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Gov. Hoey found an invigorating atmosphere

—regarding business in North Carolina Tuesday when he read the state's financial barometers—more

invigorating than in many other sections of the country.

The chief executive issued the following forecast: "The people of the state are hopeful and, with any reasonable recovery in the textile business, the state is ready to go forward."

Building activity, postal receipts and gasoline tax collections in April and the first quarter of 1938 showed increases, a survey disclosed.

Several corporations have announced plans to open new plants or to expand old ones.

"New industries are moving into North Carolina at an increasing rate because the state possesses so many natural advantages," said J. T. Anderson, industrial engineer for the Department of Conservation and Development.

The Ecusta Paper Corporation of Wilmington, Del., and New York city, plans to open a \$2,000,000 cigarette paper plant at Brevard. Caraleigh Mills at Raleigh, which has been idle for years, will be reopened under new management. Two knitting mills, a cloth mill and a pickle factory will be established. Two new hosiery mills are under construction in Valdese. A new unit of the Ethyl-Dow Chemical Company's bromide plant at Kure Beach will be built.

Raleigh reported April building permits of \$1,274,325, believed to be a new record, Henderson, Kinston and Fayetteville building permits showed increases. Charlotte listed a slight drop in April permits, but building for the first quarter of the year ran \$500,000 ahead of the 1937 period.

G. Glenn Nichols, local postmaster, has announced

—that his office would have a special cachet which will be used on all air mail letters during National Air

Mail Week, May 15-16. Postmaster Nichols stated that all patrons of his office wishing a cover containing this special cachet should address their letters to the right of the center of the envelope, in order that the cachet can be applied without defacing the address.

The special cachet stamp will only be applied during Air Mail Week, May 15-21. The local postmaster stated that the goal of Air Mail Week is "One Air Mail Letter Each Day From Each Citizen," and it is hoped that the citizens of Sparta will add the additional three cents to all their mail during Air Mail Week, which will give a creditable number of Air Mail letters from this office and will at the same time, advertise Sparta by having cachets distributed throughout the United States.

The postmaster at Sparta has asked the following citizens to serve as members of a committee to boost Air Mail week in this county during National Air Mail week, May 15-21: R. A. Doughton, R. F. Crouse, R. M. Gambill and George Cheek, Sparta; J. E. Miller, Piney Creek; C. M. Sanders, Stratford; W. R. Miller, Laurel Springs; Mrs. J. T. Inskip, Roaring Gap; J. T. Miles, Cherry Lane; Rush Thompson, Glade Valley; G. N. Evans, Barrett, and W. B. Reeves, Whitehead.

Each rural carrier in the county has been asked to participate in this important event.

On the 19th an airplane will pick up mail at West Jefferson and Elkin. This will be the first time that Alleghany citizens will have an opportunity to have mail dispatched by air from so near. A special effort will be made to collect a large amount of mail for dispatch on that day.

All air mail received at Sparta by 10:00 o'clock on the 19th, will be dispatched from Elkin that day.

They Want To Spend The Money



Reports from Capitol Hill are said to indicate that although the spending program will be approved, the legislative branch will seek to control the purse strings. When asked if Congressional allocation of relief, P. W. A. and W. P. A. funds would seriously hamper relief work, Harry Hopkins replied, "Unfortunately unemployment doesn't follow political lines." Secretary Ickes (right) has supported Hopkins' stand for Executive direction of spending.

W. M. Warren died at his home in Galax

—on Friday morning, May 6, about 10 o'clock, after having been in ill health for a considerable period of

time. Mr. Warren, who was a native of Wilkes county, had been a citizen of Galax for several years, having moved there from Independence. He was one of the most prominent men in Grayson county, and was widely known.

Mrs. Warren, who was, before her marriage, Miss Dell Dickey, passed away last November 10. One daughter, Mrs. Hattie Fulton, Galax, survives.

For a number of years, Mr. Warren was president of the Grayson County National Bank, Independence.

The body was taken Sunday to Independence, where funeral services were conducted, at 2:30 p. m., in the Independence Methodist church by the pastor, Rev. L. D. Mayberry. Rev. D. Sidney McCarty, pastor of the Galax Presbyterian church, and Rev. R. L. Wiley, Independence.

After the singing of the hymn, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," a scripture lesson was read by the Rev. Mr. Mayberry, followed by a prayer offered by the Rev. Mr. McCarty.

A quartet comprised of Mrs. G. F. Carr, Mrs. G. Z. Phipps, J. Clifford Kyle and M. L. Myers, sang "In the Land Where We'll Never Grow Old."

Remarks concerning the life of the deceased were then made by the Rev. Mr. Mayberry, and the Rev. Mr. Wiley made a talk.

A duet, "Going Down the Valley," was sung by Mrs. Carr and Mrs. Phipps.

The hymn, "The Old Rugged Cross," was then sung by the choir.

A brief discourse on the life of the deceased was given by Judge J. C. Padgett, Independence.

Mrs. W. B. Whitney, Independence, accompanied at the piano during the singing of the various numbers.

Active pallbearers, nephews of the deceased were: Charles W. Dickey, L. P. Summers, V. F. Couch, L. C. Couch, C. S. Couch and Roger Couch.

Honorary pallbearers were: Dan B. Waugh, J. H. Witherow, R. A. Klor, J. T. Pollard, Opie Daniel, Kyle T. Cox, John Mac Reeves, Fred Reeves, Dr. Virgil J. Cox, F. W. Farmer, Eff Matthews, Glenn Pless, Wythe F. Wampler, Charles P. Waugh, Dr. R. L. Jones, Willard Cox, Walter Gillespie, W. R. Ballard, G. F. Carr, Mayor B. D. Beamer, Warren B. Giersch and H. P. Burnett.

Flower bearers were: Mrs. J. T. Pollard, Mrs. F. W. Farmer, Mrs. J. Scott Cornett, Mrs. Horace Sutherland, Mrs. Leona Wright, Mrs. R. L. Jones, Mrs. Grace Jones, Mrs. Walter Gillespie, Mrs. Rex Sage, Mrs. Clifford Shady, Mrs. R. A. Anderson, Mrs. Warren B. Giersch, Mrs. J. Wayne Vaughan, Mrs. J. K. Ward, Mrs. Willard Cox and Miss Lizzie Sutherland.

Fourteen members of Galax fire department acted as escort and assisted in the handling of traffic.

Republicans of the House were loud in protest

—against the Roosevelt spending - lending program Tuesday night, when they assembled in conference.

They denounced the program as "another new deal raid upon the treasury," destined to increase unemployment and produce a "cataclysmic inflation."

At the close of a day of brilliant debate, in which minority members individually heaped criticism upon the program—while Democratic leaders confidently claimed "votes to spare," for its passage—a number of Republicans gathered to give their views the weight of official party approval.

"The entire program is based upon the exploded theory that a nation may spend its way to prosperity," said a statement they issued. "That delusion never has had a more extravagant trial than in the United States during the last five years."

"This trial has cost the taxpayers roundly \$40,000,000,000 and has led only to the sharpest and most sudden business depression in modern economic history—a depression which is experienced in no other principal nation of the world."

"The Roosevelt proposal simply is to start that whole disastrous cycle over again."

Earlier in the day the majority of the House appropriations committee had recommended the program as one which would provide employment "for some of the many millions who are unemployed and destitute or harassed by the spectres that haunt the doorstep of that too large, unfortunate group."

Closing exercises were held Monday night, May 9

—at Laurel Springs school, in the presence of one of the largest assemblages ever gathered to attend a program at that place.

A special feature of the program was the Tom Thumb wedding, which brought much applause.

A very timely address was given by Rev. Howard J. Ford, pastor of the Sparta Baptist church, to the Seventh grade class on the subject, "Building for Life."

Twenty certificates were given to boys and girls completing the Seventh grade. Twenty three students received perfect attendance certificates and awards for the year.

Awards were presented Blanche and Ben Taylor for seven years of perfect attendance.

CIRCLE NO. 1 OF THE BAPTIST W. M. U. will meet this (Thursday) afternoon, at two o'clock, at the home of Mrs. George Crutchfield, Roaring Gap.

Eleven steps for recovery were advanced

—Thursday night in Oklahoma City, Okla., by Ex-President Herbert Hoover, of California, who declared

the Roosevelt new deal is heading the nation along "that dangerous road for democracy that led to disaster in Europe." The former chief executive offered a program which he said "would at least be a start on a saner and more cheerful road."

The former president asserted "despite every alibi, this depression is the direct result of governmental actions."

To "get off this dangerous road," he called for eleven "practical steps."

These included an end to "spending, inflation and pumping," tax revision, a one-third reduction in relief expenditures through decentralization of administration, a drive to balance the national budget, the same right for employer and employee before the labor board, and a stop to "indiscriminate defamations of business and the creation of class hate."

Mr. Hoover spoke before a "grass roots" convention of Oklahoma Republicans. The address was broadcast nationally.

Discussing his recent trip to Europe, he said, "the torch of liberty has been dashed out by some sort of fascism 'in 14 nations of more than 240,000,000 people—they all undertook new deals under some title, usually, planned economy,' as panaceas to cure economic difficulties."

Mr. Hoover said constructive action to allay fear and re-establish confidence in the future "would release the enormous reserves of private enterprise, in place of a trickle of government money" and would "take men back to their jobs tomorrow and permanently."

"For a start," he said, "we need to: 'First, re-establish confidence that there will be no more attacks upon the safeguards of free men. That is the independence of congress and of the courts."

"Second, restore common morals and intellectual morals in government. In a democracy or in a Christian country the ends do not justify any means."

"Third, abandon this economy of scarcity and go in for production, work, and thrift."

"Fourth, stop this spending and inflation and pump-priming."

"Fifth, revise the taxes so as to free the initiative and enterprise of men. The original senate proposals were a step in that direction."

"Sixth, reduce relief expenditures by one-third, through decentralizing its administration. Take it out of the hands of wasters and politicians and put it back into non-political committees in each community and require the states and local communities to find five or 10 per cent of the cost. That will provide greater and more sympathetic care for those in distress. It will restore confidence that the republic is not being destroyed by the purchase of elections."

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"Betty's Dream" is to be given tomorrow night

—(Friday) in the Sparta high school auditorium, by the music department of the school. Announcement

concerning this play was made recently by Miss Neile Ruth Kreger, music teacher.

The play will begin promptly at 8:15 o'clock, and will continue until 9:15.

The program this year is the first of its type to be presented by the local music department, and it is believed that it will be very entertaining. Much time and effort, it is said, has been given to make this program successful.

Parents and friends of the participants, and the general public, are most cordially invited to be present and a warm welcome will be extended to all who attend.

Many Cases Were Disposed Of In Alleghany Superior Court Held Here Last Week

—with Judge F. Donald Phillips, of Rockingham, presiding. This was the regular May term of court, and the outstanding case on the docket

was that of Glenn Maxwell, Negro, for the murder of Charles Shepherd, in April. Maxwell was sentenced to die in the lethal gas chamber in Raleigh, on Friday, June 17.

WPA workers were told to vote as they please

—last week by Administrator Harry L. Hopkins. This advice was given the 2,600-000 WPA workers and their

bosses, who were told not to be influenced by promises of rewards or threats of reprisal from political candidates.

"No one will lose his job because of his vote in any election or his failure to contribute to any campaign funds," he said in letters to be inserted in the next pay envelope of every person enrolled by the works progress administration.

"What's more, I want you to let me know if anybody tries to tell you anything different."

His action, Hopkins said, resulted from charges that primary candidates in some states were coercing WPA workers to support their candidates. All these charges, centering chiefly in Pennsylvania, Missouri, New Mexico and Florida are being investigated, Hopkins said.

Two Greyhound buses stopped in Sparta

—on Saturday, May 7, for a few hours. The buses were carrying 76 North Carolinians, celebrating the opening of the new Greyhound lines between Boone and Wilmington.

A. J. Maxwell, Commissioner of Revenue, and Stanley Winborne, chairman of the Utilities commission, were in the group, as well as delegates from Wilmington, New Bern, Pittsboro, Wilson, Raleigh, Siler City, Asheville, Lexington, Winston-Salem and other towns on the new route.

After lunch, R. A. Doughton introduced Mr. Winborne, who made a brief talk, praising this section of the mountains, and speaking of the new bus line.

The group expected to return to Wilmington the following day, concluding the celebration of the opening of the route.

Galax Livestock market has been purchased recently

—by E. G. Bowman, of the Wytheville Livestock market, A. L. Gardner, Hillsville, and others.

The new owners are now in position to handle the livestock of Grayson and Carroll, and adjoining counties, in Virginia, and Alleghany county, and other nearby territory, in North Carolina, regardless of whether it is lambs, sheep, cattle, calves, hogs, horses or goats.

Sales will be held every Monday.

The Carnation plant in Galax observed

—the first anniversary of the first receipt of milk at the plant Tuesday (May 10). On Monday, May 10, 1937, the first day milk was received, 10,000 pounds of milk was gathered from 206 patrons.

Now, there are 730 patrons furnishing milk for the plant and about three times as much milk is now being received as was received a year ago.

The company anticipates that it will be receiving milk from two or three hundred more patrons by the end of the summer.

Officials of the Galax plant are gratified at the success of the plant during the first year of its operation.

THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CIRCLE WILL MEET

—at the Methodist church tonight (Thursday), at eight o'clock.

The following men served as jurors during the May term: Cleve Nichols, Steve Johnson, Shade Caudill, Parley Truitt, J. M. Brooks, N. H. Bell, S. W. Brown, George Sturgill, S. A. Irwin, Troy E. Pugh, W. F. Irwin, A. M. Greene, Schooner Duncan, G. M. Edwards, M. L. Richardson, R. J. Wagoner, J. W. Jarvis, Houston Tolliver, M. E. Cox, Bruce Sturgill, Sam Handy, C. C. Kennedy, Claude Gambill, Stanley Wyatt, Joe Finney, Lester Mabe, George Richardson, Troy Brooks, Raymond Shaw, A. J. Woodruff, L. E. Choate and J. M. Brown.

In addition to the cases mentioned in last week's issue of THE TIMES, the following cases were disposed of:

State vs. Velt Fortner and Everett Fortner, assault. Pleading guilty of assault with deadly weapon, and were sentenced to work on roads for 90 days.

State vs. Hershel Anderson charged with larceny, sentenced to work on road; for six months on each of two charges.

State vs. Arthur Whitaker, driving drunk. Pleading guilty, and was given a four-months road sentence, suspended for two years upon payment of \$50 fine and costs, upon good behavior. License was revoked for a year.

State vs. Loyd Blevins and Doyle Higgins, charged with manufacturing whiskey. Higgins pleaded guilty of possessing material for the manufacture of liquor, and was given a six months' road sentence, suspended for two years upon payment of \$25 fine and costs, defendant to abstain totally from making, drinking, using, buying, selling or having in his possession any spirituous intoxicants; for two years.

Loyd Blevins was given 6 months on the road, and an 18-months sentence, suspended for five years.

State vs. Floyd Billings, Non-support. Pleading guilty of abandonment and non-support of a minor. Prayer for judgment continued for three years, on condition that he pay \$6.00 per month for use and benefit of Doris Billings.

State vs. Odell Jones, driving drunk. Alias Capias.

State vs. Bert Edwards, Larceny. Six months on road.

State vs. Bob Edwards, Charged with "escape." Given 90 days on road.

State vs. Arlie Crouse and Everett Gentry, charged with violating the prohibition law. Were called and failed judgment, nisi scilicet in fauiter. Gentry entered plea of guilty of possessing and transporting. For possessing, he was fined \$100 and costs. For unlawful transportation, he was given 6 months on the road, the prison sentence suspended for two years upon condition that defendant does not violate any of the prohibition laws of North Carolina for two years.

State vs. Robert Joines, Charged with selling mortgaged property. Motion by defendant for nonsuit was allowed and a verdict of not guilty entered.

State vs. Alex Bryant, Charged with carrying concealed weapon. Pleading guilty and was sent to the road for four months.

In connection with the Maxwell case, the grand jury in a body, the foreman and seventeen members, returned into open court a bill of indictment charging Glenn Maxwell with the crime of murder in the first degree. The bill of indictment follows:

"The jurors for the State upon their oath do present that Glen Maxwell, late of Alleghany county, on the 14th day of April, A. D., 1938, with force and arms, and in the aforesaid county did unlawfully, willfully, feloniously and deliberately, premeditatedly and of his malice aforethought kill and murder Charlie Shepherd, contrary to the form of the statute in such cases made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the state."

The defendant was arraigned on the 16th day of May, 1938.

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