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1936 A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

Congress Works On Taxes; Roosevelt Fishes In Florida

Washington, March 25—While President Roosevelt is away on his annual fishing trip to Florida waters, the boys on Capitol Hill are doing some serious work trying to draw up a new tax bill which will raise the additional \$600,000,000 a year that is necessary to bring the Government budget into balance.

They have taken as a basis from which to start the President's proposal to tax corporate reserves, but the more they study it the less likely it seems that they will adopt the Treasury plan as submitted.

There are two reasons for this hesitancy. One is considerable doubt as to whether it will really raise the necessary revenue and, second, the question whether it would draw down corporate reserves to a point where big industries might not be able to carry on through another depression, as so many of them have done, by the aid of that part of their profits which they had put away for a rainy day.

The United States Steel Corporation, for example, has a reserve of more than \$250,000,000 which on the face of it looks pretty big; but the corporation last year paid out over \$100,000,000 in dividends on its preferred stock, although it earned only a little less than \$1,200 profits. The difference came out of the reserve.

U. S. Steel is only one of many corporations which have followed a similar practice throughout the depression years, and as these are studied the feeling grows that it would not be good economies to go as far as the Treasury has proposed.

The Ways and Means Committee of the House will draft the first bill and the Senate Finance Committee will draft the second. The best guess now is that the resulting measure will leave the tax burden on corporations about where it now is but will put a heavier tax burden upon the recipients of corporate dividends, thus hitting mainly the income-tax payers who now pay on incomes of from \$10,000 a year up.

Practically this will look good to the average voter, who does not regard himself affected by taxes which do not pay directly, and it will not give the big industrial corporations any excuse for reducing employment or curtailing operations. The one thing that Congress wants to do is to pass any laws which would tend to check the rising tide of re-employment.

There has been an increase of about three percent in industrial employment since last May, according to the latest figures of the National Industrial Conference Board. At the same time there has been an increase in the average wage of industrial workers from \$21.75 a week to \$23.50 a week. These figures do not show as great an increase in employment and wages as most folks would like to see, but they do indicate a definite upward trend, and the feeling on Capitol Hill is to be very careful not to put over any new legislation which would check this rising tendency.

The most confused situation in Washington is the housing program. A dozen or so diverse points of view held by as many important persons seem to be in almost hopeless conflict.

The efforts to smooth out the situation point now toward an adjustment which will take the Federal Government entirely out of the financing of slum clearance projects, sub-subsistence homesteads and other projects for providing low cost housing for the poor, but will set up one powerful Government bureau to stimulate private loans under Government guarantee for all of these and other low-cost housing projects.

The threat of an early European war is regarded here as more serious than previously. The realization that in such an event any one of a hundred things might work to drag the United States into another war is growing. The recent neutrality resolution is not regarded by practical-minded students of international affairs as likely to be effective for its avowed purpose.

TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

UTOPIA . . . dream
More than four hundred years ago Sir Thomas More wrote a book describing a mythical land in which there was no poverty and no crime, where everybody lived happily and peacefully. He was expressing an idea which all great philosophers and religious leaders have discussed and prayed for from the beginning of civilization.

More's word "Utopia", has come to mean an impractical dream of a perfect world. Practical men are inclined to view with distrust any plan for the reorganization of society which does not take the frailties and perversities of human nature into consideration and, so far, every effort to bring about Utopian conditions by political methods has been a failure. I do not believe that universal happiness can be brought about either by legislation or by force.

EQUALITY . . . theory
The idea that all men are created equal and have equal rights is so modern that it was almost born yesterday. Much of the world's present trouble, it seems to me, arises from the acceptance of the ideal of equality without the realization that it is only an ideal and does not exist in reality.

The best that can be hoped for, I am convinced, is a gradual approximation, over a period of hundreds, perhaps thousands of years, to a social order in which everybody will be secure in the enjoyment of whatever his individual character and ability entitle him to; no more, no less. Economically speaking, that it seems to me, is the nearest we can ever expect to come to equality; and that would not mean either equality of wealth, equality of social status or equality of intelligence.

DEMOCRACY . . . the world
If we are ever going to have anything resembling Utopia, it is going to be brought about by the slow processes of democracy, and not by the dominance of a few over the many or of one class over another class.

The ancient Greeks had what they called a Democracy, in which a small group achieved a wide measure of individual liberty and contentment at the expense of a large group of slaves. Communism, as demonstrated in Russia, seems to me to consist of a small and limited group, members of the Communist Party, living in measurable comfort at the expense of an enormous mass of oppressed peasantry. I have not been able to discover that either the Fascist regime in Italy, or the Nazi rule in Germany has contributed to the greater happiness and contentment of the masses in those countries.

GOVERNMENT . . . limited
Many of my friends try to convince me that the sure road to human happiness lies in the direction of an all powerful government. I do not agree with them. When they talk that way they are talking about intrusting the lives and the destinies of a whole people to a small group which is conveniently designated by the term, "the government". But any government, either of one man or any larger group, is composed entirely of human beings, themselves subject to all the passions, prejudices, ambitions and other frailties of the rest of the human race.

The weakness of all of the Utopian plans for making the world over lies, it seems to me, in their disregard of the most precious of all human possessions, individual liberty of thought, speech and action. No government is good enough to be entrusted with any power over any individual except the power to keep him from infringing upon any other individual's liberties.

CHARACTER . . . personal
Democracy on the American plan has worked with less injustice to the ordinary citizen and greater opportunity for the exceptional individual than any other system of government that has ever been tried. Democracy has worked in America because it has

Republicans Name Gilliam Grissom

Gilliam Grissom, Collector of Internal Revenue for this State during the Hoover and previous administrations, was nominated for Governor by the North Carolina Republican Convention, in Raleigh, Tuesday, defeating Irving B. Tucker by a convention ballot of 694½ to 393½, after which the nomination was made unanimous.

Frank Patton of Morganton was nominated for the United States Senate without opposition.

Federal Judge I. M. Meekins, of Elizabeth City, father of State Chairman W. C. Meekins, of Hendersonville, was endorsed for President of the United States.

Sam J. White, of Mebane, was nominated for Lieutenant Governor; Dr. J. L. Campbell, of Norwood, for secretary of state; J. T. Prevotte, of North Wilkesboro, for state auditor; Clarence T. Allen, of Aurora, for state treasurer; Fred D. Hamrick, of Rutherfordton, for attorney general; Dr. John H. Cook, of Greensboro, for superintendent of public instruction; Herbert F. Seawell, Jr., of Carthage, for insurance commissioner; John Phillips, of Creswell, for commissioner of agriculture; D. T. Vance, of Averb, for commissioner of labor; and Fred W. Thomas, J. Morris, J. Ray McCrary for supreme court justices.

The North Carolina delegation to the national convention is:

Chairman W. C. Meekins, Charles A. Jones, David H. Blair, and Stuart W. Cramer, with R. H. McNeill, C. J. Harris, Mrs. J. L. Campbell and J. Sam White, as alternates.

Jackson county Republicans were represented at the convention by R. M. Crawford, H. E. Monteith, Gilbert K. Bass and E. P. Stillwell.

The convention adopted a platform demanding the repeal of the absentee ballot, and other election reforms, divorce of educational institutions from politics, condemning the liquor laws enacted by the 1935 General Assembly, and calling for "strict, impartial and effective enforcement of the prohibitory laws of the State"; calling for reduction of the cost of federal and state governments, and the elimination of unnecessary bureaus. With the money thus saved, it was proposed to abolish the general sales tax, and to reduce the cost of automobile license tags to a maximum of \$4. The convention called for a farm program to aid the farmers in getting fair prices for their products, and promised a state civil service system for public employees.

Marian Will Be Busy



CLEVELAND . . . Miss Marian Lang (above), secretary to the President of the G.O.P. Convention Visitors' Bureau, is going to have some busy days next June. Her job will be to get some 50,000 a bed every night.

A. C. COPE DIED SUDDENLY

Cling Cope died suddenly, last Friday, at the home of his son, Fred Cope, at East LaPorte.

Mr. Cope, who was 69 years of age, was a native of Sylva township, and spent most of his life here.

He is survived by six daughters, Mrs. Minnie Dillard, Rabun Gap, Ga., Mrs. Lena Clark, Sylva, Mrs. Nora Parker, Mountain Rest, S. C., Mrs. Lola Easley, Andrews, Mrs. Vera Hudson, Tomasee, S. C., and Mrs. Verdie Deitz, Cullowhee, by one son, Fred Cope, East LaPorte, two brothers, G. H. Cope, and C. Walt Cope, of Sylva, and by other relatives.

Funeral and interment were at Beta, Sunday afternoon, the obsequies being conducted by Rev. T. F. Deitz and Rev. M. L. Hooper.

WANT TOTS AT SCHOOL FOR PARTY, TUESDAY

All the children in Sylva school district, who will be old enough to enter school, are invited and urged to come to the elementary school on next Tuesday afternoon, at one o'clock, for the pre-school party and clinic. Games and amusements of interest to the children have been arranged, and refreshments will be served.

Dr. C. N. Sisk, district health officer, Mrs. C. T. Dillon, and Miss Lillian Fowler will be present to give the children physical examinations.

It is especially urged that parents accompany their children, so that, in case any physical defects are detected they can discuss them with Dr. Sisk.

The party and clinic have been arranged by the county school authorities, the State Board of Health, and a committee of the Sylva Parent-Teachers Association, of which Mrs. Harry Crowell is chairman.

Torrential Rains Send Mountain Streams Raging

40 YEARS AGO

(Tuckaseige Democrat, Mar. 26, 1896)

Messrs. J. D. and Oscar Coward were here Tuesday.

Mr. J. R. Taylor, of Glenville, was here Wednesday.

Mr. Dillard L. Love got back Wednesday, from Mossy Creek, Tenn.

Mr. R. A. Painter left Monday on a business trip to Asheville and Raleigh.

Mr. James Pruitt, a successful farmer of Big Ridge, was in town Monday.

Mrs. Neil Buchanan and children left Wednesday for a visit to relatives in Thomasville.

Mrs. Dr. Wolff returned today from a visit of several weeks in the eastern part of the State.

Mrs. O. B. Coward returned from Asheville, Friday, where she had been for medical treatment.

Capt. J. W. Terrell showed the light of his genial countenance here for a brief time, Saturday afternoon.

Miss Emma Sherrill, of Dillsboro, visited our town Monday, in the interest of the oyster supper to take place at the Springs Hotel, tonight.

Mrs. J. D. Buchanan, of Webster, being here visiting her sons, received a telegram announcing the illness of her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Wild, left this morning for Asheville.

The new bridge over the mill pond is at last completed and is a substantial structure in every respect. It is the only bridge in the county having stone abutments. It can not be used yet, because the approaches have not been finished. We understand that this will be done Friday. It would be a piece of economy to put a roof over it now, which would insure its lasting for many years.

A. J. Mitchell, who lives in a little

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A heavy rain, this morning, caused Scott's Creek to rise quickly, flooding bottoms, covering highways and railroads, invading lawns, fields and industrial plants, and generally doing much damage.

The T. & S. E. trestle, across Cope Creek went out early in the day. A section of a Southern trestle at the 40 mile post washed out. Hogs were washed from their pens, and in the tannery section, people rushed to the rescue of hogs and other animals. An unconfirmed report states that a man on Nation's Creek lost a pair of mules. The Allen Branch, Monteith Branch, and other tributaries of Scott's Creek brought down great quantities of water, rocks and debris, doing great damage to roads, yards and gardens. Water was over the floor at Maple Springs filling station, and the oil tanks were washed away. The wooden bridge across the creek near Maple Springs, went out. The yard of the Builder's Supply and Lumber Company was flooded, and the Creek completely surrounded the plant of the Sylva Paperboard Company, and followed the railway clear to the trestle near the station, completely covering both highways No. 10 and 100, where they converge. The Main street of Sylva was covered with mud and rocks, brought down from the mountainside. All yards and fields in the low bottoms were flooded, and a new mill, the property of Paul Warren and O. E. Monteith, was washed away.

The storm, coming up from the west, and following the Smokies and Balsams, sent torrents of water raging down nearly all the tributaries of Tuckaseige River and Scott's Creek. It is believed that the service in some portions of the mountain region tomorrow, the train from Asheville turned back at Balsam, and the one from Murphy was blocked by a huge slide near Bushnell.

SYLVA SCOUTS PROMOTED

Five Sylva Boy Scouts were promoted by the court of honor of the Smoky Mountains District of the Daniel Boone Council which was held at Bryson City, Monday night. Marcellus Buchanan, Ray Clark and Marion Cooper were advanced to tenderfoot rank, and Roy Hall was promoted to second class. Star Scout Glenn Frady was awarded several merit badges. The Scouts were accompanied to Bryson City by J. C. Allison of the troop committee.

Hugh Battle, Gordon Bryson and John Buchanan of the Cullowhee Troop were promoted to second rank.

GARFIELD COGGINS IS DEAD

News reaches us of the sudden death, at his home in Mountain township, of Garfield Coggins.

QUALLA

The audience at the Baptist church was entertained Sunday morning by a very interesting talk by Senator Vance Browning of Bryson City. His subject was the Lord's Acre Project. He also gave many other helps and suggestions to advance the work of the Kingdom in the "home fields".

Mr. Grover Cooper, Qualla school principal, spent Sunday in Qualla.

Mr. Colman Kinland is making a business trip to Asheville.

Messrs Zeke Ehler and Glenn Shuler of Highlands spent Sunday night at Mr. D. M. Shuler's.

Mr. Wayne Ferguson, of Hendersonville, and Mr. S. P. Hyatt, of Glenville, were Qualla visitors, Sunday.

Mr. W. F. House visited Mr. Joe Beck, of Olivet, who has not been well for several days.

Mr. J. M. Hughes and family, of Cherokee, visited among relatives, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Springer called at Mr. Dock Snyder's, Monday.

Mr. Claud Hughes and D. C. Jr., called at Mr. J. K. Terrell's, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ottman Robem left Monday for their home in Michigan, after spending the winter with Mrs. Donna Davis.

Mrs. Robert Gunter spent Sunday with Mrs. M. L. Blanton.

MEMORIES by A. B. Chapin



SPRING REMEDIES

OPEN YOUR MOUTH AND TAKE THIS SULPHUR AND MOLASSES— YOU NEED A SPRING TONIC!! IF YOUR FATHER HAD LISTENED TO ME, HE WOULDN'T BE SOAKIN' HIS FEET IN HOT MUSTARD WATER AND FIGHTING OFF A COLD WITH TURPENTINE LINIMENT AND ONION SYRUP!!!

K'CHEW! K'CHEW!

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