



Hat In Ring

A. H. Graham, of Hillsboro, speaker of the house in the 1920 General Assembly, afterwards member of the advisory budget commission, member of Governor Gardner's executive council and several terms member of the assembly, Monday at Raleigh announced his candidacy for lieutenant governor of North Carolina. He will seek the nomination in the Democratic June primary. Graham's action did not come as a distinct surprise, although he has maintained discreet silence for many months as regards his personal claims. The only other avowed candidate for the nomination for lieutenant governor is D. E. Giles of Marion.

BENEFIT ADDS \$51 TO FUND

Money From Local Entertainment Will Go To Welfare Work

That the Transylvania county welfare board is fifty-one dollars better off now than it was a week ago is due to the fact that the benefit entertainment given Friday night at the high school auditorium netted this sum for the further carrying on of this worthy work in the community.

A large audience was present to greet the performers and to enter enthusiastically into the various numbers appearing on the program, which was given entirely by local talent, all of whom donated their services for the benefit of the welfare work in the county.

The program was varied in nature, featuring musical selections of various kinds both vocal and instrumental, dancing stunts, which faced comedians, specialty numbers, sketches and other attractions to bring laughter and enjoyment to the responsive listeners.

The entertainment demonstrated the fact that Brevard county is in good stage talent of which gives promise of splendid future careers and a chance for further development.

The popularity contest started at the conclusion of the program and entered into as enthusiastically as had been anticipated, though considerable rivalry was in evidence before the final count gave the winner as Miss Ann Long.

For her part is Miss Frank Gaither, who is due as instigator and promoter of the benefit entertainment, the proceeds of which will be of great help in buying supplies for the needy and unemployed of the town and county, under supervision of the county welfare board.

More detailed account of the individual performers in Friday night's program may be found in the "Timely Tea Talk" feature on the twenty page of this issue of the paper.

Rev. West Back From Reidsville

Rev. J. H. West, pastor of the Brevard Methodist church, returned to Reidsville last week from the eastern part of the state, where he has been for the past two weeks.

BOLLSTON ROAD PROJECT TO BE FINISHED SOON

Additional Mileage in Pisgah Forest Has Been Surfaced

The Bollston road surfacing project is nearing completion, it was announced at the state highway office for district number 4 here Wednesday afternoon, and although some work is still in progress on the road in the Henderson county section from the county line on to Mills River, this will be finished, excepting for further maintenance as necessary, sometime this week.

The surfacing of the Bollston road, it will be recalled, began some three months ago under the county road program of the state highway commission. This project was proposed in order to make available the bridge paths in Pisgah Forest as an attraction for tourists and of the 1.43 miles involved, 7.6 miles have been surfaced from where it branches from highway 28 just outside the city and extends to Mills River.

It is stated that the road from the county line to Mills River will be in good shape by the end of this week. Some holes in that part of Bollston road are being patched, this providing a good road from Brevard to Mills River, and future maintenance will be given this road.

In addition to the surfacing of Bollston road in this county, it is also announced that one and a half miles of road have been surfaced in Pisgah Forest, from the entry, along route 284, which leads toward Waynesville. The purpose of this work is to provide a good surfaced road for one of the school buses, which is routed that far into the forest.

It is anticipated that the state highway crews will complete the application of gravel to the Gloucester bridge by the end of this week.

The bridge at Calvert is nearing completion, and it was thought here it might be finished this week. The bridge construction section of the highway commission is also nearing the completion of three other bridges across the French Broad river, one of these at Island Ford, one at Wilson, and a third near Cherryfield, all of which are being rebuilt. These are in addition to the three which it was announced two weeks ago work of reconstruction would begin in the near future. These are the two bridges over Horsecreek and the one over Whitewater rivers.

V. F. W. CAMP IS PROJECTED

Meeting Set for Feb. 19 at Courthouse to Organize Group

George F. Woodfin of Penrose, was in Brevard Wednesday morning in connection with forming a local organization of Veterans of Foreign Wars. He announced that he had found much interest here with reference to the project, and he presented to a number of former service men on Wednesday for the first time, and that already he had sufficient signers to insure that the group would be organized.

A meeting has been called by Mr. Woodfin for the night of Thursday, Feb. 19, at the courthouse.

Those who have already signified their intention of uniting with the camp proposed here are: E. J. Duckworth, Neal Fox Miller, Howard D. Wyatt, W. W. Lambert, J. M. Gaines, Robert Merrill, B. H. Freeman, J. A. Glazener, G. C. McCallup and Frank Cox.

Mr. Woodfin explains that any soldier formerly in the United States service, either on foreign soil or in foreign waters is eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Eligibles are not confined to World War veterans.

Planes Drop Tons Of Explosives But Chinese Hold Front

HOOPER FORCED TO PUT BAN ON HANDSHAKING RECEPTIONS

Stress of Office Duty "At Such a Time as This" Is Cause

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10. — A ban on handshaking receptions was declared last night by the White House, because they present too great a task for the president at such a time as this.

A formal statement was issued explaining President Hoover is so busy with the problem of office "which occupies his every waking hour" that he has been forced to turn down many of the organizations wanting to shake hands in a body instead of exceptions at the executive mansion, he will grant an audience to one or two representatives of each organization during business hours, it was stated. Mrs. Hoover will continue to receive visitors whenever possible.

White House receptions have been popular for many years. In the national organizations holding annual meetings here have been accustomed to call at the mansion late in the afternoon for a formal greeting to the chief executive and first lady. These functions have been especially popular in presidential campaign years such as this.

The statement pointed out 160 such organizations will hold their annual meetings in the capital during the next few months.

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TOKIO LOSES PEACE HOPE

Italy Ready to Abolish Many Types of Warfare, Grandi Says

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10. — Chairman Vinson of the house naval affairs committee announced today, he would ask the committee to report to the house his \$810,000,000 warship building program which recently was shelved at the request of Democratic and Republican leaders.

MOSCOW, Russia, Feb. 10. — The government continued its mysterious silence today on Japan's seizure of railroads on the Chinese Eastern railway in Manchuria and the occupation of Hainan. The situation was tense.

TOKIO, Feb. 10. — Hope for a peaceful solution of the Shanghai situation faded today in government quarters because of the Japanese seeking to restore order. "We are seeking to maintain our defense positions," Nomura told me, "but the Chinese continue their provocative acts, as well as their military preparations, and attacking the Japanese lines."

"I demand that the Chinese troops withdraw and cease attacking the Japanese," he said. "Otherwise, it will be necessary for the Japanese naval and military forces to push the Chinese army 20 miles back of Shanghai."

SHANGHAI, Feb. 10. — The Japanese air force swung into action today against a front from Shanghai to Wuchow in a desperate effort to blast out the Chinese, but a tattered Chinese flag still fluttered in a cloudy grey sky.

A general offensive was feared as Japanese bombers zoomed low dropping tons of high explosives while Chinese anti-aircraft guns and a handful of swift pursuit planes harassed the attacking aerial fleet.

Japanese forces concentrated at the mouth of the Yangtze river. They landed reinforced Chinese forces, under cover of a heavy aerial and naval bombardment.

CHINESE LINE REINFORCED

The Chinese moved a large body of troops into the Kiangnan area below Shanghai in anticipation of the Wussung advances toward the city.

The Chinese move sought to cut the Japanese line below Shanghai and separate their forces here and in the Wussung area.

The Japanese preparations followed a day of heavy aerial activity on the Wussung front.

The Japanese made no efforts during the day to capture the Chinese positions at any point.

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U. S. TO QUIT PEACE ROLES FOR PRESENT

"Hands Off" Policy Believed Advisable by Most Leaders

POSITION STILL FIRM, HOWEVER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10. — The administration, it appeared today, plans for the policy to follow a "hands-off" policy toward the Chinese-Japanese situation.

The whole Far Eastern situation was canvassed in detail at a cabinet meeting yesterday. No formal decision was made, and it is understood the cabinet members were divided in opinion. Some felt America should continue its peace efforts. Others felt these efforts, at present, were futile. It appears the latter group's opinion will prevail.

Secretary of State Stimson had before him an appeal from the important Chinese business men in Shanghai asking the United States to counsel Japan to honor her pledged word and collaborate with your government and other co-signatories (of the Kellogg and nine power pact) in the establishment of a durable peace which will be maintained and not be persuaded to let reason, the appeal said, the pact signatories should employ economic sanctions or other "speedy and most effective measures" to preserve peace.

The appeal was delivered to Stimson by Dr. Hawking Yen, charge d'affaires of the Chinese legation in Washington.

After the momentous cabinet meeting, Stimson talked with Sir Ronald Lindsay, British ambassador, and Nobile Giacomo De Martino, Italian ambassador. Both envoys said later that no further peace moves by western powers were contemplated now.

Japan's decision to lead a "hands-off" policy toward the United States has disinterested itself in the Far Eastern problem. It does not indicate that Stimson has weakened in his determination to uphold the "open door" policy or the peace treaties. It does not mean that strong measures to protect American life and property will be abandoned. It means merely that the powers have agreed that further peace efforts just now probably would be futile. At a prohibitive moment "hands-off" policy is being adopted.

The Chinese appeal, a strongly worded document, charged Japan with "flouting public opinion" with "inhuman treatment" of Chinese at Shanghai, and with "undermining the entire economic structure of China's commercial metropolises."

Japan's invasion of Shanghai, the document charged, was motivated by a desire "to strike terror into the Chinese hearts in Shanghai as in Manchuria, and elsewhere and to secure in this mission." Japan also was said to be striving "to secure for herself a predominant position in north and central China to the prejudice of the other powers."

The Chinese petitioners vigorously opposed separate settlement of the Shanghai and Manchuria questions, as Japan desires.

The document also urged "outrage," the petition said, "had its origin in the Japanese occupation of Manchuria. Any attempt to liquidate the Shanghai outrage as a local, isolated incident, without attempting a settlement for the whole situation arising from the Japanese occupation of Manchuria will inevitably defeat its purpose and encourage Japan to perpetrate similar outrages in other parts of China."

"The Chinese government and people," the document explained, "have always refused to negotiate in the league covenant, the Kellogg pact, and the nine-power treaty to adjust disputes between nations."

"In the face of Japan's unabated aggression the Chinese people are entitled to ask if China's co-signatories in these international engagements intend to condone Japan's repudiation of her pledged word or undermine the sanctity of international treaties."

THE TIMES OFFICE IN POSTOFFICE BUILDING

The Times office has been moved to quarters in the postoffice building on Jordan street, next door to the postoffice. The office is located in the room formerly occupied by The Nobby Shoppe.

TWO PUPILS GIVEN PRIZES

Harry Morgan and E. J. Whitmire Honored at Chapel Service

By J. F. CORBIN

At chapel service Friday morning, February 5, Harry Morgan, agricultural student, and E. J. Whitmire, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morgan, received a \$12.50 check as second prize given by the Chalk Nitate Educational bureau for winning second place in the 3 to 1 corn contest for the 18 Western North Carolina counties competing. At the same time, under the same conditions and in the same contest, E. J. Whitmire, agricultural student, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Whitmire, Sr., received a check of \$7.50 as third prize given by the Chalk Nitate people.

These boys were competing in a state-wide corn growing contest for vocational agricultural students. The state is divided into four districts, winners being selected from each district, and prizes given by the nitrate of soda people for each district. A banquet was held at Fayetteville on January 30, when all the prizes were distributed.

Some of the rules of the contest were: Project to contain three acres, keep a complete labor and acre account of crop, agriculture teacher yield per acre weighed or measured, send in project story with pictures, etc.

The following are the records:

Harry's: Land, 3 acres bottom; variety, Halcomb's Proficifer, 26 7/8 bushels per acre; fertilizer, 26 pounds per acre of 12-4-4; value at 50c per bushel, \$112.50; total cost of production per acre, \$23.35; net profit per acre, \$12.15.

E. J.'s: Land, 2.7 acres of section bottom; variety, Halcomb's Proficifer, 37 1/2 bushels per acre, \$23.45; cost of production per acre, \$23.45; net profit per acre, \$11.75.

Both boys were given a check for these boys planned to use in their studies at the college. It is believed that this would have greatly increased the yields as indicated by experiments.

LEAVES HOSPITAL

Miss Emma Jane McLean, of Rosman, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Patton Memorial hospital in Hendersonville about 10 days ago, returned to her home yesterday. Miss McLean's condition is reported as much improved.

Local Episcopal Church Honored

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