixon, well-known in Watauga, but now conductor on the Great Northern Railroad, happened to a most serious accident on the 10th, as a result of which he is now confined in Columbus Hospital, Great Falls, Mont. While at his post of duty an engine ran into his train, crushing his right foot in such a horrible manner it was amputated three inches above the ankle joint. He is getting on well, but his father will go there soon to look after his interests.

Prof. Brown, a student at the A. T. S. has been employed as one of the teachers in the public school here for the remainder of the session.

Prof. W. F. Perry, who has just closed a very successful term of school at Forest Grove, has accepted the position of second teacher in the High School at Cove Creek Academy, beginning his work on Tuesday.

Mr. L. A. Greene left Monday for Missouri. He will be gone for some time, as he anticipates buying some more real estate in that section while there.

**CANCELS GROCERY DEBTS**  
Yynn, Mass.—In observance of Christmas, the Jewish Charukah and the birth of a grandchild, Benjamin B. Feinberg, of Los Angeles, Cal., operator of a Yynn market for 30 years, wrote his lawyers that he was cancelling all debts owed him for groceries by many Yynn residents.

**ABSENTMINDEDNESS COSTLY**  
Worcester, Mass.—On December 2, Mrs. Maurice Ecker telephoned a laundry to pick up ten of her husband's shirts for cleaning. They obliged. Now Mrs. Ecker is looking for the shirts—she forgot the name of the laundry.

About two-thirds of the popcorn grown in the United States these days is produced from hybrid seed. Iowa is the leading popcorn state and Indiana is second.

## THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

### A Resume of Government Happenings in the National Capital

Washington, D. C.—President Truman has received both praise and censure for his new veterans housing program since the forced resignation of Wilson Wyatt, his housing expediter. But whatever the result, his program almost parallels the recommendations of the American Legion housing committee, which organization was the bitterest critic of the Wyatt program. And so, if veterans are dissatisfied with the ultimate result of the present plan, they can bear in mind that the program now in force was heartily endorsed by the American Legion, the most powerful veterans group.

However, with the demise of Paul Porter in OPA and Wyatt in veterans housing and the President's liquidation of these agencies in his newly formed office of temporary controls, if the pressure groups had any idea they would move in and take over, they were sadly mistaken.

For the new boss of OTC, Gen. Philip B. Fleming, public works administrator, has thrown down the gauntlet to selfish interests. His words before the senate small business committee were doughty and refreshing. Said Gen. Fleming:

"We can now be freed of the almost ceaseless clamor of the various pressure groups that has bedeviled every kind of controls since the war ended. These groups have made life miserable for hard-working and conscientious public officials. They have never been satisfied. If given an inch they immediately started demanding a mile. Some have chosen to ignore the fact that rigid controls which five years of war made imperative cannot all be abolished overnight. It will be our purpose to wind up all controls as quickly as we can, but I should like to serve notice now that while we shall remain attentive to the legitimate needs of business, we do not intend to sway in every passing breeze

kicked up by special interests." Thus the old army veteran, a proven administrator, serves notice to these selfish interests that he does not intend to be kicked around as others have been.

Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., Ohio), shrewd thinker, has decided to take the chairmanship of the senate labor committee, probably deciding that the importance of labor legislation in the coming congress may prove the necessary springboard to the GOP presidential nomination. And in spite of his denial that he is a candidate for the nomination, Senator Taft has employed a smart publicity man and opened up offices in a downtown Washington building, so folks here are taking his denial with tongue in cheek. At any rate Senator Taft poses this solution—why not reduce prices instead of raising wages?—and if anyone can top that they will have answered the \$64-dollar question.

A 20 percent or more reduction in prices of the commodities labor buys would be the same thing as a 20 percent increase in wages. It would be welcome not only to organized labor but to the consuming public as a whole, and moreover it tests the sincerity of the NAM and other industrial manufacturing leaders who declare they cannot pay increase wages without increasing prices. Senator Taft's proposal may not be popular with the Big Boys, but it may prove a solution to halt the threatened strikes which are in the offing.

The fight is already out in the open . . . the traditional fight between Republicans and Democrats over the tariff issue. Representatives Woodruff (R. Mich.), Gearhart (R., Cal.), and Jenkins (R., Ohio) have declared they will instigate an immediate investigation of Democratic tariff policies and performance with a view to repealing existing reciprocal trade agreements and at the same time halting further agreements which are now in process of installation. The three GOP congressmen are backed up by Senator Butler (R., Neb.) who demands that the state department suspend all negotiations now in progress with other nations for reciprocal tariff reductions.

**JUST IN TIME**  
Newark, N. J.—Ralph Brennan, returning home from a visit to his mother, found his wife and their two children unconscious on the floor of the kitchen and the stove turned on. Police said the stove failed to light as Mrs. Brennan was preparing to cook a Christmas dinner. They were revived by an emergency squad.

**PLEAS UNHEEDED**  
Waldorf, Md.—While his horrified wife plead with him vainly not to jump, Carlton Atchison, 36, father of five children, hanged himself from a tree. Police officials said the man calmly climbed a tree, adjusted a noose around his neck, lighted a cigarette and, after saying, "here goes," leaped.

**ONE WAY TO DO IT**  
Moltrie, Ga.—While Frank Shaw and a friend were fishing in a rowboat in Little River the boat struck a hidden log and a hole nearly a foot in diameter was torn in the boat's bottom. Shaw promptly sat in the hole and, aided by rapid bailing, he and his friend made it to shore safely.

**REAL NEIGHBORS**  
Palmyra, Ill.—Neighborliness is not a thing of the past. The neighbors of Mrs. Harry Wood, whose husband was killed recently in a fire which destroyed their farm home, gathered at her farm and, in less than a day, using tractors, 10 trucks, 20 wagons and 10 cornpickers, had harvested 65 acres of corn, shelled about 5,000 bushels and trucked it to an elevator.

**A COINCIDENCE**  
Hollywood—Driving home in a borrowed car, after someone had stolen his automobile, Mason J. Nurick was bumped in a minor crash at an intersection. Alighting to inspect the damage, he was

surprised to find the offending car was his own. Its driver was booked on suspicion of grand theft.

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