

## This Week In Washington

Washington, D. C.—Not since Woodrow Wilson marched into Washington at the head of the Democratic cohorts just twenty years ago has the Capital City experienced the sensation of being stood on its head, so to speak. Just as Mr. Wilson came into the office of President with the determination to change everything, so President Roosevelt's administration has adopted the policy that whatever needs to be done shall be done differently.

**A Political Revolution**  
Nothing in this slow-moving city ever moved as rapidly as things are moving here now. Within less than a fortnight a real political revolution has taken place.

In the order of their relative importance, these are the outstanding occurrences under the new government:

**First:** President Roosevelt has been given powers such as no President of the United States ever had, except in war time. The general approval expressed by people in all parts of the country, of the delegation to the executive of power formerly exercised only by Congress, suggests that there was something more than idle talk behind the idea that a dictator was needed. Old-time political observers here say that it reflects a general distrust of Congress. It perhaps is not so much that, as it is impatience with the slowness of Congress.

**Second:** Under the direction of the new President the reorganization of the entire banking system of the nation has been started along drastic, deep-reaching lines which promise to weed out the incompetents and crooks in the banking business, place the Federal Government in control of all banks and give depositors far greater assurance of the safety of their bank deposits than they have ever had. How far this program of banking reform will go remains to be seen, but those with long memories recall that it was President Wilson's purpose and that of his advisers to extend the powers of the Federal Reserve System so that eventually every banking institution in the nation would be under full control. The war interrupted that program, but it has come to life again now.

**Third:** A start has been made toward cutting a thousand million dollars a year off the Government's expenses, of which nearly half will come out of funds now being spent for veterans' relief. President Roosevelt's firm stand against the spending of public money on veterans whose disabilities are not due to their war service overrode the objections of members of both houses of Congress, who gave him the authority he sought to effect that economy.

**Fourth:** The legalization of beer, as a means of raising revenue, has taken such shape that it seems probable that anyone with a thirst for the malt beverage can buy it freely within a few weeks.

Those are the major highlights of the work of the new administration thus far.

### Direct to the People

President Roosevelt came into office believing that the people wanted action, and he has been giving them action. Taking another leaf out of Woodrow Wilson's book, he has gone over the heads of the politicians and direct to the people, in a series of public proclamations and radio addresses, which seems to have struck a responsive chord.

Indeed, even some of the applause for the new President's courageous and vigorous attitude has come from Republican sources. The principal opposition to Mr. Roosevelt's policies has come, in fact, from within his own party. It took Republican votes to pass his economy through the House of Representatives.

The outlook as this is written is that any measures for direct farm relief and in aid of the unemployed will not be acted upon until Congress convenes again in April. The President and his advisers are working hard and carefully on the form of legislation they want in both those matters.

The belief that some plan for taking so-called marginal lands out of cultivation will be adopted, is growing. Just how far this will follow the domestic allotment plan which was considered by the last Congress remains to be seen.

Mr. Roosevelt's program for unemployment relief is still in the shaping. It is understood that it will involve something like military enlistment of the unemployed, or of several thousand of them, to be put to work on public improvements, such as waterpower dams, flood protection works and the like.

**Washington Likes Roosevelt**  
There is no question that Washington likes the new Pres-

## Much Improvement On School Grounds At Millers Creek

### Planning Now For Concrete Walkway From Highway To the School

**MILLERS CREEK, March 29.**—There have been several improvements on the Millers Creek high school campus this year. The grove behind the building has been cleared of underbrush, thus helping the looks of the place as well as giving the trees a better chance to develop.

New basketball and volley ball courts have been made for the wholesome recreation so greatly needed by children of high school age.

An adequate water supply is hoped for on the completion of the well which is now being bored.

Materials are ready to begin concreting a walk up the hill to the school. The road is already gravelled and it is hoped that tar can be procured to complete the project.

Mr. John Bumgarner, a graduate student at State College, is spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. A. Bumgarner, at Millers Creek. John is making a splendid record at State and his home community is very proud of him.

Mr. Aille Hayes, a junior at Wake Forest College, spent last week-end in Millers Creek and Purlear.

Mrs. Cora Eller and family have been rebuilding their home. The old house was torn down and made into a low cottage. The work has just been completed and the effect is very pleasing.

### Liquor Car Is Taken in Elkin

**Elkin, March 20.**—The race was not alone to the swift but also to the strong here yesterday afternoon, when State Highway Patrolman Guy Duncan ran down an automobile party of young men and women in the outskirts of Elkin and blackjacked the driver of the car in which the quartet was traveling when he attempted to resist the officer.

Forty-five gallons of whiskey sealed in five-gallon containers, was found inside the ancient machine at the end of a nine-mile race, which started on Highway 26, near Klondike Farm, north of Elkin, and ended outside the city limits of East Elkin. Patrolman Duncan, never suspecting a cargo of whiskey aboard the antiquated machine, ordered the driver to halt when he chanced to observe that the license plate was illegal. The operator, declining to stop, a race furnishing Elkin folk a thrill was staged through town at a 15-mile speed rate, and to the accompaniment of the shrill notes of the officer's siren.

When the car was overtaken and forced into a bank, Buck Reavis, of Winston-Salem, at the wheel, attempted to resist the officer, hence the necessity of the blackjack to bring him to terms. The occupants, Reavis, of Winston-Salem; Burette Richardson, of near Doughton, Wilkes county, and two girls, who refused to divulge their names, were committed to the city jail, where they are being held for a hearing in city recorder's court, tomorrow. Today the girls have their names as Lois and Victoria Mason, of Winston-Salem, Route 7.

dent. He has brought into public affairs a new atmosphere, with which Washington is not familiar, but it is an atmosphere of activity and of friendliness. The impression which President Roosevelt made upon the newspaper men at his first conference with them was a good one. Not since the first few weeks of the Harding administration has any President permitted reporters to fire questions at him at will. Mr. Roosevelt has resumed this practice, greatly to the delight of the Washington correspondents.

Social Washington has taken the new White House family to its arms. Of course, the Roosevelts are not strangers here, but there is a lot of difference in the social status of an Assistant Secretary of the Navy and a President of the United States. They move in entirely different circles. There have been Presidents and their families who were merely tolerated in so-called "Society" because of their official standing, but the Franklin Roosevelts have a social status of the highest, regardless of official connection. Alice Roosevelt Longworth gave the cue to the highest circles of Washington society by resuming her intimacy with her cousins in the White House, while Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, another social leader of high position, has also placed her cachet of approval upon them. It is not likely, therefore, that the slanders and scandalous gossip which some of their predecessors in the White House have suffered will be aimed at the Franklin Roosevelts.

# NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS

We wish to announce to our friends and patrons that we are now open for the transaction of regular banking business with no restrictions whatever.

The spirit shown by our patrons and friends during the bank holiday proclaimed by the President and the Governor of the State has been most commendable, and we want to thank each for the patience and co-operation extended us during the period our bank was closed.

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