

# The Week in Washington

## A RESUME OF GOVERNMENTAL HAPPENINGS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Washington.—Although official Washington is just as "election-minded" as ever, a good deal of pains is being taken to avoid the appearance of putting pressure on the voters. Word has gone out from the powers that all agencies of governmental departments shall avoid using the words "adjustment," "planning" and "production control." Instead they are instructed to say "foresight" and "forward-looking."

The information about the drought situation received by the Department of Agriculture is summed up by officials of that department somewhat as follows: The damage is highly localized as compared with 1934. There is adequate supply of cattle fodder and there has been no serious impairment of the nation's food supply, although higher prices for dairy and poultry seem probable. The department still holds to its estimate of \$7,500,000,000 as this year's farm income, pointing out that there has been no serious impairment in the area south of South Dakota, and west of the Mississippi, which was the region hardest hit by the 1934 drought.

The next social-economic drive of the Administration, which will become vigorous if Mr. Roosevelt is re-elected, will be in the direction of building up cooperative enterprises.

For many years under this and previous Administrations there have been governmental efforts to encourage producer cooperatives, some of them successful. Now the interest of Washington is centered upon consumer cooperatives. Recent utterances by President Roosevelt and Secretary Wallace have emphasized this angle of the cooperative movement.

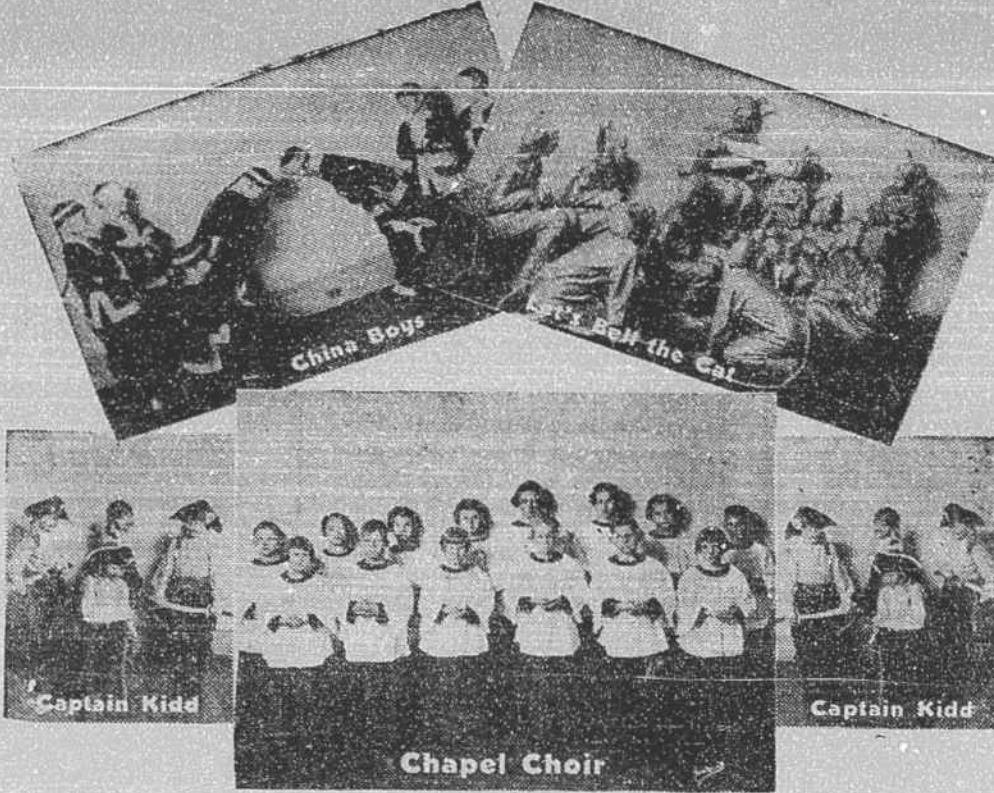
The President's commission, which has gone to Europe to study cooperative developments, consists of four enthusiasts on consumer cooperatives and two who are primarily interested in farm marketing cooperatives.

### New Marketing Act

Consideration of the Robinson-Patman Marketing Act, whose full effects are not yet predictable, suggests that it was aimed particularly at the big chain store distributors, on the theory that they compete unfairly with local merchants.

The essence of this new law, which has just gone into effect, is that no manufacturer or producer may grant special price reductions, discounts, bonuses, or commissions to a large purchaser which he does not also grant to a small distributor or retailer. The law specifically prohibits advertising allowances by national manufacturers to retail distributors

## OXFORD SINGING CLASS TO APPEAR AT COVE CREEK SCHOOL



The singing class of the Oxford Orphanage will appear in concert at the Cove Creek High School Thursday evening, August 6th at 8 o'clock, under the sponsorship of Snow Lodge A. F. & A. M.

The class is again this year under the direction of Mrs. Sadie T. Hutchinson, and is composed of fourteen boys and girls. The program will be

featured with delightful songs, recitations and drills with colorful costumes and splendid music. For more than fifty years the singing class has made annual tours all over the state of North Carolina, each year bringing a new group of children with a new program, and the appearance of these children in the various communities has been a great influence in culti-

vating interest in the cause of the orphan. In the sixty-two years of its existence there is scarcely a community in the state that has not sent some boy or girl to the Oxford Orphanage for care and training.

An admission charge of 15 and 25 cents will be made, the proceeds to go to the benefit of the orphanage.

### DOG VACCINATION DATES

Mr. Don J. Horton of Vilas has announced that he will be at the following places on the dates mentioned for the purpose of administering the anti-rabies vaccine:

Watauga Township, Friday, August 7th: Alfred Isaacs, 7 to 7:45 a. m.; Bill Cornell's 7:50 to 8:45; Mt. Lebanon Church 8:50-9:45; Clyde

Danner's 9:50-10:45; Wade Hoher Mill, 10:50-11:45; Jim Brown's, 11:45-12:30; Valle Crucis Co., 12:45-2:15; Hard Clarke's 2:30-3:45; Byrd's Mill, 3:50-4:30; Ben Farthing's 4:40-5; Watauga River Bridge, 5:10-5:30; Fred Yates 5:40-6:15; Vilas 6:20-7. August 6th, Hard Berry's store (Grandfather) 7-11; Chas. Moore store 11:10-2; Robbins store 2:10-3; Harbin store, 3:10-3:45; Day store, 3:50-5.

## SOIL PROGRAM AIDS IN MORE FEED PRODUCTION

The soil-improvement program will be helpful to farmers in drought-stricken areas who have livestock to feed, according to J. F. Criswell, of State College.

The soil-conserving feed crops farmers have been encouraged to grow under the program survive dry weather much better than the soil-depleting type of feed crops, he explained.

For example, alfalfa, clover, lespedeza, Sudan grass, millet and sorghums suffer less in extreme drought than do corn, wheat, oats, barley and other such grain crops.

Even with but a very meager amount of moisture, Criswell stated, those soil-conserving crops will produce feed for livestock.

Not only do they grow when moisture is scarce, but they make more efficient use of the moisture that is available than do other crops such as small grains.

Experiences in the drought of 1934, the worst in the United States since the Civil War, demonstrated the feed-producing possibilities in dry years of the same crops which the AAA is seeking to increase under the soil-

## improvement program

In determining which crops farmers would be urged to plant more extensively, the AAA authorities took into consideration crops that are drought-resistant and relatively productive of feed under drought conditions while also being good for building up or maintaining soil fertility and checking erosion.

When farmers balance their production of food and feed, and are growing hardy crops, they are practicing "preparedness for unusual conditions, such as drought and flood," Criswell added.

The terracing unit in Warren County has built 319,796 feet of terrace on 904 acres of eroded land this summer at an average cost of \$1.48 an acre or 41 cents per hundred feet of terrace.

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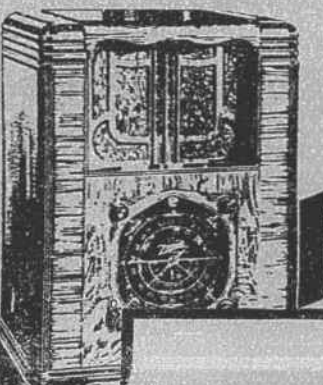
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which are not extended equally to all.

The Federal Trade Commission is supposed to pass on all questions arising under the Robinson-Patman Act and to rule whether any allowance or discount is permissible. But although Congress entrusted the Commission with this power, it neglected to appropriate any funds for the Commission to use for this purpose.

### Money Situation

The action of the Federal Reserve Board in requiring all member banks to increase their reserves on deposit with the Federal Reserve banks by fifty per cent is regarded here as a measure intended to prevent undue credit inflation with its accompaniment of runaway prices.

Financial experts, however, point out that the basic factors making for credit inflation still exist. Bank deposits are growing at the rate of about \$3,000,000,000 a year and there is no indication that Government borrowing on a large scale will not continue. The world's supply of gold is increasing at a sensational rate, while the government silver purchases are steadily increasing the money supply. All of these things point toward a steady rise in commodity prices of all kinds.

Interest increases in the struggle between the two national labor leaders, John L. Lewis and William Green, for control of the organized labor situation. Mr. Lewis is regarded here as by far the abler of the two men; indeed he is looked upon as a man of great personal power of leadership and ability to think fast and clearly.

For the first time there seems to be a real possibility of a powerful new type of labor organization gaining a foothold in America under Mr. Lewis' leadership. His vertical union plan would include all workers in industry from the most highly skilled to the absolutely unskilled in one big union, instead of the Federation's present system of organizing workers by crafts or trades.

As viewed from Washington, the labor situation holds at present the seeds of serious social unrest, not without its political consequences. That it is part of Mr. Lewis' program to organize workers politically into a permanent third party is generally believed here. That probably will not take shape in time to influence this year's election, but it is regarded as a certainty before 1940.

### Third Party a Factor

The outcome of the Cleveland convention of the Townsend plan, in which a loose coalition was formed by the Townsends, Father Coughlin's League of Social Justice and the Rev. Gerald Smith's "share the wealth" followers, with a strong likelihood that these leaders and many of their followers will line up behind the Lemke Union Party ticket, has given political experts here a puzzle to which nobody has yet found the answer.

Will this distinctly leftist movement benefit Roosevelt or Landon the most? Opinions differ, but the third party is being taken into consideration in all of the numerous presidential polls which have already been started.

### STRANGE WEDDING

An illustrated article which describes the weird and elaborate wedding of a monkey bride and groom at a gala festival such as superstitious India has never before seen. Read about it in the August 2nd issue of the American Weekly, the big magazine which comes regularly with the BALTIMORE SUNDAY AMERICAN. Your newsdealer has your copy.