

### News From BALSAM

By Gertrude Ruskin

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Iseley, of Raleigh, motored over to spend the Labor Day week-end with the Misses Grace and Lillian Bingham. They visited the Cherokee Indian Reservation and took N. C. 284 out of Waynesville to Broad, Cashiers and Highlands. On the way to Highlands their car stuck in the mud in such a narrow part of the road that the occupants of the car had to get out through the back rear window for the doors could not be opened. Miss Grace Bingham said she had her doubts about one or two of them making it, but they did. The man for Waynesville who staid that cute little brown house with the roof at Hazelwood helped them get out of the mud. He is going to stain the Bingham's new cabin the same color.

Mrs. H. N. Godbey, Mrs. Alma Lins and their children spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bumgarner at Sunset Farms at Whittier. "Sunset Farms is a mile and a half from the river and was not harmed but the people who had built homes along the river either saw them float off down the river or were so damaged that the sight was heart-rending," said Mrs. Godbey. "A young married couple we knew had just finished their new home. They hadn't lived in it but a short time. In the wee hours of the morning they saw their home go floating down the river, barely getting out in time to save their lives. All along the river people who had lost their all, were gazing into it as though in a daze," said Mrs. Godbey.

Mr. A. P. Metzger is visiting his wife and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ganyard at the latter's home. Mr. Metzger was accompanied by his wife's sister, Mrs. Minnie Hoyer. Mr. and Mrs. Metzger and their sons, Allen and James, will leave for their home at Miami Beach, next week.

The Misses Emily, Mary Rachel and Lillian Hamilton, of Dalton, Ga., were week-end guests of Mrs. Oze Enoch Horton and her son.

Tuesday is the first time there has been mail and passenger trains since the heavy rains of Thursday and Thursday night last week. There has been mail buses every day except Friday. Balsam is high and suffered no damages.

Friday morning my husband left for Atlanta and Tuesday, five days later, on the first mail and pas-

### Unite U. S.-Canada Defenses



The United States and Canada will set up a joint board for North American defense by sea, land and air, it was announced by President Roosevelt and Canadian Prime Minister Mackenzie King (right). The plan was revealed following a historic conference in Roosevelt's private railroad car on a siding at Heuvelton, N. Y. (Central Press)

### Haywood's Flag Used At Park Dedication

The silk North Carolina flag that waved in the breezes that blew over Newfound Gap on Monday and adorned the Laura Spellman Rockefeller Memorial with other flags during the dedication of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park was borrowed for the occasion from the Haywood County court house.

The flag was a gift to the county from Reuben B. Robertson, of the Champion Paper and Fibre Company. Arrangements for using the flag at the dedication were made by Park officials through Chas. E. Ray, Jr.

The flag was returned immediately after the ceremonies to the custody of T. J. Cathey, county auditor who keeps both the North Carolina and the United States flags that are used in the court room. The flags are put out for each term of court and for special occasions when needed.

Its use on Monday, as it floated over the heads of the President of the United States and other national and state dignitaries, has given it a historical association that should add to its value.

passenger train to come through since the floods was a letter from him. He said that he had to wait in Dillsboro until four-thirty. During that time bulletins came through telling of the progress on the road to Knoxville as that was the only possible chance of getting out of

Dillsboro. All other roads leading out were either washed away, undermined or the bridges swept from their moorings. At four-thirty he left for Knoxville reaching there at seven-thirty, where he spent the night. He described the scenes along the highway from Dillsboro to Cherokee as sickening. Houses were washed away, fields were ruined and twisted steel bridges went floating down the river.

Our chuckling, gurgling brook at Balsam, changed over night to a hissing, growling yellow serpent,

picking up huge boulders and dashing them against others with such force that it sounded like cannon fire. It did no damage but I for one wouldn't want to built too close to it for its terribly tempermental. A letter from our depot agent's son came Tuesday, from R. L. Pearson, Jr., who is on a thirty day cruise, on board the U. S. S. Arkansas battleship. He sure kept his word to me about writing. He said they were due in Grantanamo tomorrow, wherever that is, and that there wasn't much to do but stand watches, scrub down decks and attend classes. He must have had trouble sleeping in a hammock for he said he was just getting used to sleeping in one. Robert said that the weather had been fine and that there was no rough water as yet.

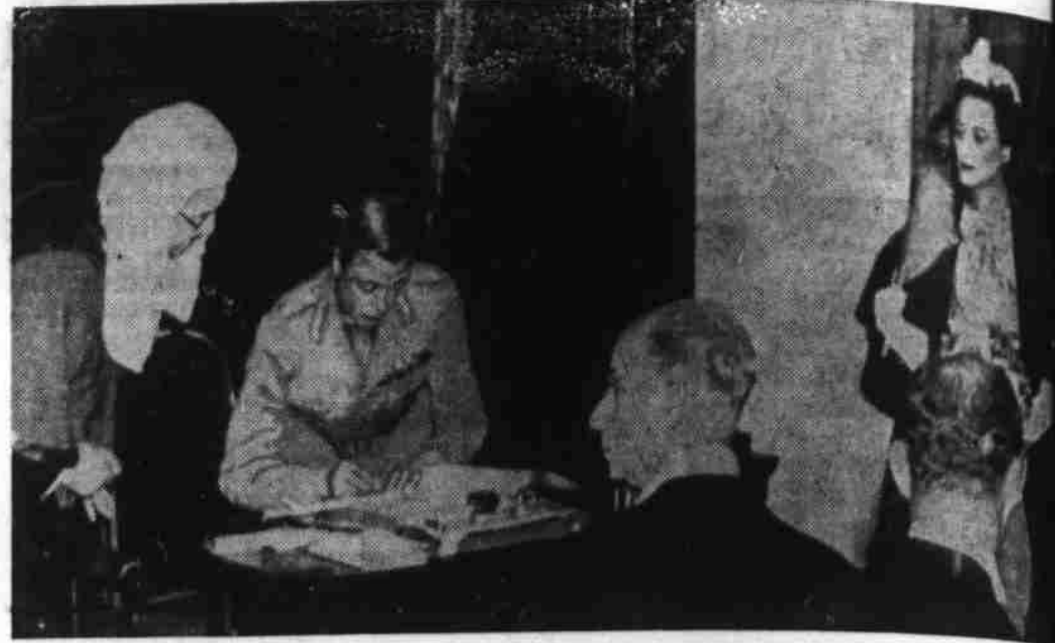
The Ballough Hills Colony held their annual meeting at the home of the president, S. H. Ruskin, last week at eight o'clock. It was well attended. Many things were discussed and plans were laid for many improvements in Ballough Hills, for the coming season. Several of the older members of the colony declared the meeting to be the best they had ever attended. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Parson and the Misses Lillian and Grace Bingham were new members who were welcomed into the colony.

The following officers were elected to serve: Sidney Ruskin was re-elected to succeed himself as president for another year, which makes three successive terms he has served. Mrs. Rowena Burman was re-elected secretary and R. B. Hipp was re-elected treasurer. The entire water board was re-elected for another term, which consists of the following members: B. B. Baggett, chairman, Geo. Fenton, R. B. Hipp and Mrs. Rowena Burman.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fenton and I drove to Newfound Gap on Labor Day to hear President Roosevelt and others dedicate the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The weather was perfect and it didn't rain although the under side of the poplar and maple leaves were showing, which is a sure sign of rain, according to the Indians. From Dillsboro to the Indian Reservation, one could see where the horrible aftermath of the floods. The road had been cleared and made ready for the dedication ceremonies at the Gap. J. C. Walker and his men deserve a lot of credit for getting the road in such good condition, after such a devastating flood.

At 5 o'clock the Presidential party arrived and the air was beginning to get chilly, but it was a good advertisement for our mountains, for it has been hot in Washington and Baltimore. It was the first time that I ever heard Governor Hoey speak. He has a good voice and there is a spiritual reflection to his face that is heartening to see. Mr. Roosevelt made a fine talk, as always, but the thing

### Duke Signs Up as Bahamas Governor



Inducted as governor of the Bahamas, the uniformed Duke of Windsor signs the official registry in the presence of the Duchess and notables, including Chief Justice O. B. Daly (left), who swore in the Duke at Nassau.

that touched me more than any words he spoke was the grave look that came into his up-lifted face, when the band played "The Star Spangled Banner." He stopped shaking hands and greeting friends the moment the first strains of our National Anthem rang out on the crisp mountain air. I liked that look and felt reassured.

Mr. and Mrs. Buice Kenny and family, of Spruce Pine, spent the week-end with Mr. Kenny's mother, Mrs. Della Kenny.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Dunn and family left this morning for their home in Daytona Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee, who have been occupying the Kloch cabin, left this morning for Daytona Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. McNeel, who are in the Thorn cabin, took a bus trip to New York and back last week.

When I heard that Mr. and Mrs. Robert Daniels Goodwin had rented one of the Kenny cabins, I hustled down to see them. Mrs. Goodwin is a special assistant to one of the four assistants to the Secretary of State, Cordell Hull. She is the former Miss Pauline Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Robinson, of Asheville. After graduating from Duke University and before going to Washington Mrs. Goodwin was connected with juvenile court in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin were married in the Washington Cathedral by Dean Noble O. Powell on Easter Sunday. They are having a belated honeymoon at Balsam. Mrs. Goodwin said they couldn't have picked a better place where they had mountains all around them than Balsam.

Mr. Goodwin is the son of Mrs. Gilberta Daniels Goodwin, of New York City, and the late Prof. Ralph E. Goodwin, of New York City College. He is a graduate

of the University of North Carolina, and is continuing his work on his masters degree in chemistry at Johns Hopkins University. He has lately been doing special research work in Micro-Analysis for Dr. A. H. Corwin, of Johns Hopkins. This work was twenty miles from Washington, but I bet like all true lovers he found a way to annihilate distance.

They are an attractive couple. I can best describe them as saying that their wedding pictures reminded me very much of the Duke and Duchess. She is small with dark hair and eyes, while he is taller than she and blonde. Mrs. Goodwin has that dependable tilt to her head that the Duchess has. He is jolly enthusiastic and likeable.

The Goodwins took many hikes to Old Bald, Big Stomp, Jones Knob and the Olivine and Mica Mines. They were surprised not

### Farm Secretary



Claude R. Wickard, of Indiana, member of the Agricultural Administration, was named President Roosevelt to be Secretary of Agriculture, succeeding Henry Wallace, Democratic nominee for the vice-presidency, who resigned effective September 5.

to see more people hiking and we didn't know what we were missing. Mrs. Goodwin made a suggestion and that was to markers on the trails to aid those who are not familiar with the of the land.

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### Rocket May Doom Warplanes



J. Robert Fish, Springfield, Mass., inventor, displays for the first time a model of his anti-aircraft rocket, which may revolutionize warfare. Preliminary tests indicate the magnetic rocket, attracted by sound waves, will streak after a plane at 900 m.p.h. and blow it up. The United States Army has shown interest.

### Fighting Bomb Fires in London



Firemen play their hoses on the smouldering wreckage of a building in London after a German bombing raid which caused widespread damage to the British capital. Photo was flashed by cable to New York.

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