

AAA Decision Important Event Of Past Four Years

Washington, January 15—From any point of view, the most important happening in Washington since the Roosevelt Administration took office, is the decision by the Supreme Court that the crop control features of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, both in the original law and the amendments passed last summer, are unconstitutional.

The Federal Government, the high court held in its six-to-three decision, has no power to regulate agriculture. That is one of the rights never delegated to the Congress, and therefore specifically reserved to the States by the 10th Amendment.

It was a far more sweeping decision than most Washington observers had expected. The Administration was prepared for a ruling that the processing taxes and their distribution in benefit payments to farmers for crop reduction were not Constitutional. Indeed, the main purpose of the AAA amendments of 1935 was to get around such a possible verdict by the Supreme Court.

After declaring that the processing taxes and their distribution in benefit payments were beyond the power of Congress, because they were not delegated to the "general welfare" but a limited class, and that Congress had improperly delegated to the Executive the appropriation of public funds, the decision, read by Justice Brandeis, went further still. The hearer of the matter, he pointed out, lay in the purpose of the AAA, and that purpose, the regulation of Agriculture, is clearly unconstitutional, because it is an attempt on the part of the Federal Government to exercise rights reserved to the States. Justices Brandeis, Cardozo and Stone dissented from the majority opinion.

The case before the Supreme Court was that of the Hoosier Mills, in protest against the processing tax on cotton. But so broad was the Court's decision that it regarded here as applying to the Bankhead cotton act, the peanut control amendment, as well as to wheat, corn, hog, tobacco and other Federal efforts to control agricultural production. The decision prohibits any attempt to enforce any part of the AAA program.

Producers need not pay any more processing tax; the farmers cannot receive any more benefit payments. It is doubtful that those who have paid the processing taxes can recover them from the Government, or that the Government can collect back from the farmers benefit payments already made.

The Supreme Court decision threw into the shade the President's budget message, which was handed to Congress at the same hour that Justice Roberts began to read the Court's decree. Mr. Roosevelt's estimates were divided into two sections, "regular" expenses of the Government and relief expenditures.

The President estimated the Federal income from all sources at \$5,654,000,000 for the next fiscal year, which amount he figured, would leave \$5,000,000 surplus. But he declined to put a figure on the relief requirements, which he said would run from one billion to three billions, and he made no allowance for the Bonus payment, which nobody in Washington doubts Congress will authorize speedily.

Mr. Roosevelt's speech to the Congress on Friday evening, January 3, which was broadcast all over the world, is held to have been the opening gun of the 1936 Presidential campaign, as well as a notice to the rest of the world that they need not count on any help from Uncle Sam if they start another war. The neutrality issue is very much to the fore on Capitol Hill.

If Senator Nye of North Dakota has his way—and that seems likely—the Administration, of whatever party happens to be in power when and if the expected European war breaks out, will have no leeway whatever. It must stop all exports of anything but food and medical supplies to any belligerent nation, and keep American troops off any part of the high seas where warring nations warn them off.

On the theory that the United States was drawn into the last war by the machinations of international bankers, the Senate committee is to investigate the whole subject of munitions of war. It has summoned all the partners in J. P. Morgan and Co. to appear for questioning.

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40 YEARS AGO

(Tuckaseige Democrat, Jan. 9, 1896)

Mrs. J. H. Mooly and Miss Maggie Brendle are visiting Mr. R. A. Moore's family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore, after a visit of several days to relatives at Dillsboro and Webster, returned to their home in Asheville.

Mrs. J. D. Buchanan and Misses Annie Leatherwood and Bessie Buchanan and Mrs. L. C. Hall and children, of Webster, are visiting relatives here, this week.

The special term of the Federal Court which was to have been held at Asheville this week failed to materialize on account of the sickness of Judge Simonton. Messrs. W. E. Moore, C. W. Allen and Jno. T. Wike went over to attend the court.

We saw Mr. R. O. Phillips have a fish Monday, of the species known here as salmon, which was fully three feet long and weighed about 10 pounds. It was killed with a gig in the river near the mouth of Cullowhee, and another weighing 20 pounds was killed the same day near the same place.

The County Commissioners were in session Monday. Mr. J. P. Brendle, who has been the keeper of the House for the Aged and Infirm for several years, retired and Mr. W. B. Davis took charge of the House. The jury for the term of Court commencing in April was drawn. Besides those matters only routine business was transacted.

The Senate Finance Committee reports a free coinage bill as a substitute for the House bond bill.

The latest from Washington is that Secretary Cullis threatens to stop the raid on the Treasury gold reserve by redeeming legal tenders with silver when presented. This seems to be a reasonable and simple check on the gold raiders and is entirely in accordance with the law.

Utah was admitted to the sisterhood of States on Saturday when President Cleveland signed the proclamation to that effect. There was no ceremony about the matter. Mr. Cleveland and Private Secretary Thurber were alone in the President's office at the time the signing was done with a steel stub pen point affixed to a wooden pen-holder. The pen and pen-holder were presented to Governor West, of Utah, who came to the White House about the time the proclamation was signed.

Edwards and Broughton, of Raleigh have bought the Biblical Recorder, organ of the North Carolina Baptists, from Mrs. Mary L. Bailey, widow of Rev. C. T. Bailey. The latter was for twenty years its editor and was succeeded by his son, J. Wm. Bailey, who will continue in that capacity under the new proprietorship. The Biblical Recorder was established in 1833, and is widely known among Southern Baptists.

The Daughters of the Confederacy in Charleston, S. C., resolved to celebrate Gen. Lee's birthday, January 16, by appropriate ceremonies regularly hereafter. The Confederate Veterans and Sons of Veterans should follow their example, or unite with them in a common celebration, and the same rule should obtain in every community throughout the South.

At the close of business on Wednesday the National Treasury gold reserve stood at \$57,826,224. The withdrawals at New York amounted to \$420,000 of which \$20,000 was in bars and \$400,000 in coin.

Secretary Herbert delivered an address in New York at the celebration of Jackson Day, the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans, by the Business Men's Democratic Association of that city.

Dr. Rhoades left last Friday for a northern trip.

Miss Gertrude Buchanan is visiting here this week.

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ALLEY RITES HELD AT WAYNESVILLE

Doyle D. Alley, prominent attorney of Waynesville, died Sunday morning of pneumonia, after a few days illness.

Mr. Alley was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Alley of Jackson county, and a nephew of Judge Felix E. Alley of Waynesville.

Mr. Alley was born in Jackson County 41 years ago near Cashiers. He was a graduate of Western Carolina Teachers College, and served in the United States Army as Lieutenant during the late war. After his service in the army terminated he spent some time in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in the service of the Bell Telephone Company, during which time he studied law, and was admitted to the practice of law in Oklahoma.

Returning to North Carolina in 1926, he entered the practice of law in Sylva. In 1930 he moved to Waynesville where he enjoyed a lucrative practice until his death.

Mr. Alley was quite active in politics, serving as president of the Young Democratic Clubs of the State during the campaign of 1934.

In 1922, Mr. Alley was married to Miss Edith Elizabeth Purcell, of Oklahoma, who with four children, Corrine, Zeb, Jack, and Charles, survive. He is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Mary A. Dunn, Mrs. Sarah A. Smithson, secretary to Congressman Zebulon Weaver, Mrs. Margaret Morrison, and Mrs. T. A. Charshee.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Methodist church in Waynesville.

A great many of his relatives and friends from this county, and members of the local bar attended his funeral in Waynesville, on Tuesday.

BALSAM

(By Mrs. D. T. Knight)

Messrs. Giles Nicholson and Britt Laney, who have been attending Farm school, near Asheville, are visiting their aunt, Mrs. Sara Bryson.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ensley have moved to Waynesville.

Mrs. Ed Long and son, Neill, of Addie, spent Saturday with Mrs. Geo. Knight. Master Billie Knight accompanied them home in the evening and Miss Harriett Long came with him home, Sunday afternoon, remaining until Monday morning.

For the past few days the weather has been almost like spring.

A great many housewives here lost all of their canned fruits and vegetables by freezing, during the extremely cold weather.

Several car loads of olivine are being shipped from here this week.

Mrs. Lillie Bryson, Mrs. George Potts and Miss Louise Arrington spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. T. M. Rickards, in Canton.

SPEEDWELL BOY IS T.V.A. HERO

The following from a Knoxville paper, will be of interest to the readers of The Journal:

Norris workers acclaimed Robert Holden, 29-year old T. V. A. labor foreman, a hero, as a result of an act in which he prevented possible fatal injuries to three fellow workmen.

A crew was rolling some rather large boulders out of the way, Mr. Holden related, when one of the 300 pound stones jumped a galley, and started toward the stairway that leads up the mountain from the d. n.

"I saw there were three men coming up the stairs, and I knew that I had to stop that boulder or it would go down the stairs and hit them", he said.

"I got in its path and put my weight against it, and the boulder swung away from the stairway, carrying me with it against a cement wall".

Mr. Holden's foot was caught between the boulder and the wall. His big toe was fractured and the foot bruised considerably, but the injury was not serious, he believes.

He is at St. Mary's Hospital. He came from Speedwell, N. C. to work for the T. V. A., two years ago.

BAILEY GOES TO LIFE PRISON

Ray Bailey, after entering a plea of guilty of slaying Policeman A. B. Hunt, at Greenville, S. C., four years ago, was this week sentenced to serve the rest of his life on the South Carolina chain gang or in the State Prison.

After the sentence, Bailey signed a statement in which he asserted he is not guilty, but that he was unable, because of lack of money, to make a fight in the courts.

Shortly after Hunt was shot and killed it was discovered that a seriously wounded man, who had been brought to the hospital in Sylva, was Bailey. Guards were thrown about the hospital, and Bailey remained here until well enough to appear at a habeas corpus proceeding before the late Judge Walter E. Moore, held in Sylva. Judge Moore ordered his release. The State of South Carolina appealed to the Supreme Court of North Carolina, where Judge Moore was sustained. An appeal was then taken to the Supreme Court of the United States, which reversed the North Carolina courts.

Bailey had disappeared by that time and remained in hiding until he was surrounded, last fall, in the Bohaney section, in Transylvania county, near the Jackson county line. He shot his way out, and escaped, only to be arrested a few days later, in Georgia.

WILL CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING

Rev. and Mrs. T. F. Deitz will, in an informal way, celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary at their home in Beta on Wednesday, January 22, 1936, with open house from 6:30 to 8:00 P. M. Invitations not limited. Whoever will may come.

QUALLA

(By Mrs. J. K. Terrell)

Rev. F. E. Hartsfield made a trip to Florida to visit relatives.

Qualla, Olivet, and Walmot teachers attended the Teachers Meeting at Sylva, Saturday.

Prof. W. E. Bird of Cullowhee called at Mr. T. W. McLaughlin's, Friday. Mr. Frank Hall of Enka and Mr. Jack Turpin of Whittier were Qualla visitors, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Johnson, Mrs. J. O. Howell and Mrs. Weaver Freeman visited Mr. C. M. Hughes and family at Canton.

Mrs. A. C. Hoyle visited relatives at Cherokee.

Mr. Robert Watson and family of Bryson City called at Mr. Charles Thomas's.

Mr. Woodrow Cooper has been seriously ill for the past week.

Misses Jennie Cathey and Geneva Turpin visited at Mr. K. Howell's.

Rev. and Mrs. Hartsfield were pounded at the parsonage by Mrs. Jessie Cordell, Mrs. Lois Martin, Misses Jennie Cathey Ollie Hall and Messrs J. C. Hoyle and Frank Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Snyder were given a serenade, Saturday night.

Mrs. J. H. Hughes called on Mrs. W. I. Hoyle.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gass and Miss Viola Webb spent Sunday afternoon at Mr. Clark Gass's.

Mr. G. H. Martin spent the week end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. Willett, of Cherokee, called at Mr. Golman Kinsland's.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Worley called at Mr. W. T. Gibson's.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hoyle, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Springer, Freeman Springer and Earl Battle were visitors at Mr. D. C. Hughes's.

Miss Geneva Turpin and Wade and Gene Alley Turpin of Sylva spent Sunday in Qualla.

Mrs. W. H. Hoyle and Mrs. Richard Crisp visited at Mrs. J. G. Hooper's.

Mrs. J. R. Messer called on Mrs. W. H. Oxner.

Mrs. H. G. Ferguson called on Mrs. L. W. Cooper.

Mrs. Susan Keener, who has been in declining health for several months is spending a while with her sister, Mrs. A. J. Franklin, in Bryson City.

Mr. Lee Brooks of Candler spent the week end with Mrs. Brooks and son, Ralph.

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TODAY and TOMORROW

CALENDAR again

Unless the League of Nations finds itself otherwise occupied, this is the year in which it is expected to take up in a serious way the matter of calendar reform.

Most of the opposition to calendar reform has vanished, and the main question now seems to be whether it will be a 13-month year, as was advocated by the late George Eastman, or a 12-month year with the months rearranged by subtracting days from some of them and adding them to others. At present the 12-month plan seems to be in the lead.

Changing the calendar is a good deal like changing from standard time to daylight saving time; a lot of people seem to think that it is human tinkering with an act of God. But our present calendar has been revised twice since it was first promulgated by Julius Caesar, and the last revision was directed by Pope Gregory VI. The present Pope has expressed a friendly attitude toward further revision, and so have the leaders of other religious groups. I think something is going to come of this.

CHICKENS tattoo

The principle obstacle to bringing chicken thieves to justice is the difficulty of identifying the stolen chickens. Some bright poultryman invented a method of branding chickens, and the movement for registering the individual tattoo marks of each professional poultry raiser is spreading throughout the northern and eastern parts of the country.

Cattle rustling and horse stealing were made difficult and finally almost eliminated by the use of private registered brands. I don't see any reason why it should not work equally well in the war on chicken thieves.

ADMINISTRATION man

It is a rare thing in this country to find a man so well trained in public administration that cities bid against each other for his services. The city of Toledo, Ohio, has just appointed John N. Eddy as City Manager. Mr. Eddy was city manager of Berkeley, California, at \$75,000 a year. Flint, Michigan, hired him away from Berkeley by offering him \$15,000. Dallas, Texas, offered \$16,500 and got him away from Flint. Then Uncle Sam drafted him as assistant director of the budget. Now, Toledo has hired him to run the town, at \$5,000 a year.

There are 426 American cities now managed by professional, non-partisan city managers instead of by politically elected mayors. There would be more if there were more trained administrators available. I can think of few more useful or profitable careers for which ambitious and intelligent young men might train.

RAILROADS motors

Just as the railroads are waking up to the fact that they can compete successfully with motor vehicles for passenger transportation, the motor people are showing the railroads some real competition in long-distance freight hauling.

A motor caravan of trailers hauled by trucks, a week or two ago, carried a pay-load of freight from Chicago to Los Angeles, beating the best railroad schedule by 46 hours. Then it turned around and carried a full load from Los Angeles to New York in 72 hours less than the best railroad freight time.

But the western railroads and some of the eastern, with their new lightweight, high-speed, air-conditioned passenger trains are finding their once despised passenger business can be made profitable in spite of automobile competition.

This is the kind of competition in which the public gets the chief benefits.

ECONOMICS fore!

Somebody remarked not long ago that everybody is an economist, these days. Certainly there has never been since the early 1890's such widespread discussion of economic questions and so much misinformation and loose thinking about them. Thomas W. Lamont, partner in the House of Morgan, gave a half million dollars the other day to Harvard University to establish a new chair of political economy. In making the gift, he said: "Political economy concerns itself as much with the behavior of man as a social animal as it does with any known laws of industry or trade." That, it seems to me, is the most sensible statement I have seen in a long time. Professional economists are

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ON THE GASOLINE CIRCUIT — by A. B. Chapin



THE NIGHT HE TOOK HER TO THE SENIOR HOP AT THE COUNTRY CLUB, AND HE COULDN'T START THE CAR TO GO HOME, AND THE GANG HAD LEFT HIM FLAT, AND THE LAST LIGHT IN THE CLUB WAS ABOUT TO BLINK, AND IT WAS FIVE MILES BACK TO TOWN — OH BOY, WOTTA MESS!

CHAPIN P.S.