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Capus M. Waynick will speak to petroleum men

—of Alleghany County and nine nearby counties at a district meeting of the North Carolina Petroleum Industries Committee in Winston-Salem on Thursday, January 11. Mr. Waynick, who is a High Point editor and former chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, has long been an advocate of the principle of spending highway taxes for highways only, and took a prominent part in opposing diversion of highway funds during his administration as head of the Highway Commission and at a Legislative hearing at Raleigh last winter which attracted statewide attention. The Winston-Salem meeting, which will be held at the Robert Lee Hotel, includes the counties of Alleghany, Forsyth, Rockingham, Guilford, Davidson, Yadkin, Surry, Stokes and Transylvania. In addition to oil companies, distributors, and transportation operators, members of the committee interested in highway transportation will participate in the program. A general meeting of the committee, followed by a luncheon, will be held at the Raleigh meeting on the same day. Mr. Waynick will discuss the general discussion of highway taxes, diversion of funds and other legislative proposals affecting highway construction. He will also discuss the importance of the highway program in the new year.

The Independence Masonic lodge elected officers

—for the coming year, at a recent meeting, as follows: Raby Cox, Worshipful Master; Max Gentry, Senior Warden; W. O. Crofts, Junior Warden; Bays M. Todd, Secretary; Letcher C. Wingate, Treasurer; Earl Cox, Senior Deacon, and Ernest Phipps, Junior Deacon. Garth Rector and A. V. Allen were appointed Stewards. Installation ceremonies will be held at the January meeting.

More than 290,000 persons paid visits

—to the Blue Ridge Parkway during 1939. Of this total, 147,000 visitors in 48,000 cars were counted on the 50-mile long Virginia sections of the Parkway south from Bent Mountain to US-58 at Meadows of Dan. Forty-three thousand automobiles carried 130,000 persons along the scenic drive in North Carolina from the state line south to Boone, while a total of 5,500 cars were counted on other portions of the Parkway not so complete as to construction and scattered through the Blue Ridge Mountains. Doubtless this census indicates a real public interest in the Parkway, particularly since the new roadway was not fully completed (traffic being maintained on only 100 miles during most of the summer) and was operated on the "travel at your own risk" basis under reduced speeds. The record traffic for any given day occurred during the Asheville Rhododendron Festival when 2,400 persons traveled to see the Craggy Gardens in the height of their bloom on June 25 by way of the partially completed section of Parkway just to the north of that city.

These figures suggest a greatly increased number of tourists beginning next spring when 140 continuous miles will be opened to use from a point on Bent Mountain south of Roanoke through to the Boone, Blowing Rock, Linville resort area in North Carolina. The through connection will be ready in the early spring since grading and surfacing of the southern-most sections in Virginia between Meadows of Dan and the State line have recently been completed. During the past year this 37-mile gap was closed to traffic, and the use of State highways through Hillsville and Galax was necessary to reach the North Carolina sections from Virginia. Sections U, V, and W, the three contracts in Virginia, just north of the state line were completed during December linking the Floyd Plateau sections and the completed Parkway in North Carolina into a continuous 140-mile unit. Satisfactory progress can also be reported on the 50-mile section in North Carolina between Grandfather Mountain and Toe River Gap near Mt. Mitchell. The Linville River Bridge is rapidly nearing completion and the tunnel between Little Switzerland and Buck Creek Gap is finished so that it will soon be possible to drive through from Grandfather Mountain to Toe River Gap on the finished Parkway grade with a crushed stone base. The three bridges overpassing State highways at Linville Falls, Gillespie Gap, and Little Switzerland are in various stages of construction and short detours are necessary. Looking back, 1939 was the busiest construction year to date. Work was in progress on 275 miles of Parkway scattered all along the Blue Ridge, the northernmost job in Virginia being better than 400 miles from the southernmost in North Carolina.

All signs now point to the largest attendance of any party gathering except the biennial state conventions. In one respect it is likely to establish a new record—that is in the number of candidates for governor present. Sixty or eighty men, known to be candidates, although some of them have not formally announced, have secured tickets to the dinner. The occasion is designed primarily to revive interest in Jacksonian Democracy, but prospective candidates for president or governor will not be human if they did not also attempt revival of interest in their own behalf.

The honor roll for the fourth month at Rich Hill

—School has been announced, as follows:
First Grade: Lorene Fender and Irene Lyons.
Second Grade: Junior Johnson, Nella Mae Shaw and Alfojean Johnson.
Fourth Grade: Reba Mae Bennett and Everette Shaw.
Fifth Grade: Guy Dickenson.
Seventh Grade: Lyla Dickenson, Ruby Dickenson, Norma Fender and Helen Spurlin.

Calendars

Would you like a nice wall calendar for the new year, 1940? Come in to the Alleghany Times opposite the Sparta Post and next door to the bank and get one of our Times free. Write to meet you, and we will know where our office is.

Miss Isabel Hoey has been named by Secretary Edison

—of the U. S. Navy Department, Washington, D. C., as sponsor of the 35,000-ton battleship North Carolina, first new American battleship in nearly two decades, which is to be launched at the New York navy yard in June. Secretary Edison announced the designation of Miss Hoey Tuesday when he announced plans for the launching of the North Carolina. Miss Hoey is the daughter of Governor Clyde Roark Hoey, of North Carolina. The ship will be the first of six battleships of the same general size and type under construction now to be launched. The ship was not expected to be ready to join the fleet, however, until late next year.

The North Carolina is the first completed battleship and the fourth naval vessel to bear the name. The third North Carolina, likewise, was a battleship, but was scrapped before completion by the 1922 naval limitation treaty. The North Carolina will be about 75 per cent complete at launching. Her sister ship, the Washington, under construction at the Philadelphia navy yard, will follow her down the ways in about three months.

An All-American youth orchestra is to be formed

—by Leopold Stokowski, and the National Youth Administration for North Carolina plans to conduct a state-wide classical musical contest to aid in the selection of this orchestra, to be organized in the United States this winter for a good-will tour of South and Central America. This information comes from John A. Lang, State Youth Administrator, to Lee M. Woodruff, local NYA supervisor. The National Youth Administration will recruit from throughout the country the 109 young musicians who are to make up the orchestra which the famous conductor, Stokowski, plans to take on tour. Only applicants under the age of 25 years will be eligible; but both NYA workers and non-NYA young people may apply. In order to help the national organization recruit the best talent, the North Carolina NYA is making plans to conduct a contest of skilled young musicians in Raleigh during the early part of February to select those who will be recommended for regional try-outs under the direction of Mr. Stokowski. Mr. Lang said young people should send all applications directly to him, care of the NYA in Raleigh. The try-outs will be open to all young people, irrespective of sex, color or race. In making application the young person should state the instrument he plays, his training and experience, as well as personal information concerning his age, address and present occupation. All applications must be submitted before February 1, 1940, and applicants will be notified later as to eligibility for the try-outs.

A shortage of \$2,000 has been found in Watauga

—County tax books. Charles E. Hagaman, Hickory accountant, said Monday that he had found the shortage in the books of Len Wilson, Watauga County tax collector and former Appalachian State Teachers College football star, who has been missing since December 19. Since his figures were not yet completely tabulated Monday, the accountant was unable to state the exact total of the shortage. However, he said, an estimate of two thousand dollars is "not far wrong." The money must have been taken between November 23 and December 19, Mr. Hagaman added, because Wilson's accounts had been audited (turn to page 4, please)

This Couple Wed 50 Years



Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Cox (above), of Mouth of Wilson, Va., who celebrated their fiftieth (golden) wedding anniversary at their home, on Tuesday, December 19. Mr. and Mrs. Cox have three daughters and two sons, as follows: Mrs. S. Luther Payne and Mrs. Kyle McMillan, Galax, Va.; Mrs. W. A. Neaves and Cone Cox, Elkin, and Vergil M. Cox, Mouth of Wilson. (Photo Courtesy The Roanoke (Va.) Times)

A Census School for this district will be conducted

—in Wilkesboro, where applicants for positions as census enumerators will be given instruction. A. O. Joines, assistant supervisor of the Ninth District, Bureau of the Census, from the Salisbury office, left Monday for Wilkesboro to supervise the school to be held there, after spending the week-end in Sparta. The first phase of the 1940 program will be the training of enumerators for the manufacturing, business, mines, drainage and quarries census. Later, preparatory instructions will be given for the agriculture and population census, which will begin in April.

The Nazi ship Tacoma was interned

—Monday night, and the freighter rolled anchor in Montebello, a port in Uruguay, after a three-day voyage. Her master, Captain Know, submitted his certificate of interment Monday morning to the Uruguayan authorities until 8 a. m. (6 a. m. in Montebello) to get out. Thus ended the Tacoma's odyssey to sea to face which had water since the German ship, Admiral Graf Spee, scuttled off the South Atlantic coast within sight of Montebello on December 19. Fifty Uruguayans boarded the steamer to meet the Tacoma Monday morning and boarded her. She had lain at anchor all night, just inside the outer breakwater, whence, with the German battle flag flying, she had steamed Sunday from a point closer to shore. A Uruguayan naval clerk drew up the certificate of interment. Captain Know signed it and, with her captain and all her crew of sixty still aboard, the Tacoma was guarded by a lone officer of the Uruguayan navy Monday night. Uruguayan authorities gave Captain Know and his men two days to wind up shipboard affairs. Then they will be interned and sent to live in the interior of Uruguay. The freighter, herself, was to be beached Wednesday. Great Britain has applied for permission for H. M. S. Ajax to enter Montevideo on a "courtesy visit," and officials of this little country were considering granting a 3-day extension of the 24 hours in port usually granted belligerent warships. Uruguayan internment of the Tacoma's crew will follow the example of Argentina, which took like action against 1,039 crewmen of the Graf Spee after they had landed at Buenos Aires. Captain Langsdorff, however, cheated internment—by shooting himself. Uruguay charged that the Tacoma, in standing by at Captain Langsdorff's behest to pick up the crew of the Graf Spee, had functioned as an auxiliary man-of-war during an "act of war," namely the destruction of the Spee. She therefore was subject to the same rules of neutrality which forced the Graf Spee out of the harbor at the expiration of a 72-hour deadline. Behind this official reason, however, was the constant pressure of Allied diplomacy. Besides the Ajax, the 9,830-ton British cruiser Shropshire was believed to be near Montevideo Monday night.

Dr. Clarence Poe will not run for governor

—of North Carolina this year, according to information given out Tuesday in Raleigh by the widely-known editor of The Progressive Farmer. Dr. Poe said he was dedicating himself to the South-wide ten-year program for "balanced prosperity in the South 1940-1950" as evolved by the Southern Governors' Conference instead of seeking the Democratic nomination. His withdrawal left three announced Democratic candidates—Lieutenant Governor W. P. Horton, of Pittsboro, and J. M. Broughton and Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell, of Raleigh. Last fall State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson, who, like Poe, had been widely mentioned as a possible gubernatorial candidate, announced he would not seek the governorship but would run for re-election. There has been wide speculation that former State Senator L. L. Gravelly, of Rocky Mount, and Willis Smith, Raleigh lawyer, would both announce within a week for the governorship. There are a number of other prospective gubernatorial candidates also.

Secretary of State Hull expressed a hope for world peace during 1940

—with all nations forsaking "the forces of destruction" and returning to the "tried and proven road" of peaceful relations during the new year. In a statement in response to requests for his views on the outlook for the new year, the secretary of state said it would be a rash man indeed, who would undertake to forecast the course of international events, but indicated strongly that he thought there was a good chance his hope might be realized. "The possibility is not excluded," he said, "that, even during the coming year, all nations may find in themselves sufficient strength of conscience, of reason, of the very instinct of self-preservation to retain before the forces of destruction have been loosed in all their fury—to the tried and proven road of friendly and peaceful international relations, along which alone the human race can move in the direction of material advancement and spiritual progress." The secretary made clear that his own hope for a better, peaceful world was predicated on a profound conviction which he believed was held by millions of men and women everywhere that there is no inevitability about war. "There is a way of peace for all nations, if they choose the way of peace rather than the way of war," he said. "But all nations must choose the way of peace."

Al Smith is ready to bolt the Democratic party

—again if his party re-endorses the New Deal, which is headed by his one-time bosom friend, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, according to a statement issued in celebration of his 66th birthday anniversary December 30. The "happy warrior" of yesteryear presented his personal list of Democratic presidential possibilities and threatened to "take another walk" if his party re-endorsed the New Deal. "If the (Democratic) platform comes out in full praise of the New Deal, it'll be time to get my walking shoes out again," he said. The former New York governor and defeated presidential candidate in 1928 has spoken seldom about politics since the 1936 campaign, when he "took a walk" because of the opposition to President Roosevelt's policies. Saturday, in the capacity of "licensed real estate broker"—that's how he's listed in the directory of the Empire State building, which he runs—he held his annual birthday press conference in his 32nd floor office overlooking the East River and had his say on a variety of subjects. Concerning a third term for Mr. Roosevelt, he said: "I think and always did think two terms were enough for any man. That's been sort of an unwritten part of our constitution since the days of Washington... It's kind of a tradition—An American tradition."

Four persons were killed in highway mishaps

—in North Carolina over the New Year's week-end, and three slayings and a suicide also contributed to the list of violent deaths. A boy was killed in a hunting accident. Thurlow Davis, Pineville textile worker, was fatally injured when his automobile overturned near Charlotte. Wheeler Newkirk, 65-year-old negro, was struck and killed by an automobile near Goldsboro while he was pushing a bicycle along a highway. Two Fort Bragg soldiers were killed in highway mishaps. Corporal Ocie Farris, 24, of Springfield, Tenn., was hit by an automobile and killed near Fayetteville. Private Austin Jackson, 24, was killed in a motorcycle-automobile collision at Erwin. Fifteen-year-old Lonnie James Ayers of Four Oaks was accidentally shot and killed on a hunting trip. There were three slayings over the holidays. Charlie Adams was shot in what Sheriff C. G. Holland called a "brawl" at Money Island (turn to page 4, please)

North Carolina's Jackson Day event will be held

—in Raleigh on Monday, January 8, with American Legionnaires of the state, as citizens, finding unusual interest in the presence of two past national commanders and several past state commanders, although the Legion, as an organization, will have no part in the affair. Paul V. McNutt, now federal social security administrator, and Henry L. Stevens, now a North Carolina superior court judge, both former National Commanders of the Legion, will be on hand. Mr. McNutt will make the principal address of the occasion, and Judge Stevens will have a place on the program. Governor Clyde R. Hoey will also take part in the oratorical exercises. As governor he will not approve his selection as a Jackson Day speaker.

Charles Edison was made head of the Navy Department

—by President Roosevelt Saturday, in Washington, D. C., advancing the son of the late famous inventor, Thomas A. Edison, to the post of the late Secretary of the Navy Claude A. Swanson, of Virginia, who died last July, and putting an end to speculation over the delayed choice for the cabinet post, which has been vacant since Swanson's death. Assistant secretary for more than three years, Edison had been acting head of the navy department for nearly six months. The appointment was announced unexpectedly at the White House after Mr. Roosevelt had summoned the acting navy secretary there for a conference. It will be submitted formally to the senate for confirmation after congress convenes this week. Edison, wealthy and unassuming, has supervised the navy's intensive warship building program as assistant secretary since November 17, 1936. Although loath to leave his own extensive business affairs as head of the far-flung Edison industries, he came to the navy at the president's urging after the death of Assistant Secretary Henry LaTrobe Roosevelt.

United States defense is progressing

—satisfactorily as the year's end finds national defense reinforcement "well advanced toward completion," Secretary of War Woodring reported yesterday. "During the new year, we are planning to extend our program of reorganization, rearmament and training so as to increase further the efficiency of our land forces," Woodring said.

MRS. SAM PORTER, SPARTA, WAS ENROLLED AS A MEMBER

—of the Red Cross during the recent annual roll call drive in Alleghany County. Mrs. Porter's name was inadvertently omitted from the list of members published recently in the Times.