

WALSTONBURG NEWS

Among those who enjoyed the beauty of the gardens in Raleigh Tuesday were Mrs. C. T. Hicks, Mrs. W. A. Marlowe, Mrs. Lee Jones, Mrs. E. C. Carr and Miss Lillian Corbett.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETS

The Woman's Club held its regular meeting with Mrs. W. V. Nix Wednesday afternoon. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Ed Taylor.

GIVES SENIOR PLAY

The Junior Class of Walstonburg High School will present "The Night Owl," a three act play by Frank Spahn, Friday evening, April 15th, in the school auditorium.

From the time the curtain goes up on the opening scene until it comes down at the end of the play, the audience will see such an array of fun, mystery, and romance as they have never seen before.

The entire action of the play is set in the living room of a haunted house. The principal characters meet for the first time when they seek a common refuge from a terrific storm which is raging outside.

Anne Wesley, a playwright, has rented the haunted house for a short time in order to gain atmosphere for a play she is writing. William K. Wimple, a fast talking, small-time detective; Ken, a fun loving assistant sleuth; Mrs. Karley, a gloomy housekeeper; James T. Gray, a Broadway theatrical producer; Patsy, a runaway from a circus, and many others equally unusual make the cast as mysterious and hilarious as one could well imagine.

BASEBALL

It's baseball time again! The Walstonburg ball diamond is in demand every recreation period. The High School boys have organized and are ready for a big season. They elected Bruten Taylor as captain and Bryant Gay as manager.

WALSTONBURG FACULTY VS. HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS

The Walstonburg High School faculty challenged the high school girls to a soft ball game on Monday, April 4th. Not so much can be said in behalf of the model playing, but it afforded a great deal of amusement to the spectators.

AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR OF WASHINGTON

A group of high school pupils, teachers, and friends of the school plan to take an educational tour of Washington, D. C. They plan to leave the school about 11:00 o'clock Friday, April 7.

Those who plan to go are: Alina Bailey, Miss Geneva Dail, Earl Bailey, James Shackelford, Phyllis Shirley, James Shirley, Mr. Randolph Allen, Miss Margaret Davis, Miss Louise Shackelford, Miss Margaret Condon, Patsy Walker, Lawrence Shelton, Elizabeth Parker, Virginia McKel, Maynard Rowland, Miss Cheryl Jenkins, Oliver News, Wade Corbett, John Leary, Walter Hattie, Miss Whittier, Mary Virginia Bailey, and...

Looking at Washington

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he was Solicitor-General and signed some of the bills for the Government. Justice McReynolds alone dissented but did not attempt to write any opinion in the case. Chief Justice Hughes, speaking for the court, accepted in full the Government's argument that the companies could escape penalties by registering as required under Section 5, and retain all rights and remedies with respect to other provisions of the statute.

The decision does not mean that the entire act has been approved because the "death sentence" provision was not an issue in the case. The Government insisted that the sections of the law were separable. The companies took the position that the parts of the act were a unit and sought a judgment declaring "each and every portion of the act" unconstitutional.

The court concluded that there was "no room for doubt" that the corporations involved were in interstate commerce, saying that while they might conduct their transactions through the instrumentality of subsidiaries, the Court would look to "the substance of what they do and not the form in which they clothe their transactions."

There are several comments to be made in connection with this litigation. The act was passed by Congress in 1935 after one of the most controversial struggles ever witnessed at the Capital. Some readers probably recall the inquiry that uncovered the campaign conducted against it, including the mass dispatch of thousands of telegrams in opposition, some of them bearing fictitious names.

Legal proceedings began in November, 1935, when the Securities and Exchange Commission instituted proceedings against the Electric Bond and Share Company, seeking to compel it to register as required by the act. In July, 1936, the case was heard before a Federal Judge, who, early in 1937, decided that the registration features were separable from the so-called "death sentence" provision and constitutional. The judge of the Lower Court refused to pass on the entire act. In April, 1937, both parties to the case petitioned the Supreme Court to review the Lower Court decision but, on June 1st, the case was sent back to the Circuit Court, which handed down a decision on November 9, upholding the District judge. The issue then went to the Supreme Court, which rendered a decision about six weeks after the case was argued.

Without attempting to impute ulterior motives to the companies engaged in the legal struggle, it should be apparent to any citizen that such prolonged litigation is not conducive to good government. That a valid provision of Congress and its efforts to effect needed reforms can be nullified with impunity for about three years, even in a case where the contestants lose every decision, illustrates the difficulty under which Democratic government proceeds. It also effectively and conclusively refutes the charges of "dictatorship" which are constantly hurled against practically every reform the Government makes to regulate, reform or restrict the activities of huge business enterprises in this country.

Holding Companies Lose Long Fight. But They Thwarted Law for 3 Years. Passage of the Securities and Exchange Commission Bill gave the President new power to alter the structure of the Government. The fight in the Upper House was somewhat similar to that which preceded the vote on the Supreme Court Bill last week, with an active Democratic opposition coalition apparently holding the measure in check.

and agencies within specified limits, subject to congressional veto within sixty days; displaces the Controller-General in favor of an Auditor-General, with lesser power; establishes a Department of Public Welfare and a National Resources Planning Board; substitutes a single Administrator for the three-member Civil Service Board and authorizes the appointment of six special assistants to the President.

The reorganizing power given to the Chief Executive expires on July 1st, 1940. As there are at present more than 185 separate government agencies, many performing similar functions, one of the aims of the bill is to permit the President to correct this condition. It should be clearly understood that little claim is made for economy as a result of the operation of reorganization. Another provision of the measure gives the President authority to extend the classified Civil Service and it is believed that some 200,000 government employees, now unclassified, will be placed therein as a result of this provision.

The bill creates a new officer, the Auditor-General, who is an agent of Congress and directly responsible to Congress. His functions will be to inspect, audit and investigate the expenditures, receipts and funds of the Government, but he will perform no executive functions, as the day-to-day control of expenditures is placed under the Director of the Budget, who is under the Executive. This officer will determine whether or not money is available under various acts, will settle claims, give decisions as to expenditures and prescribe the accounting system to be used by executive agencies. The new Department of Public Welfare, which many believe will include, it is believed, some twenty-odd welfare agencies of the Government. The head will be a member of the Cabinet to be known as the Secretary of Welfare. The National Resources Planning Board will have five members, who will study planning policies and the development of the natural resources of the nation.

Debate in the senate was vigorous, to say the least, with frequent warnings that it would create a dictatorship. Senator Walsh, leader of the opposition, insisted that it involved "plunging a dagger into the very heart of democracy." Senator Borah declared that the President should not ask for "power not granted by the Constitution," and Senator Johnson assailed the effort "to concentrate" power in the President. Other senators insisted that there was no danger that the President would abuse his "limited powers."

PLANT DOGWOODS

The Garden Club, of which Miss Bettie Joyner is the chairman, urges every citizen in Farmville to plant a dogwood on his property during the next few weeks and report same for records of this organization.

This plan of dogwood setting would add greatly to the beautification of our city and it is hoped that citizens will cooperate with the Garden Club in this endeavor.

IN ATTENDANCE

The following members of the Junior Woman's Club attended a meeting of the Junior Woman's Club of Greenville on Friday, at which time members of the Ayden club were also in attendance; Mrs. Jesse Moys, Mrs. Leroy Parker, Mrs. Mack Caraway, Mrs. C. W. Blackwood, Mrs. James Whelless, Miss Albertine Barrett, Mrs. W. Alexander Allen, Jr., Mrs. J. Irvin Morgan, Jr., Miss Hazel Monk and Mrs. David T. Harris.

MRS. EARL REASON

Funeral services were held Thursday at four o'clock for Mrs. Helen Owens Reason, 80, from her late home near Fountain, by the Rev. Jack Tyson, Free Will Baptist minister of Middlesex. Death resulted from a prolonged illness. Interment was made in the Fountain cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, two daughters, Dorothy and Mary, and two sons, Euben and James, a sister, Miss Hazel Owens, of Thompsville, Ollen Owens, of the Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and Roland Owens, of Wilson.

Farmers, facing their own problems, should remember that business has its difficulties and that only considerate cooperation can solve present perplexities.

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INVENTOR DIES

New York. — Lydia A. Haustetter, 77, who invented a mechanical dishwasher and thus became the patron saint of restaurant dishwashers, died recently. By means of his invention, a movable belt, powered by an electric motor, 30,000 plates could be washed an hour.

EXPORTS GAIN

Washington. — During January, 1935, the United States exported \$118,674,000 more merchandise than it imported. Exports during the month amounted to \$289,497,000 and imports \$170,765,000.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of J. R. Lewis, deceased, late of Pitt County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of deceased, to exhibit them to the undersigned administrator or attorney, at Walstonburg, N. C., or Farmville, N. C., respectively, on or before the 25th day of February, 1935, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This the 21st day of February, 1935.

ALBERT LEWIS, Administrator. J. R. Lewis Estate. John B. Lewis, Attorney.

DR. V. H. MEWBORN OPTOMETRIST

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