



BUSINESS CALLS THEM

One of the problems of the Government is the comparatively low salaries paid efficient officials...

Of course many men have accepted appointment to Government positions solely because of the prestige attached...

PEACE PARLEY ENDS

The Inter-American Conference for the Preservation of Peace concluded its labors at Buenos Aires last month by signing two treaties...

WHAT WAS APPROVED

In his final message to the delegates, read while he was suffering from a serious cold, the American Secretary of State cited these points which had been unanimously agreed upon...

THE NAVY HANDICAP

Last week in this column we called attention to the naval construction underway and the spurt expected upon the conclusion of the Washington Naval treaty...

On a basis of the best available figures, the naval powers are rated on a basis of aircraft built, building or appropriated for, as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Country, Ships, Tonnage. Rows include Great Britain, United States, Japan, France, Italy, Germany, Russia.

It should be noted that the table above does not include ships which are merely "planned," of which there are quite a number. The figures given for the Russian fleet are only intelligent guesses...

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TODAY'S THOUGHT

"No man is happy who does not think himself so."—Antonius.

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Millions Spend Large Sums To Greet New Year

"Happy New Year!" Is Watchword From Dusk To Dawn Over Nation As 1937 Makes Debut

MORE CONFIDENCE SEEN

President Roosevelt Enjoys Private Movie After New Year's Eve Dinner With Sons

From dusk to dawn last Thursday night, "Happy New Year" was the watchword as millions of Americans cheered the abdication of 1936 and the accession of 1937...

From coast to coast, they gathered in hotels, clubs, theaters, hot spots, taverns, homes and cafes, intent upon fulfilling professional hosts' predictions of a New Year celebration rivaling the mass scale revelry of boom times.

Plate prices at the whoopee emporiums—ranging from \$3 to \$20 and beyond—were higher than last year. But that seemed to make no difference to patrons enjoying bonuses, dividends and pay hikes.

More silk toppers were in evidence in the throngs in the bright light belts.

Probably the largest turnout was in New York's Times Square. Thousands jammed that area to greet the infant 1937 at the "cross roads of the world."

Newspapers estimated New York celebrators would spend \$10,000,000 or more.

Revelers in other cities were expected to lay proportionate amounts on the line for a long night of dancing, drinking, bell ringing, horn blowing and confetti tossing.

Twelve Loop hotels welcomed between 15,000 and 20,000 participants in Chicago's merrymaking. The top charge there was \$12.50.

They opened the doors to sell-out crowds at Washington. A \$7.75 tariff was paid at one of the favorite spots.

Fourteen members of the Ad-AmAn club climbed Pike's Peak in Colorado to welcome the New Year with fireworks.

President Roosevelt sat down to a New Year's eve dinner with his sons, James, Elliott and John, and other guests and later enjoyed a private movie.

Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau declared: "The nation has a right to look to the New Year with renewed confidence and courage. Business activities have increased. The national income has risen, opportunities for profitable work in all lines have broadened."

Brokers at the New York Stock Exchange epitomized the national spirit. While a swing band played and confetti showered down, they joined in the gayest party since 1929.

Traders at the Chicago Board of Trade danced in the pits and cried: "Happy New Year."

Rev. H. J. Ford To Preach Sunday On "Conquering Fear"

Sunday school will be held at the Sparta Baptist church on Sunday, January 10, at 10 a. m. At 11 a. m., the pastor, Rev. H. J. Ford, will deliver a sermon, using as his subject "Conquering Fear."

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On College Board



NEW YORK... Mrs. J. A. Clark, 24, class of '32 of Sarah Lawrence College, has been elected a member of the Board of Trustees of that school and is believed to be the youngest member of a college governing board in the U. S.

Carnation Milk Co. Man To Be In Galax Area Soon

A. C. Oosterhuis To Visit This Section Jan. 18, 19 and 20. Meetings To Be Held

A. C. Oosterhuis, director of dairy extension of the Carnation Milk company, Oconomowoc, Wis., is planning to be in the Galax section on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 18, 19 and 20, and will address meetings to be held at Galax, Hillsville and Independence.

Plans are already being formulated for a dairy development program in this section and Mr. Oosterhuis is to be present at meetings to be held in the Municipal building in Galax on Monday, January 18, at 1:30 o'clock, and in the court house at Independence on Tuesday, January 19, at 1:30 o'clock.

Persons from the eastern section of Grayson will attend the Galax meeting and those from the western section and Alleghany county will probably find it more convenient to attend the Independence meeting.

Mr. Oosterhuis, who is also one of the nation's outstanding breeders of Holstein cattle, will be in Galax following a visit to Roanoke, where he will deliver an address at a meeting of Holstein breeders of Virginia, at Hotel Roanoke, on Friday, January 15.

Sparta-Roaring Gap Road To Be Built; Low Bids Received

In response to the request of the State Highway Commission for bids for grading and surfacing of 8.98 miles of United States Route 21, between Sparta and Roaring Gap, the low bid of \$128,541.10 was made by Albert Brothers Contractors, incorporated, Salem, Va.

It is hoped that these bids will be accepted, and that construction work on this project will begin immediately, as this much-traveled stretch of road is too narrow and winding for safe and expeditious driving.

DUKE BLEDSOE IMPROVING HIS PLACE OF BUSINESS

Duke Bledsoe, local Ford dealer, is having an extension added to the rear of his garage, making the total length of the building 165 feet.

Mr. Bledsoe is also improving the appearance of the front of the building by erecting over the gas tanks a canopy supported by rock columns.

Big Attendance Seen For Hoey Inaugural Today

Colorful Parade To Be Feature Of Activities Connected With Day's Program. Many Arrive

Raleigh, Jan. 5.—For Thursday's gubernatorial inauguration of Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, the joint inaugural committee of the legislature and the local chamber of commerce today forecast a record-breaking attendance if weather is favorable.

Meanwhile, legislators and friends of Hoey, as well as those of other officials who will take oaths Thursday, continued to pour into the city.

Governor-elect and Mrs. Hoey will arrive here tomorrow afternoon and will attend a dinner given in their honor at the executive manison by Governor and Mrs. Eringhaus.

The full program of events to take place in Memorial Stadium was made public tonight by the joint committee.

Lieutenant Governor A. H. Graham will call the joint session of the General Assembly to order at noon and the invocation will be asked by Dr. Zeno Wall, Shelby Baptist minister.

A. Hall Johnston, president pro tem of the Senate, will present the elected officers of the state and the oaths will be given in the following order by the supreme court justices: Dan C. Boney, commissioner of insurance, and A. L. Fletcher, commissioner of labor.

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Attorneys R. A. Doughton and R. F. Crouse attended the funeral of Porter Graves, former Solicitor of this district, which was held at Mount Airy, N. C., on Sunday.

Each county in the district which he formerly served as Solicitor was represented by members of the bar.

A. G. PLESS, GALAX, IS AWARDED TRIP TO NASSAU. A. G. Pless, of Galax, expects to leave today for New York, where he will take a boat to Nassau, as a guest of the General Electric company.

Mr. Pless was awarded this trip for increased sales of "G-E" refrigerators and equipment made by the Pless Electric and Furniture company.

"Old Gray Granny," Aged Mare, Dies At 25 Years Of Age

"Old Gray Granny" or "Byrd," the aged mare owned by Mrs. Jincy I. Osborne, Cox's Chapel, that has attracted considerable attention during the past two or three years because of her remarkable age, died recently.

Roosevelt Reports To Congress Wed. On State Of Union

Says Vital Need Is For An Enlightened View With Reference To The National Constitution

One-half hour after having been officially proclaimed President-elect of the United States for a second term by the Electoral Board, Franklin Delano Roosevelt appeared yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon before a joint session of the Congress and gave in person his message on "The State of the Union."

In answer to those who have believed that the President would ask for an amendment to the Constitution he said "The vital need is not for an alienation of the fundamentals of the Constitution but an enlightened view with reference to it."

The Constitution of the United States can be used as an instrument of progress and not as an instrument to prevent action. We have every right to expect that the Judicial powers will interpret our Constitution in a liberal manner and not in a narrow manner.

"It would do all of us good," he said "if we would read the preamble of the constitution and notice that it confers legislative powers upon Congress." "Means must be found," he said "to adopt legislative and judicial powers to the needs of the nation."

In defense of the National Recovery Act which was found unconstitutional he said "The broad objectives of the National Recovery Act were sound but it tried to do too much. The National Recovery Act was outlawed but the problems with which it dealt were not, they are still with us."

Greater satisfaction in life for the average man, an agricultural project that will deal specifically with the tenant farmer and unemployment were among the major issues named by the president to be dealt with by this term of Congress.

Solons Ready For Opening Of New Assembly Session

Raleigh, Jan. 5.—Apparently intent upon enacting revenue-producing legislation and taking definite action on the mooted liquor, labor, and social security problems in the shortest time possible, legislators poured into the city today for the biennial session of the General Assembly.

Noon tomorrow will see the first 1937 gathering of the legislators, but active work will not get under way until next week, in deference to the inauguration of Governor-elect Clyde R. Hoey and his delivery of a budget message to the joint assemblage.

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Mayor at 23



PORTSMOUTH, N. H.—Kenard E. Goldsmith, 23, and college graduate, has a job he thinks he is too young to hold. He's the new mayor of this town of 15,000 persons, defeating the Democratic incumbent by some 3,000 votes. He's going to try out the job anyhow.

Sen. Robinson In Favor Of Wage, Hour Amendment

Arkansas Solon In Capital For Opening Of New Congressional Session Tuesday

Washington, Jan. 5.—The idea of amending the constitution leaped suddenly to the forefront of congressional topic Saturday night when Sen. Robinson, Democratic leader, said it was the "best method" to handle the wage and hour problem.

The Arkansas senator, back for the congressional opening today, dictated to reporters a declaration that supreme court decisions holding that neither the federal nor state governments had "power to prescribe maximum hours and minimum wages" had created a "very unsatisfactory condition."

Choir Formed Here With Miss Choate As Director

A choir was organized here recently, with Miss Annie Marie Choate as director. Each church in town is represented in the organization, the aim of which is to provide music for special occasions, as well as for regular church services.

Much interest is being manifested in this organization, which is receiving the enthusiastic support of the churches. The choir meets on each Wednesday evening at the home of a member.

Misses Annie Marie Choate, Emaline Hawthorne and Ora Goodman have been hostesses in their respective homes.

Sidney Gambill And Family To Reside In Nation's Capital

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Gambill and small daughter, Billie left Saturday for Washington, D. C., where Mr. Gambill will be employed in the service of the federal government.

During the latter part of the last session of Congress, Mr. Gambill served as a secretary to Congressman Robert L. Doughton, of Alleghany county, although Mrs. Gambill remained in Sparta. However, Mr. Gambill's family now plan to make their future home in the national capital city.

Mrs. Gambill has been succeeded here as local news editor of THE ALLEGHANY TIMES by her sister, Mrs. Robert M. Gambill, who will collect items of local news and county happenings, just as her sister has done, and will be in general charge of the paper's affairs locally.

S. Porter Graves, Veteran Lawyer, Dies In Mt. Airy

Was Solicitor Of 11th Judicial District For 28 Consecutive Years. End Comes Sat. Morning

WAS EMINENT LAWYER

Central Methodist Church Scene Of Funeral, Held By Dr. M. T. Smathers And Dr. W. A. Lambeth

S. Porter Graves, of Mount Airy, 71, for twenty-eight consecutive years solicitor of the eleventh judicial district, retiring to private practice of law in 1930, passed away at his home in Mount Airy at 2:30 o'clock Saturday morning following a prolonged period of declining health.

Mr. Graves probably was esteemed as highly as any man who ever held the office of solicitor in this district. He went into office in 1902 following a long line of Republican solicitors. He was opposed for the position in 1902 by James W. McNeill, Republican candidate, of Wilkes county. He won out by approximately 600 votes and from that time onward, for twenty-eight years, was not seriously threatened with defeat. He was opposed in the primaries by members of his own party only a time or two.

Opponents in the minority party in their order, were James McNeill, of Wilkes county; John H. Dobbins, of Surry; S. E. Hall, of Forsyth; C. B. Spicer, of Ashe; J. R. Joyce, of Rockingham; A. E. Holton, of Forsyth, and C. M. Bernard, of Surry.

At the time Mr. Graves went into office, Wilkes county was a part of the eleventh judicial district, but a short time later was displaced by Ashe county. Stokes county also was in the district, but later was switched into the district with Guilford county.

Near the close of his prolonged period of service as solicitor, Mr. Graves was insistently urged by many of his friends to stand for the office of congressman, then held by the aged Charles M. Stedman, the last remaining Confederate veteran in Congress. However, in announcing plans for his retirement about the middle of January, 1930, he definitely announced his decision to return to the practice of law, leaving the field entirely clear to other aspirants.

Mr. Graves was born in the ancestral home in Surry county, October 28, 1865, the son of Judge and Mrs. Jesse Franklin Graves.

Mr. Graves came of a long line of distinguished state leaders. His father, Judge Jesse Franklin Graves, was widely known. The family, however, was best known because of an earlier member, Governor Jesse Franklin, of North Carolina, who after relinquishing the governorship, was elected United States senator.

Immediate survivors include two children, William Graves, Winston-Salem attorney, and Miss Mary Franklin Graves, of Mount Airy, and S. Porter Graves, Jr., of Washington, D. C.; one sister.

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- 1-Andrew Jackson declines the British offer of New Orleans, 1815. 2-The inland ship, Star of the West, struck upon the rocks, 1851. 3-England established the penny post, 1840. 4-First national newspaper in England, 1665. 5-Amelia Earhart's Pan-American flight, 1931. 6-First written constitution in history adopted by Vermont, 1777.