

Congress Works Wearily On New Tax Measure

Washington, April 22—Congress is moving slowly—very slowly towards the main objective of its members, to get away from Washington and repair their own political positions.

There is no overstatement to say that a prevailing feeling in both houses is one of fatigue and indifference. The members are too tired out to do anything on their own initiative and they are getting along making generalities, making a new tax bill and trying to avoid doing anything that will impair their chances of reelection.

Under the Constitution, all bills for raising revenue must originate in the House of Representatives. The Ways and Means Committee, therefore, is the body that drafts the new tax measure. The Republican members of the committee walked out and left the job to the Democrats. Every member of that committee will be up for reelection in November, so the net result of the bill is expected to be a draft that will not read on anybody's mind.

They will then go to the Senate, where the Finance Committee (most of the members, like most of the members of the Senate, don't have to be reelected in November) will take up the bill. The House will then pass the bill. The House will then pass the bill.

The Democratic side of Congress is carried all over the country in the Presidential election. Mr. Roosevelt is certain that he will be elected. But a lot of them are not so certain they can carry their own districts, even by trying themselves to carry their own districts.

More than 150 of the Democratic members of Congress gained their seats in the 1934 election by parallel margins of less than 5,000, in some cases only a few hundred. The shift of voters in the Congressional districts is estimated to be in the neighborhood of 150,000 in each of the Congressional districts.

It is said to be one of the points of the Republican political strategy to become more and more concentrated. The feeling of the Republican Command is that while it is going to be easy to beat Mr. Roosevelt for the Presidency, it might be a difficult task to gain control of the House.

In this manner they could effectively block any effort to extend the term of the New Deal, and give themselves an opportunity to organize more vigorous opposition, with the Congressional and Senate elections of 1938 and the Presidential election of 1940.

Long ago the two men who are considered in the lead were at the head of the list of Republican candidates. Today the managers of the campaign, headed by John Landon, have all figured out to a certain extent. Just how he is going to come out on the second ballot is not clear.

Landon's camp figures him getting a vote of all the West and most of the South on the first ballot, for a total of 318 votes. Then on the second ballot the South and the rest of the country are expected to come in for Landon, with 228 more votes, giving him 546, which is 45 more than a majority of the delegates.

It must not be inferred from these figures that there is anything but a possibility for Governor Landon. The majority of the G. O. P. is the contrary is true. To the contrary is true. To the contrary is true.

The Republican inner circles are said to be assured that the Party's candidate will play ball with the Democrats that has controlled the Republican Party in the past, and they have such assurance from Governor Landon, who has made no promises and has made no promises.

Indeed, Landon is in the unique position in the history of a man who has not only done himself a candidate but also been the foremost candidate.

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TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

SHOT . . . No argument "On the 18th of April in '75" as every school boy knows, Paul Revere set out on his midnight ride to warn "the country folk to be up and to arm." The next morning, April 19th, still observed as a holiday in my home Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the country folk met the British troops and the first shot of our Revolutionary War was fired.

Throughout the 161 years since that day there has been a friendly but intense dispute between the people of Lexington and those of Concord as to in which town that first shot was fired. Concord preempted its claim by erecting the Battle Monument, for which occasion Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote his stirring verses:

"By the rude bridge that arched the flood,
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,
Here once the embattled farmers stood
And fired the shot heard round the world."

Congressman Sol Bloom of New York, who got into the headlines by challenging the story that George Washington once threw a silver dollar across the Rappahannock, now is trying to find out which town has the rights of it.

Down East we settled it long ago by calling it the "battle of Lexington and Concord."

HEROINE . . . of the air I've done a bit of flying on "liner" airplanes in the past few years, and have had a chance to see and talk with a number of the flying stewardesses. I don't think there's a finer body of young women anywhere than of air travelers.

It didn't surprise me at all to read of the heroic conduct of Nellie Granger, stewardess of the "Sun Raacer", which crashed in the Pennsylvania mountains the other day. These flying hostesses are the stuff of which heroines are made.

It isn't easy to get one of these jobs, but there'll be a lot more of them open for the right kind of girls, and I can think of few more interesting and exciting careers open to women.

WEATHER . . . long range The Federal Weather Bureau at Washington has always been extremely cautious about making long-range predictions. Its observers have a world-wide reputation for scientific accuracy that they do not want to lose. Therefore, when the Bureau let the word get out the other day, that it is now possible to forecast the weather two weeks ahead, I took it quite seriously.

Up our way, at Canton, Massachusetts, there's a long-range weather forecaster who predicted last February the floods we had in New England last March and April. Now H. Clayton—that's his name—is forecasting heavy rains for the late spring and summer over most of the country east of the Rockies. Our Yankee folk are taking that quite seriously.

The real test will come only through several years of long-range forecasting. It is interesting however, that those who know most about the weather believe it can be done.

WAR . . . by radio I got my daughter one of those modern new radio receivers for a birthday present the other day, and now the whole family sits up late—too late—listening to broadcasts from Europe.

They are all about war. Germany, France, England and Italy are filling the air with arguments or news all emphasizing the strained relations which prevail on the European continent. The Germans are talking appendantly, mostly for American consumption, for much of what we hear from Berlin is in English—pretty good English, too.

It has brought home to us as nothing in the newspapers has done, how nervous and apprehensive all

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Tornado Torn South State Rebuilding



ATLANTA . . . Here is shown but one of the storm strewn scenes which Georgians and other Southern state citizens faced when the most destructive tornado in years had taken its toll of nearly 500 lives and damaged property, estimated into millions. This photo shows a portion of the business section at Gainesville after the tornado had passed and the job of rebuilding started.

HOTEL CAROLINA CALLS DEMOCRATS OPENED TODAY TO CONVENTION

Hotel Carolina opened this week under the management of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Thompson.

The hotel, thoroughly renovated, with private dining room, and all other modern appointments, presents a pleasing and attractive appearance. The entire interior has been redecorated, the floors done over, new carpeting and new draperies put up, and new furnishings installed throughout.

The property was recently purchased by John J. Hastings, Mrs. H. R. Hastings and Mrs. T. H. Hastings, and leased by them to Mr. and Mrs.

The call for precinct meetings and the county convention of the Democratic Party has been issued by E. L. McKee, County Chairman, for Saturday, May 9 and Saturday May 16, respectively.

The call, issued to all chairmen of Democratic Precinct Committees, states: "You are hereby notified that:

Saturday, May 9, 1936, at 2 o'clock noon in Raleigh, is the day and hour for holding the State Convention.

The unit of county organization shall be the voting precinct. In each precinct there shall be an Executive Committee, to consist of five active Democrats, who shall be elected by the Democratic voters at the second precinct meetings or primary elections or county convention in mass, called by the County Executive Committee, as hereinafter provided for the nomination of candidates for legislative, county and township officers. And said committee so elected shall elect one of its members as Chairman, who shall preside at all meetings. At least one woman shall be elected to membership.

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GLENN FRADY IS LIFE SCOUT

Glenn Frady, a member of the Sylva Troop of Boy Scouts, was promoted to the rank of Life Scout, Monday night, at a session of the Court of Honor of the Smoky Mountains District of the Daniel Boone Council which was held at Cherokee. This rank is next to the highest which a Scout may attain. R. L. Glenn, Jr., and Harrison P. Crowell, Jr., were promoted to the rank of Tenderfoot Scouts, and Clarence Cagle and Richard Dillard to first class rank.

The Scouts were accompanied to Cherokee by J. C. Alms and H. P. Crowell, members of the Sylva troop committee.

Friday, June 12, 1936 at 12 o'clock noon in Raleigh, is the day and hour for holding the State Convention.

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Erwin Will Speak Here At School Closing Friday

QUALLA

(By Mrs. J. K. Terrell)

We notice an increase in the Sunday School attendance, with the more favorable spring weather.

Rev. Ellsworth Hartsfield preached Sunday afternoon on the subject of "The proof of eternal life".

Those who attended the funeral of Mrs. Sara Ann Ferguson, the mother of Mrs. Horace Moody of Qualla, were Mr. and Mrs. Horace Moody, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shelton, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Owen, Mrs. J. H. Reagan and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kuykendall.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Myers of Fontana passed through Qualla Sunday enroute to Asheville to attend the funeral of Mr. William Brown. They were accompanied by Miss Gertrude Ferguson who stopped and spent the day with home folks, returning to Fontana in the afternoon.

John Hyatt, Jr., is recovering from pneumonia.

Mrs. Maggie Henderson of Canton visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Blanton, last week.

Mr. Wayne Ferguson of Hendersonville spent the week end with home folks. He had just returned from the funeral of a friend, Mr. L. C. Morris, at Dyer, West Virginia.

Congratulations to Miss Nell McLaughlin of Qualla, who was recently conferred one of the highest honors W. C. T. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Deben, Miss Jaunita Dills and Mr. Wayne Henderson of Canton spent Sunday at Mr. D. M. Shuler's.

Mrs. Ashe of Webster spent a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Worley.

Mrs. Ras Owen and children of Deland have been visiting among relatives.

Mrs. Paul Cooper visited Mrs. Taft Kinsland.

Mrs. D. M. Shuler visited her father Mr. J. I. Blanton Saturday, who has been sick for several months and does not seem to be improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Snyder visited Mrs. Dona Davis Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bird of Cullowhee are visiting at Mr. H. G. Bird's.

We have just received notice from California relatives that they receive the Journal, read it with much interest and pass it on to some of their neighbors, who are also natives of Jackson county.

Mr. W. E. Bird of Cullowhee planted many Norway Spruces on his Qualla farm, Saturday.

Clyde Erwin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will be the speaker at the commencement exercises of Sylva schools, which begin on Sunday.

The graduating class is composed of 34 boys and girls.

The exercises will begin on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, when Rev. P. L. Elliott, of Western Carolina Teachers College, will deliver the commencement sermon. There will be no preaching services at either the Methodist or Baptist churches Sunday morning; and the congregations of those churches will attend the service at the school.

On Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, the graduating exercises of the elementary school will be held at ten o'clock at which time the members of the seventh grade will have their exercises, certificates will be presented to them, and Rev. H. M. Hockett, pastor of the Baptist church, will deliver an address.

The Class Day exercises for the high school will be at two o'clock on Friday afternoon.

At eight o'clock, Friday evening, the graduation exercises will be held and Superintendent Erwin will speak.

Commencement week will be brought to a close with the commencement play, at 8 o'clock Saturday evening. The play is being coached by Mrs. Chester Scott.

The graduating class is composed of the following young ladies and gentlemen:

Katherine Brimer, Ollie Brown, Opal Lee Bumgarner, Edna Branton, Edith Bumgarner, Lillie Clayton, Hazel Chester, Cleatus Crisp, Lucille Dills, Jeanette Dillard, Anne Enloe, Nannie Fisher, Elizabeth Fisher, Ollie Hall, Ruth Hipps, Ethel Hayes, Wilda Moore, Josephine Parker, Elwyn Queen, Marie Nichols, Wilma Saunders, William Allen, Bobby Atrial, Carl Brooks, Cecil Blanton, Rome Cooper, Jesse Dillard, Miller Edwards Carter, Fisher, Harold McLaughlin, Robert Pearson, Edwin Queen Warner Washington.

COMMENCEMENT AT GLENVILLE

The graduation exercises of Glenville High School are in progress.

Rev. H. M. Hockett, pastor of the Sylva Baptist church will preach the sermon, Sunday morning.

At 1:30 Thursday afternoon the class day exercises will be held, and Thursday night Mrs. E. L. McKee will deliver the address; and the graduates will receive their diplomas.

FORMER WEBSTER PASTOR PASSES

The Rev. David R. Proffitt, former pastor of the Methodist churches on the Webster Circuit, died in a Greensboro hospital, Sunday, following an operation. Mr. Proffitt, who was 66 years of age, was pastor of Mount Pleasant church, Greensboro, at the time of his death. A native of Yancey county, he had been a member of the Western North Carolina Conference for many years, and was well known throughout this part of the State.

He is survived by Mrs. Proffitt and four daughters, Mrs. W. J. Moore, Asheville, Mrs. Seval Herbert, New York City, Mrs. Glenn Jordan Greensboro, and Mrs. M. C. Donald, Washington.

Mrs. G. A. Kinsland, Mrs. J. G. Hooper and Mrs. Oscar Bibson called on Mrs. Hubert Blanton.

Congratulations to Miss Ollie Hall of Qualla, who is wearing the U. D. C. recitation medal from Sylva High.

Mrs. Horace Howell is spending a while at Cherokee.

Misses Mildred Howell and Belle Ferguson spent the night with Miss Edna Hoyle.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Crisp, Miss Edna Cooper, Messrs. Buren Terrell, Frank Crisp, and Willard Turpin called at Mr. Ted Kinsland's.

Mrs. Ted Kinsland and Mrs. J. K. Terrell called on Mrs. J. H. Hughes and Mrs. D. C. Hughes, Monday.

Mrs. C. P. Shelton and Miller Hall spent Saturday in Sylva.

Rogers and Harry Shelton visited their grandfather, Mr. J. E. Rogers, at Whittier.

Mr. Jim Keener visited at Mr. J. K. Terrell's, Sunday.

JOHNNY JUMP-UP by A. B. Chapin

