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## Along the POLITICAL FRONTS



O. MAX GARDNER

Former Governor O. Max Gardner, from recent accounts is headed toward Wall Street. Leaders of the New York Stock Exchange have been conferring privately with Administration regarding the election of a new head of the Exchange who would do for trading what Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis has done for baseball.

Stock Exchange members are looking for a man who has the confidence, not only of the White House, but of the country. Their present plan for reorganization is the most important thing that has happened in the financial world in years. It is what the Securities and Exchange Commission has been urging for a long time, namely, a self-policing of the Stock Exchange.

The Haywood Ministerial Association came forth this week, in a resolution, asking that only candidates that are morally fit and qualified for office be considered. This is what might be considered the first move in bringing out the wet and dry issues in the coming campaign.

Although politics was supposed to take on renewed activities this week, there was little mention of it as hundreds passed in and out of the first three days of court.

The sudden passing of William Hannah, takes from the political ranks, a man who loved politics, and took an active part in every campaign. William often boasted of the fact that he never picked a loser in any campaign.

Two big issues in the June primary for candidates for the legislature to watch, are the sales tax and the liquor question. The dry forces of the state have already started their campaign for "bone dry" candidates, while opponents of the sales tax, headed by the North Carolina Retail Merchants Association, will lead their renewed fight against the sales tax, on the basis: "The measure violates every principle of fair taxation."

Another organization to come forth this week with a state-wide platform, was the North Carolina State Grange, a growing group, that will exert a lot of voting strength. This organization is asking that only legislators who favor the following be elected: \$300 homestead exemption tax; establishing of 12th grade in schools; make available funds for agricultural research; improvement of secondary roads and school bus routes, and a rural telephone survey.

With proper unity, the state-wide organizations can play a big part in the election of members to the 1939 legislature.

The voters of Cheraw, S. C., must be pretty evenly divided in their choice of candidates. Nine hundred votes were cast last Saturday in a municipal election for Warden, but the election didn't count because: The two candidates, J. Lewis Hill and W. Joyce Barber received 450 ballots each. Another election was ordered for Feb. 15.

## A Guest Writer...

That Is What Mrs. Gwyn Presents This Week In Her Column

### "HERE AND THERE"

The guest columnist this week is R. L. Prevost, who tells of his recent trip to Washington on special invitation of Secretary Roper as representative of "little business."

You'll enjoy "columnist Prevost"

## Fines Creek Merchant Is Blaze Victim

Joe Davis, Merchant of Upper Fines Creek, Burned Beyond Recognition Tues.

Joe Davis, 60-year-old merchant, of upper Fines Creek, was burned beyond recognition, about nine o'clock Tuesday night, when the store in which he lived, was destroyed by fire.

Coroner J. L. Westmoreland and members of the sheriff's office visited the scene Wednesday to make investigations. They found only a few bones, and reported not enough evidence to call a coroner's inquest. The case was turned over to Solicitor John M. M. Queen by the coroner, who recorded that "death was due to burns."

It was impossible to tell whether Mr. Davis had met with foul play. The ashes were sifted for a possible bullet, but as he carried a large stock of bullets in his store, this was not practicable.

Three boys were brought in for questioning Wednesday afternoon. They were not brought as suspects, however. They told of leaving the place, and within 20 minutes saw the reflection of the fire about a quarter of a mile away. A car was reported to have passed about the time, but the driver of the car was known, and not involved, officers reported.

One theory advanced by officials, was that persons planning foul play might have waited until the three boys left the store, and then robbed the merchant and set fire to the place.

From the sheriff's office, it was learned that the gas tanks had not been locked, which showed that Mr. Davis had not closed for the night.

His bed was in the back room of the store, and the remains of his body were found in what was the front of store, further showing that he was not in bed.

He had been robbed two or three times before and this led officers to believe that robbery might have been the motive.

It is known that he carried considerable cash on his person. Sometimes as much as \$2,000. Only a small amount of change was found in the ashes under the body. He was a native of that section of the county.

## Cannery Stockholders Name Board Directors

Contracts For Year Are Encouraging. Many Farmers Increasing Acreage

An encouraging report was made at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Haywood Mutual Canning Association, here last Saturday.

Directors for the coming year were elected, and Frank Davis, manager, reported that contracts for the year were coming in, and that the acreage on spinach had been increased from 50 to 75 acres.

Bean acreage is being signed rapidly, it was reported.

Dave Boyd has signed contracts for 19 acres of vegetables this year, it was said. Other farmers are increasing their average considerably.

Directors for the year, were: George A. Brown, Jr., Arthur Osborne, Weaver Cathey, Chas. Owen, John Best, Lawrence Walker, E. B. Rickman, Frank Leopold, and Dave Boyd.

Mr. Davis said that those who wanted to sign contracts, should get in touch with him at once.

## Massie Finds Good Business In Florida

"If we are to judge our summer season by Florida's, we had better get busy," said Francis Massie Monday upon his return from a two-weeks tour of Florida.

He reported good crowds, spending lots of money, and business in general showing every signs of boom days.

## Medford Staff Attend Westinghouse Meeting

Members of the sales staff of Medford Furniture Company attended a district meeting of the Westinghouse Refrigerator Sales meeting in Charlotte on Tuesday of this week.

The new 1938 models were shown, and the new improvements explained to the salesmen. Those attending reported they were well pleased with the models.

## TO SIGN PARK BILL SOON



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

## President Roosevelt Ready To Sign Park Appropriation Bill

House of Representatives Pass Bill Authorizing \$743,000 Park Appropriation

The Congressional bill calling for \$743,000 authorized appropriation of \$743,000 for the purpose of buying required land for the completion of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, has not yet gone to the President's desk, according to word received here last night from Washington by The Mountaineer.

The bill passed the House of Representatives last Wednesday, and all that is needed now is the President's signature. He already promised that he would sign such a bill if passed.

The bill went through the House by a vote of 103 to 10. The Senate passed the bill last August.

Congressman Zebulon Weaver sponsored the bill, and stayed behind it until it was passed.

The appropriation will enable sufficient land to be purchased for the park, and then formally turned over to the National Park Service. Some who are supposed to know how fast such matters are disposed of, intimated that the park would be formally dedicated by September of this year. Of course, no definite date has been officially set, as some technical questions might arise when the final acreage is sought.

## Massie Buyers Back From Trip

Hugh Massie has returned from the 29th American Retailers convention, in St. Louis, where he and Mrs. Roy Campbell, head of the ready-to-wear department of Massie's Department Store, spent a week, buying new spring merchandise.

This year's convention was the biggest ever held, it was said, with displays of ready-to-wear from every nationally known house in the country—from New York to California, and from Chicago to Texas. "It was a complete showing," Mr. Massie said.

One of the features of the convention was a fashion show which was attended by 7,000 buyers.

What about 1938 bathing suits, he was asked.

"The latest showing were in latex, a rubberized, tight fitting suit, although not near as much suit as was worn last year. You'll have to see them to know what I mean."

## BOY SCOUTS OBSERVE 28TH ANNIVERSARY

With the largest attendance ever noted at a public gathering of Scouts locally, a court of honor was held in the court house, on Tuesday evening, with William Medford, chairman, presiding. The meeting was held on Tuesday as it marked the birthday of Scouting, which was begun twenty-eight years ago, on February the 8, 1910.

In addition to the regular presentation of the awards and merit badges, which consisted of the impressive ceremony of promotion of three members to Life Scouts, the evening was of special encouragement to the

## William Hannah Passed Away At Hospital, Suddenly

Well Known Lawyer, Will Be Buried Friday Afternoon At Two Thirty, Here

William Tucker Hannah, prominent attorney, died on Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Haywood County Hospital. Last rites will be conducted on Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the residence on Haywood street.

Dr. R. P. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church and the Rev. K. W. Baucom, pastor of the Baptist church, will officiate. Burial will be in Green Hill cemetery.

Mr. Hannah was the son of the late Captain William J. Hannah, for many years one of the leading lawyers in this section and a Spanish-American War veteran, and the late Mrs. Josephine Tucker Hannah, Wednesday, the day of his death, was his thirty-seventh birthday anniversary.

He was educated in the local schools. From the high school here he went to the University of North Carolina, graduating in the class of 1922 receiving an A. B. degree with special work in history. He then began his law course and received his LL. B. from the same university in 1925. He passed the North Carolina Bar and was licensed to practice in 1923.

While at the university he held various offices, having at one time been an associate editor of the North Carolina Law Review, which is compiled by the law department of the university, with only honor students allowed to contribute. He was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and the Phi Alpha Delta fraternal fraternity.

He was four times appointed county commissioner of Haywood county, serving in all seven years. He was a past president of the Haywood County Bar Association. He had been for several years a member of the board of trustees of the University of North Carolina.

After receiving his LL. B. from the university he returned to Waynesville and was the junior member in the law firm of Hannah and Hannah, his father having retired from active practice several months prior to his death two years ago next month.

Mr. Hannah was one of the most widely read and best informed men in this section, not only regarding his profession, but along the lines of general information. His legal opinion was highly valued. His historical knowledge, particularly regarding this county, of which his ancestors were pioneers, was well known.

He was married in 1924 to Miss Carrie Edmond, of Lumberton. He is survived by his widow and three children, two sons, William, III, Wingate Edmond, and one daughter, Carmichael Hannah.

## Mrs. Clyde Ray Died Late Last Night

Mrs. Clyde H. Ray, Sr., passed away last night about ten o'clock, after suffering from a stroke in the afternoon.

Her daughter, Mrs. Robert Breece, who is visiting in Washington, D. C., has been called home is expected today.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed last night.

## TOM REEVES JOINS CHAMPION FIBRE CO.

W. Thomas Reeves, formerly connected with the Canton office of the Southern Railway, now holds a position with the traffic department of Champion Paper and Fibre Company.

## Sentence For Manslaughter Awaits Mrs. J. Redmond

### RESIGNS PASTORATE



REV. H. W. BAUCOM

## Rev. H. W. Baucom Resigns As First Baptist Pastor

Resignation Effective March 1st. Going To New Work In Asheville

Rev. Herbert W. Baucom, for the past eight years pastor of the First Baptist church, tendered his resignation to the congregation here Sunday morning, effective March first.

Rev. Mr. Baucom has accepted a position as associate chaplain of the Good Samaritan Mission, Asheville. He is spending part of his time in Asheville every day getting acquainted with the duties of his new work. He will continue to act as supply of the church here, if needed, he said, but has urged the church to get a new pastor as soon as possible.

Mr. Baucom came here from Temple church in Wilmington, in May, 1930. Before that time he was pastor in Winston-Salem.

During his pastorate here, he has noted a general increase in the church membership and the Sunday school. Under his leadership, the church built the \$12,000 brick Welch Sunday school building, which was occupied two years ago.

For the past four years he has been chairman of the Haywood County Red Cross. He has taken an active part in the work of the Red Cross.

## Nursery Is Being Planted In City Park This Week

J. C. Brown, chairman of the nursery committee, for the beautification group of the Rotary Club, together with others, were hard at work this week, preparing the ground for planting several thousand plants that are being brought from Canton for transplanting in the city park.

The plants will be kept at the nursery until large enough for distribution and then will be made available to the public.

Details of the plan for disposing of the plants will be made later.

Those charged with carrying out the program, are as follows: Nursery committee, J. C. Brown, A. P. Ledbetter, W. H. Massie, O. L. Briggs and Harry Rotha.

Planning committee: Chas. E. Ray, Jr., chairman, M. H. Bowles, C. N. Allen, T. L. Bramlett, Jack Messer, Mrs. T. L. Gwyn, C. A. George, William Chambers, R. R. Smithwick, W. Curtis Russ, J. Dale Stentz.

Project committee: William Prevost, Larry Weaver, Clyde Ray, Jr., Owen Corwin and W. L. Lampkin.

The chairman of the three groups, together with H. C. Wilburn, form the executive committee.

## Former Haywood Pastor Comes Back To Reside

The Rev. J. R. Limer, native of this county, who has been living in Charlotte for the past several years, has returned to Haywood to reside. He will make his home in Canton, where he will give all his time to the pastorate of the West Canton Baptist church.

W. T. Denton, who has been confined to his bed for the past three weeks, is reported to be much improved.

## First White Woman Tried For Homicide In Haywood, Is Found Guilty Wed.

A Haywood county jury returned a verdict of guilty of manslaughter against Mrs. Jack Redmond, of Canton, at 8:30 last night, for the slaying of Clyde Reynolds, 28-year-old Canton barber, last July.

Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., is expected to pass sentence on Mrs. Redmond this morning. She has been out on \$5,000 bond since the homicide which took place in the Dutch Cove section.

Conviction of manslaughter carries a sentence of from four months to two years.

As far as could be learned, Mrs. Redmond, the mother of several children, is the first white woman ever tried for homicide in Haywood county.

In the course of the trial, it was brought out that she and her husband had been separated, and on the last Friday night in July, she and her estranged husband, together with Reynolds and others, staged a drinking party. Later, she and her husband became quarrelsome, and he is said to have struck her several blows. After that, she ran into the home of her mother, Mrs. Joe Southerland, and got a pistol, and said she was going to kill her husband. The bullet struck Reynolds. He lived from Friday night until Tuesday.

Reynolds made the statement that the shooting was an accident.

The case took all of Wednesday.

Judge Pless, in his charge to the jury, instructed them that they could render one of three verdicts: Second degree, manslaughter, or not guilty. The jury got the case at 5:45.

Judge Pless leaves here this week for Greensboro, and Judge Clement will come for the second week of this term.

Cases in which sentences were rendered the first two days of the week, were as follows:

J. B. Phoenix, abandonment, to pay \$6 per week.

John Pressley, assault on woman, 30 days on roads.

Dock Mills, violating prohibition law, on 2 counts, 90 days and 12 months on roads.

Urcell Riley, bigamy, two to three years in state prison.

Troy Cagle, larceny, 12 to 18 months on roads.

Will Sheppard, Samba Sheppard and Wayne Sheppard, assault, 2 years suspended sentence, fine of \$15 and cost.

Lee Sulwan, violation of prohibition law, six months on roads.

Charlie Mooney, forgery, eight months on roads.

Buster Singleton, violation prohibition law, 60 days on roads.

Ode Ensley, assault with deadly weapon, 18 to 24 months in state prison.

Ray Robinson, larceny, 2 to 3 years suspended sentence.

Divorce granted to Ethel Cookley from George W. Conkley.

Francis Jones Harbin granted a divorce from J. R. Harbin.

## GRAND JURY NAMED

The grand jury only made one recommendation in their report to the court this week. They suggested that cracked plastering in the Hazelwood school be repaired at once.

The grand jury, as named here Monday morning, is as follows:

F. M. Byers, foreman; Herman Green, G. R. Fish, Will J. Leatherwood, Sam Cane, Alex Shumolis, Finley Mashburn, Louis Sutton, Walter L. Bumgarner, Lonnie Kinsland, Charlie Palmer, Claud Queen, Fred H. Caldwell, R. C. Gossett, Sam H. Bushnell, R. P. Huffman, Lane Allen, and Louis J. Chambers.

## Laundry Puts New Machine In Use

A larger and later model dry cleaning machine was installed this week in the Waynesville Laundry.

J. W. Killian, owner, said the new machine would not only turn out work quicker, but would give a more thorough job than many other type machines.

Several other pieces of additional equipment will be added in time to take care of the summer rush, he said.

## HAYWOOD SINGING CONVENTION TO MEET

The Haywood County monthly singing meet will be held on Sunday afternoon at the court house. Chairs in the county are cordially invited to join in the program on that occasion.