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## Congressional Leaders Working Hard To Complete Program

**PLAN ADJOURNMENT TARIFF TO CAUSE DEBATE NO CODE "RACKETS" SILVER'S STATUS LOANS TO INDUSTRY PROBE POWER RATES REPAYING DEPOSITORS C. C. C. AND VETERANS MILLIONS ON RELIEF**

With the idea of an early end of this session of Congress, congressional leaders are working hard to complete action on items which the President urges before adjournment. These include stock market regulation, modification of the Federal securities act, an emergency appropriation of \$1,500,000,000 for relief and rehabilitation and extension of the temporary bank deposit guarantee law for another year.

While silver and closed-bank relief legislation appear on the list doomed to wait for the next session, the possibility exists that insistent demands for action may cause these questions to be taken up now. The Wagner Labor bill, the Connerly 30-hour week bill, the railroads' 6-hour day bill, the Dill bill on communications, the Lewis unemployment insurance bill, and the permanent air mail measure go over.

While it seems to be the aim of the leaders to finish the session by the middle of May, there is one question to be taken up which might cause an outright effort to block the legislative process and thus mean a much longer session. This is the reciprocal tariff bill, the most controversial subject in the program. Action on it will precipitate prolonged argument although the President is in an excellent position with all measures absolutely essential to the conduct of the government so far along as to be unsuitable targets for filibusters.

Taking cognizance of protests against "racketeering" by code authorities in the forms of high salaries to employees and unduly heavy "expenses," President Roosevelt has decided that General Johnson shall approve all budgets and assessments for financing the administration of various codes. Industries under more than one code will not be expected to contribute to the expenses of more than one code authority. This seems to be a natural development of the code idea because unless some supervision was provided, the opportunity existed to take advantage of those compelled to obtain membership in the code organizations.

The agitation for silver legislation, which is backed by the Silver Farm bloc, calls to mind the fact that an international agreement was reached at London last year operation among the great producing and holding countries for restrictive action to enhance the world value of the metal. In January, President Roosevelt withheld suggestions in regard to the further use of silver in order to see what effect the international agreement would have.

The President is known to be opposed to any action until he has worked out a purchasing plan, and Speaker Rainey says the Chief Executive "is as strong for silver as I am." Nevertheless, the powerful silver bloc is pressing steadily ahead with the aim of lifting silver from the commodity status and making it primary money. It is probable that this question may prolong the current session of Congress.

By the treaty, the United States, Canada, Mexico, Australia, and Peru, the major producing nations, agreed that none should sell any silver until January 1st, 1935, and that they should purchase or withdraw annually 35,000,000 fine ounces from their mine production for five years, beginning January 1st, 1935.

be used for currency purposes. This agreement has been ratified by the countries affected, with the exception of Peru.

The holding countries, including India, China and Spain, agreed to limit their disposal of silver for a four-year period. Spain had not ratified the pact by April 1st, which was the deadline, but the Spanish Government had been given an extension of thirty days. It was also provided that sixty-six nations would refrain from debasing their silver coins, use silver for minor currency, and take no measure to depreciate the price of the metal.

The President is understood to have approved the proposal of Senator Glass to empower Federal Reserve banks to make five-year loans direct to going industries. While definite details are subject to adjustment, especially with the Governor of the Reserve Board, it is understood that something will be done to extend Federal credit to industry so that recovery may be accelerated by private business activity.

The Federal Power Commission has been directed by Congress to investigate and compile the rates for electric energy and its services to residential, rural, commercial and industrial consumers throughout the country. Senator Norris, of Nebraska, and Representative Rankin, of Mississippi, were each given a pen used by the President in signing the resolution which the Mississippi says is the first measure of its kind ever passed in the country.

He predicted that the publicity it will give to the discriminatory and excessive rates revealed lower the cost of light and power to the consumers of this country by as much as \$50,000,000 a year to begin with and, maybe, many times that amount.

The effort to repay the depositors of closed banks the full amount of their money now tied up meets with the disapproval of Secretary Morgenthau, who points out that nearly one-half of the money would go to four per cent of the depositors and that the proposal, if enacted, would cost the taxpayers from \$1,250,000,000 to \$2,500,000,000.

The idea behind the bill is for the Government to take over the assets of closed banks and release the money to speed up recovery.

In a letter to the President, Robert C. Fechner, director of the emergency conservation work, reports that the C. C. C. now operates 1,468 camps in the United States, with an authorized strength of 303,625 men. This includes 250,000 unmarried men between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five, 28,225 war veterans and 25,400 expert woodsmen. Since its beginning, something like 600,000 men have been employed, sending nearly \$60,000,000 home for the support of dependents. Generally, conservation work in the United States is said to have been advanced from ten to twenty years, and forest fires were reduced to seventeen per cent of the average for the previous five years.

We are all travellers in the wilderness of this world, and the best we can hope to find is a friend.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

## GOVERNOR EHRLINGHAUS' SPEECH

Sunday's Greensboro News carried a press account of Governor Ehringhaus' speech in Rocky Mount last Friday night, in which he was reported to have stated that if all the institutions of higher learning assisted by the State and all the State Hospitals and all the Training Schools were closed and all the health work discontinued, that a general sales tax would still be necessary.

In this same newspaper a statement was carried showing the condition of the State's finances as of March 31st, 1934. The general fund showed a cash overdraft of \$1,781,501.65, which was being reduced steadily each day from income taxes, in this same statement the Highway fund showed a cash balance of \$10,510,516.76.

Both the general fund and the Highway fund belong to the people of North Carolina. Now if you subtract the overdraft of the general fund \$1,781,501.65, from the net cash balance of the Highway fund of \$10,510,516.76, we will still have a net surplus in the Highway fund, which belongs to the State of North Carolina, of \$9,826,938.05, as of March 31st, 1934.

If the figures were known as of today, it would probably even show a larger net surplus than the above report. Yet with the condition of the State Treasurer, the Governor is being reported as having made the above statement. The Governor spoke against the general sales tax in his campaign for office, then leads the procession in the general assembly for the general sales tax, stating that an emergency existed, and that the measure would be temporary. In all of his speeches that we have seen reported, he appears to spend most of his time in defending the sales tax and trying to justify his having spoken against it in the campaign, and his change of heart after being elected. He does not talk of the emergency in taxation now, but in all his addresses that we have read reports of, he seems to be trying to make the general sales tax permanent. His efforts in trying to get Congress to pass a law placing a tariff wall around North Carolina, shows he is in favor of the general sales tax and is trying to make it permanent. He sent his Revenue Commissioner and his sales tax collector, Mr. McMullin, to advocate the same before the National Tax Association and also before Congressional Committees. Would he have done so if he expected the measure to be temporary? Yet, we have a net operating surplus for this year of \$9,826,938.05, and when the reports from the Treasury shows that the receipts from the general sales tax will probably not be more than five million. Where is the necessity?

## THE PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW

The people have a right to know where a candidate seeking the nomination for the House of Representatives and the Senate stand on important questions which they know will come up for consideration in the next Legislature. We are informed that certain candidates are being asked not to tell the voters where they stand leaving themselves open to do as they please without being incumbered by a platform or a pledge made in the campaign. Is this fair? Is it right? Is it being frank?

The people have a right to know where these candidates stand on the Sales Tax question. They have a right to know whether candidates are for good public schools or not. They have a right to know where candidates stand for the Legislature to deal with the liquor question or to leave it to the people who have decided it before. They have a right to know whether the candidate believes in government by the legislature or by executive appointment.

Thomas Jefferson said on one occasion, "Do not fear to trust the people." Members of the legislature should remember when they are elected that their power is derived from the people and though they be a member of the legislature for a brief season that they are still a servant of the people. And if candidates will not tell the people where they stand on these important questions, we believe the people are entitled to have someone who will.

## CORN-HOG PROGRAM ADDS TO INCOME

North Carolina producers of corn and hogs are failing to share in liberal benefit payments by not taking more interest in the corn-hog adjustment program.

W. W. Shay, swine extension specialist at State College, says that only 1,327 contracts have been signed in 14 counties to date. This is an average of about 95 contracts to the county, yet the facts show that there are an average of 468 farms in these 14 counties reporting some hogs grown.

Shay finds further that there are 41,189 farms in the whole State where some hogs are grown. This is an average of 412 farms to each of the 100 counties.

"If only 50 farms in each of these 100 counties would sign for a reduction of as much as seven head of pigs per farm, the income in benefit payments would amount to approximately one-half a million dollars this year," Shay says. "A farmer can sign to reduce by as much as one pig and get \$15 for the animal; yet, many of our growers who are selling hogs are required to pay the processing tax and are not protecting themselves by joining in on the reduction program."

Only two counties have completed their sign-up campaigns to date. Mr. Shay believes there are a large number of farmers who would like to have a part in the program if they knew about it. He has one contract from a man who is reducing his hogs by 164

head under the base period of 1932 and 1933 and will get a benefit payment amounting to \$2,460.

In addition, corn production may be curtailed and the grower will be paid 30 cents a bushel according to the past production of the land.

Mr. Shay states that the sign-up campaign will be closed on May 1 and he is hopeful that more North Carolina farmers will take an interest in the program before it is too late.

## GROWERS PREDICT SHORTEST STRAWBERRY CROP IN YEARS

Chadbourne, April 21.—Growers predict the North Carolina strawberry crop this season will be one of the smallest in years due to the activity of the strawberry weevil.

The first berries of the season were sold here Saturday at prices ranging up to \$5.35 a crate. Picking of the berries will not become general for about two weeks.

## CELEBRATES FOURTH ANNIVERSARY

The Greensboro Lodge 257, Order of Ahepa, celebrated their fourth anniversary by a banquet in Greensboro on April 21. Members attended from Wilson, Rocky Mount, Charlotte, Gastonia, Raleigh, Durham, Winston-Salem and Danville, Va. Several noted speakers were on the program.

## Appointment Of Seely Criticized

**Macon Says It Was Deliberate Attempt to Aid Winborne Candidacy**

Asheville, April 21.—"The appointment by Governor Ehringhaus of Fred L. Seely, of Asheville, as an associate of the State Utilities Commissioner, can only be construed as a deliberate attempt on the part of the Governor to assist Mr. Winborne in his campaign for renomination as utilities commissioner," declared E. C. Macon, who is opposing Stanley Winborne for utilities commissioner. "It is significant," says Mr. Macon in a statement just issued here, that the Governor refrained from making this appointment until immediately after expiration of the time for filing notices of candidacies. This makes it obvious that the Governor wanted to determine whether Mr. Winborne would have opposition, from what quarter it would develop, and then assist his appointee in this underhanded manner. This action smacks of petty politics and low partisanship illy fitted to the dignity of the Governor of a great State."

Mr. Macon contends that since Mr. Seely resides in the same city as he does the point will be made that as Asheville already has an associate commissioner it would be improper for it to have the commissioner also and that thus the appointment will operate to his disadvantage.

## Registration Is Increasing Here

**Nearly 300 New Voters in City Registered Since Books Are Opened**

Increasing interest in the approaching democratic primary and election scheduled for next month was seen today as registration of new voters in the city neared 300.

Books were opened in the seven wards last Friday and will remain open for registration through Saturday, April 28. The democratic primary is scheduled to be held here on Friday, May 4, and the election will follow on Monday, May 7.

## MASONIC NEWS

A called meeting of the Enfield chapter of the R. A. M., will be held at Enfield Monday, April 30, at 7:30 p. m., for inspection prior to the annual meeting in Wilmington on May 8 where a report of this inspection will be made. Mr. G. T. Matthews, District Deputy Grand High Priest of District 14, will be in charge of the Enfield meeting. Several local men will attend the meeting with Mr. Matthews.

Mr. Watson N. Sherrod, Secretary of the Enfield Scottish Rite Bodies was in Rocky Mount on May 15.

## ABOUT THE POST OFFICE

Mr. T. O. Seward is still out with the measles. His condition is reported as much improved.

Mr. A. D. Cuthrell, second vice-president of the State Federation of Post Office Clerks is making a tour of Eastern Carolina in behalf of the Annual State meeting to be held in New Bern, July 4. He is being accompanied by Mr. Archer of Greensboro, who is the State organizer for this Federation.

## MOVES STORE

The store now operating under the name of P. C. Coppedge on Rose Street will be moved to 131 Sunset Avenue within the next few days, and will be known as Coppedge and Kinlaw. Mr. Rufus Kinlaw and Mr. P. C. Coppedge, who are the co-owners of this store, are planning to renovate the new building and enlarge their stock of goods.

## Funeral Services Conducted For Dr. R. H. Wright Thurs.

## Gathering Hears Talk By Waters

**Dr. John M. Waters of Wilson Addresses Graduation Class of Benvenue School**

Speaking of the present economic situation and its relation to the young people of today, Dr. John M. Waters of Wilson addressed the graduating class of Benvenue school and a large gathering of parents and friends at the school Sunday night.

Dr. Waters, who is head of the Bible department of the Atlantic Christian college, declared that the biggest task to be performed by America's youth is to "Christianize the social order" as the means of revolutionizing economic conditions.

Although the United States is regarded as the richest country in the world, the people as a whole are poor due to the fact the wealth of the nation is in the hands of a few, the speaker stated.

"If conditions are ever to be changed," he stated, "it cannot be done through wars but by Christianizing the social order... Christ's kingdom cannot be won with the sword."

## CLOSING EXERCISES AT NASHVILLE SCHOOL

Nashville, April 21.—Commencement activities of the high school here began tonight and will continue at various intervals for two weeks. Tonight the senior play entitled "Where's Grandma?" was given. On Tuesday evening, April 24, the music students of the school, under direction of Mrs. A. A. Ross, will appear in recital, and on the following Friday night the elementary school will give an operetta, "Sunny of Sunnybrook."

The baccalaureate sermon on Sunday morning, April 29, will initiate the senior finals. The service is to be held in First Baptist Church here with Rev. L. D. Hayman, pastor of the Methodist Church, preaching. On Thursday night, May 3, class day exercises will be presented in the form of a play "Seniors at the Bar?" in the high school auditorium which will be followed on Friday night with the graduation exercises when Robert House, executive secretary of the University of North Carolina, will make the address.

## N. C. GETS \$10,000,000

Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, head of the CWA in North Carolina, announced Wednesday that the total CWA payroll in this state was \$9,692,468.70, and this figure does not include expenditures for materials which amounted to approximately \$3,000,000. The CWA program was continued for four months, with a monthly payroll in this state of approximately \$2,500,000. The largest amount of CWA funds went to Guilford county, \$563,941.27 being spent there, and Mecklenburg county received the second largest amount, \$532,489.58. Johnston county received \$129,049.55.

## HONOR SOCIETY ADMITS SEVEN NEW MEMBERS

Seven members of the junior class of the Rocky Mount high school were tapped for membership into the National Honor society in an impressive ceremony conducted by officers of the organization at the opening exercises which took place in the auditorium of the school, Friday morning.

The new members of the honor society are: Connie Lee Thigpen, Roderick Murchison, Jr., Robert Nichols, James Strickland, Ballard Wilson, Wingate Upton, and Ida Wood.

## CAT MOTHERED PUPS

The Dalles, Ore., April 21.—A large cat owned by Mrs. N. H. Moser insists on mothering two tiny toy terrier puppies along with her own kittens. The cat nurses and washes the puppies, much to the disgust of their mother. She is undaunted by threats of the dog, no larger than herself.

The funeral services for Dr. R. H. Wright, late president of East Carolina Teachers College, who died Wednesday morning as a result of a heart attack suffered last Monday, were held at the campus building of the college at three o'clock Thursday afternoon, with Dr. G. R. Combs, pastor of Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church officiating, assisted by Dr. Frank Dean, rector of the Episcopal Church of Wilson. The body laid in state from 1 to 3 o'clock in the campus building. There was a guard of honor from the student body representative of various organizations of the college which changed every twenty minutes. Interment followed in Greenwood cemetery.

## Only President of E. C. T. C.

Dr. Wright was one of the leading figures in educational affairs in North Carolina for a quarter of a century. He is the only President East Carolina Teachers College has ever had and it is now nearing the close of its twenty-fifth year.

Dr. Wright was graduated from the University of North Carolina in the class of 1897, having been prepared for college in his mother's private school. He received his M. A. degree from Johns Hopkins University and did further graduate work at Columbia University. The honorary degree of doctor of education was conferred upon him by Wake Forest College.

## STUDENT BODY OFFICIALS ELECTED AT A. C. COLLEGE

Wilson, April 23.—Jacob Taylor of Bethel was elected president of the student body of Atlantic Christian college in campus elections held the latter part of last week, it was announced here.

Besides Taylor, who is in his junior year, other officers selected were Oscar Brinson of New Bern, sophomore, vice-president; Miss Georgia Brewer and Miss Mary Brewer, twin sisters from New Bern, secretary and assistant secretary; Miss Maria Brinson of New Bern, junior, treasurer.

## ALBERT COX, JR., NOW ON STAFF OF THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington, April 21.—Albert L. Cox, Jr., son of General Albert L. Cox, formerly of Raleigh but who now is practicing law in Washington, has become a member of the White House staff.

## TO LEAVE PRESIDENCY

At a meeting of the board of trustees of Greensboro College this week Dr. S. B. Turrentine asked that he be released from the presidency of the college after the next scholastic year, 1934-35. The trustees re-elected Dr. Turrentine for another year, at the same time expressing their appreciation for his constructive work during his administration which has extended over 21 years. Noteworthy improvements have been made in Greensboro College during Dr. Turrentine's presidency. Dr. Turrentine has been vice-president of the North Carolina College conference and at present is chairman of the conference's committee on high school relations. He also has served as vice president of the Southern Association of Colleges for Women.

## CONGRESS LEADERS POISED TO DRIVE TO END THE SESSION.

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## PRESIDENT OPPOSES SILVER LEGISLATION NOW, RAINEY REVEALS.

President opposes silver legislation now, Rainey reveals.