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## Along the POLITICAL FRONTS

### Started Things...



Congressman Frank Hancock

The announcement of Congressman Frank Hancock as a candidate to oppose Senator Reynolds for his place as North Carolina's Junior Senator has given courage for others who would like to acquire the title of Senator, to get their names into political circulation.

In fact, there have been so many that have sent out feelers about making the race, that some have been lost in the scramble. Of course, most all of them, with the exception of Hancock, have it thus far that they are considering the suggestion from their friends.

Political observers say that definite announcements are being withheld in order that the pulse of the public can be taken a little more carefully before any would-be candidates leap into the unknown.

Hancock, however, seems to be determined to give Reynolds a stiff fight, and has recently sent out a folder, which is titled: "A good man with a good record"—reading time, 8 minutes.

Along with the folder came a picture of Congressman Hancock, his wife and seven children.

There was an outburst of local politics in the air during the first of the week, but as all pre-mature facts, it was frozen in the chilly air.

So, with the November term of court over, the local political situation will await the convening of the February term for the formal opening of the 1938 campaign.

A little one-syllable word—tax, is still the cause of many headaches in the special session of Congress. One new phase is the speculation on the possibility that the Administration would speed efforts to reassure business in regard to relief through revision of the undistributed profits tax.

Before leaving for the South, where he is expected to recuperate after a trying two weeks of minor ailments, Mr. Roosevelt finished his message on housing, relayed it to Congress this week. Stimulation of the building trades industry, the President believes, is one of the sharpest points necessary to prod business out of its doldrums.

Added spurs to trade, the President revealed, rested in the purchase of supplies for the Government. It had been estimated that between now and June 30, the Federal Government would purchase some \$245,000,000 worth of supplies. Instead of spreading the purchases over the next seven months, the major part will be contracted for in the next month or two.

Phrased in sound legal terminology was a deed filed last week with the county clerk attesting to the fact that the President acquired 13.07 more acres to his Hyde Park farm holdings.

Less pretentious, decidedly more American in speech than many a hotel menu, was the White House Thanksgiving dinner which, incidentally marked the first time the President spent the holiday in Washington since he became President.

Casting tackle this week, the President will have a chance to try out that policy on the members of the Smiley family. From past experience the President may be expected to hook his quota. Casting in diplomatic waters is quite another problem.

### O'FARRELL IS BETTER

R. E. O'Farrell, former owner of the Puroil Station, who has been quite ill, in his rooms at the Hotel Gordon, is reported much improved and is able to sit up.

## Million Pounds Of Tobacco Grown In Haywood County

### Increase Over Last Year. Planters Getting Ready For Opening Market On Eighth

According to information received from the office of the county agent, there has been an increase in burley tobacco acreage in the county for 1937 over that of 1936. Last year it was around 880 acres, while this year it is estimated that the acreage will pass the 1,000 mark.

It is thought by many of the growers, that the poundage in the county for 1937 will be in the neighborhood of 1,000,000 pounds, provided the usual average of production is in keeping with the increase in acreage.

While in certain sections of the county it is said that heavy rainfall and hail storms of the summer damaged some of the tobacco, the crops in general give promise of pretty fair condition.

Guy Chambers, president of the Haywood County Soil Conservation association, states that each year since the growing of burley started back in 1930, the crop has become increasingly popular with the farmers of this area, because of its cash value, and that if proper care is given it rarely fails to bring the expected remuneration.

During the past few years the growers in Haywood have become more careful in their handling of their crops. Specialists have visited this section and have given instruction in the growing, curing, and preparation for market, which has been of inestimable value to the growers.

While only a few farmers grow more than three acres, and the major have scarcely an acre, it is surprising the total poundage, showing how much the tobacco crop is valued on a well-tended farm.

With the opening of the Asheville warehouses in Asheville next week Haywood county tobacco will start moving. It is said that several growers are planning to take their crops into the market at an early date.

## \$168 Needed To Balance C. Of C. Budget For Year

### Annual Meeting Will Be Held At Court House Tonight. Directors Will Be Elected

The directors of the Waynesville Chambers of Commerce were faced last night with the problem of a deficit for the year of \$168, unless funds were forthcoming before the annual meeting which will be held at the court house tonight at 7:30.

The directors worked Tuesday and Wednesday in collecting past due pledges, and when the final check-up was made late Wednesday afternoon it was learned that \$168 would be needed to pay all bills and have a clear slate on the first day of January.

The directors for the coming year will be elected tonight at the annual meeting. Twelve directors will be elected, and from them will come the president for the coming year.

The committees of the past year will make their annual report tonight, and L. N. Davis, president, will make the annual report of the president, Secretary J. Dale Stentz will review the accomplishments of the organization.

The officers are working to get a large attendance for the annual meeting, which is considered the most important community gathering of the calendar year.

The nominating committee recently made their report, and have prepared ballots bearing the following names to be voted on tonight for directors: L. N. Davis, E. J. Hyatt, Ralph Prevost, L. M. Richeson, Ben Colkitt, James Atkins, Jr., Harry Lee Limer, W. H. Massie, Lester Burgin, E. L. Withers, C. E. Ray, Jr., W. Curtis Russ, H. W. Woodward, Paul Hyatt, Dr. S. P. Gay, M. D. Watkins, M. H. Bowles, and Paul Martin.

## Indian Official To Speak At Rotary

Clyde Blair, superintendent of the Cherokee Indian Reservation, will be the speaker at the regular weekly Rotary meeting Friday, it was announced yesterday by Chas. E. Ray, Jr., program chairman.

Mr. Blair will be accompanied here by Jarrett Blythe, chief of the Cherokee tribe.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Curtis and children spent the Thanksgiving holidays with relatives in Young Harris, Ga.

## No More Pink Ties for F. D. R.



There will be no pink ties on the Christmas tree at the White House this year. Such was the remark of Mrs. Roosevelt when she purchased a half dozen cravats for the president while shopping at Norris, Tenn., during her lecture tour. She explained that several ties she had given the president last year which were on the pink side had never been worn by him.

## To Observe Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary With Open House

### Work To Start On Highway No. 284 Soon, Says McKee

#### Commissioner Finds Balance Of \$70,000, And Will Use It On Road Near Springdale

Citizens of the county and representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, were notified this week by E. L. McKee, highway commissioner of the tenth district, that he had issued orders that the contract be let on Highway No. 284 just as soon as engineers completed their work.

This particular project has to do with the stretch of road just above Springdale. Mr. McKee said that he had checked up in the Raleigh office, and found a balance of \$70,000 which had been previously allocated to Highway No. 284. Of this amount, something like \$20,000 will be required to build a bridge over the river just south of Springdale. The remaining \$50,000 will be used on the road, and it is believed by highway officials that something like five miles can be graded and stoned for the sum.

A group composed of Chas. E. Ray, Jr., Frank W. Miller, J. R. Boyd, W. T. Shelton and J. Dale Stentz, recently discussed highways in Haywood county with Commissioner McKee, and he informed them that he was urging that work be pushed on this project in order that a contract could be let at an early date.

## Bishop Gribbin To Address Local Masons Monday

Bishop R. E. Gribbin, of Asheville, will be the principal speaker at a banquet to be given by Waynesville Lodge A. F. and A. M., at the Masonic Temple next Monday night in honor of the members of the winning team of an attendance contest which has been one of the features of an educational program conducted by the lodge during the past year. Last January the membership of the lodge was divided into three teams, each team receiving points during the year for their participation in the educational program as well as attendance which contest comes to a close at the regular communication of the lodge Friday night, at which time the winning team will be announced. Another feature of the Friday's meeting is the annual election of officers for Waynesville lodge.

A number of Masons from the other lodges of the county, including D. K. Medford, District Deputy Grand Master for this district, are expected to be present at the banquet to hear the address of Bishop Gribbin. T. Troy Wyche, who has served as educational secretary of the lodge for the past year, will act as toastmaster.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. O'Farrell have as their guest at the Hotel Gordon the latter's sister, Miss Sarah Jane Jumper, of Springfield, S. C.

## 2 Murder Cases Tried During 5-Day Session Of Court Here

### Red Cross Drive Goes Over Top

L. N. Davis announces that the Waynesville chapter of the Red Cross went beyond their expectations in the recent annual Roll Call. They had set their mark for \$500 and \$510.30 was realized from the drive for members.

The following amounts were turned in by the committees: House to house \$138.55; business and professional groups \$171.50; industries, \$119.25; and schools \$81.00.

## Streets Decorated With Evergreens, Colored Lights

Main and Church streets are now lighted with strings of colored Christmas lights.

Robert Hugh Clark, superintendent of the city light department, is doing the work, and said that transformers had been placed to take care of the 360 colored lights that are on 18 strands across Main street from the Baptist church to the Hotel Gordon, and down Church street for two blocks.

Six hundred yards of evergreen rope have been bought and will be looped from pole to pole on both sides of the streets.

Last year eleven strands of lights were strung across the streets. This year there are 18. Each strand has 22 lights.

When the lights are turned on Saturday night, they will burn each night until after the holidays.

The town board of aldermen are taking care of the expenses of decorating the streets.

Merchants this week were displaying Christmas merchandise, and a number of the stores are already decorated for the holiday season.

The displays of merchandise are out several weeks earlier than usual, and the erection of the street lights is about two weeks earlier than last year.

Efforts are being made to get shoppers to buy early and avoid the dreaded last minute rush. Choice merchandise is now being displayed, and merchants reported this week that indications were that early buying would be heavier than in past years.

## Outdoor Christmas Tree Contest Will Be Staged In Town

Mrs. C. F. Kirkpatrick, chairman of the garden department of the Woman's club, has announced the annual outdoor Christmas tree contest for Waynesville and vicinity.

She states that there will be two prizes offered, a first and second, for the most beautifully decorated tree. The judges will inspect and give their decision on Christmas Eve. The amount of the prizes will be announced at a later date.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick urges the use of living Christmas trees, which may be planted after they have been used in the house for the Yule Tide festivities.

## Christmas Seals To Go On Sale

The annual sale of Tuberculosis Christmas Seals sponsored over the county, with the exception of the Beaverdam township, by the Waynesville Woman's club, is getting underway.

Mrs. Frank Ferguson, local chairman, states that any principal who has not secured the quota for their school, can get them from the office of the county superintendent of education, in the court house.

Seventy-five per cent of the money realized from the sale is kept here in the county for work among tubercular suspects, and underfed children. Last year \$100 worth of seals were sold.

Mrs. B. F. Smathers has gone to Washington, D. C., where she will spend the winter with her son, Senator William H. Smathers.

## Judge Sink Directs A Verdict Of Not Guilty In Jule Boyd Case. Court Adjourned Tuesday

Two murder cases and numerous other cases were disposed of during the five days which the November term of criminal court was in session. The court suspended work Tuesday afternoon, with Judge H. Hoye Sink, presiding.

Harley Robinson and his step-son, Wendell Reed, charged with the murder of Ratchiff Robinson a first cousin of Harley, gave notice of appeal through their attorneys after Judge Sink had sentenced them. Harley Robinson was given 3 to 7 years, and Reed 18 months to five years in the state prison.

The evidence showed that Reed and Ratchiff Robinson became engaged in an argument, which led into a fist fight. Harley Robinson entered as a peace maker, and said that Ratchiff Robinson approached with an open knife. Harley Robinson then hit his first cousin with a rock rendering him unconscious. Harley Robinson claimed self defense. During the attack, Ratchiff Robinson was also cut about the stomach and shoulder. The murder took place last July in Beaverdam township.

In the case of Jule Boyd, charged with murder of Elmer Parton, on Jonathan Creek, Judge Sink directed a verdict of not guilty after Boyd had entered a plea of nolo contendere. Character witnesses were heard, and Boyd took the stand and testified that he had missed a lot of corn from his barn, and had on a number of occasions, nailed boards back where they had been pulled off by a person or persons taking his corn. Failing in this method, he said he then made other plans to protect his property. Officers investigating the case, said at the time that Parton was shot by a shotgun placed inside the barn, and that no one was near the barn but Parton at the time of the shooting. The killing took place about the middle of last February.

Other cases disposed of included: Archie Stipes, house breaking, 20 months.

Robert Foster, house breaking, remanded to juvenile court.

Weaver Clark, driving drunk, and reckless driving, 90 days on roads.

Ed Cope, driving drunk, 60 days on roads.

Orlo Caldwell, driving drunk, 60 days on roads.

J. B. Edwards, abandonment, order to make \$5 weekly payment.

Eugene Powers, assault, 6 months suspended sentence.

The following divorces were granted:

Louise Palmer King from Thomas E. King.

Bonnie Atkinson Thompson from Howard Keith Thompson.

Ellen Ferguson Noland McCracken from H. C. McCracken.

Annie Bell Wrigington from C. C. Wrigington.

Elizabeth Rich Mahon from William Mahon.

The grand jury recommended that a heating plant be installed in the county home where there are now 39 inmates.

They also recommended immediate repair of a large crack in the Waynesville high school building.

Among other recommendations, it was urged that a boiler inspector look over and inspect all boilers in Haywood schools.

The grand jury also urged that all maps and plats in the office of the register of deeds office be retraced or photostatic copies made.

## Broken Wheel On Freight Car Does Damage To Track

### Box Car Leaves Track Near Lake Junaluska, As Wheel Tears Up 300 Yards Of Track

A broken wheel on a freight car on the train which left Waynesville at 4:20 Wednesday afternoon, tore up about 300 yards of track, and threw the box car off the track at the long trestle just west of Lake Junaluska.

A wrecking crew was sent out of Asheville and it was thought that the track could be cleared in two hours.

The passenger train due in here from Asheville at 5:23 was delayed.

It was learned that the car was loaded, but no statement could be given out as the paper went to press as to the extent of damage. No one was injured.