

# Proposed Constitution Warmly Championed

C. W. Tillett, Jr., President of State Bar Association, Points to Advantages of Adoption—Declares People's Liberties Safe

Additional weight today went to the side favoring the adoption of the proposed revised constitution for the state of North Carolina, when Charles W. Tillett, Jr., president of the State Bar association, announced some of his reasons for supporting the new document.

Mr. Tillett found himself not in sympathy with the opposition which refers in loving terms to the efforts of the forefathers in framing the present constitution. Those scalawags and carpetbaggers who wrote the present document, he said, were not his forefathers—not even kin to him.

His statement follows: "When those opposed to the revised constitution base their loyalty to the constitution of 1868 on the ground that the latter was the work of their forefathers, and as such must not be touched, I feel that I for one must speak up. The crew of carpet-baggers and scalawags that were in charge of the state when that document was written were not any forefathers of mine. The primary object of the convention of 1868 was to gain re-admission to the union by writing a constitution that contained a repudiation of the principles for which the South had just fought and died; it did so. Since that time the constitution that it framed has been patched up with amendments of one sort and another, but basically we still have the constitution of 1868. I desire to see on record that the members of the constitution convention that wrote this basic document not only were not my forefathers, but they were not even kin to me.

Bill of Rights. "When those opposed to the re-

vised constitution claim that by its adoption the liberties of the people for which the English speaking race have fought through the centuries will be lost, they are talking nonsense. The bill of rights, which is the name given to that part of the old constitution that states the great principles of the magna charter and similar documents applicable to our state, is carried forward into the revised constitution intact. This illustrates what a good many seem not to understand. The revised constitution is not a new constitution. All that is good in the constitution of 1868 is retained; only the obsolete and unwise provisions are revised.

"In line with this policy, the fiscal and taxation features of the old constitution have been pretty well rewritten. The 61 counties and 144 towns of North Carolina that are now in default furnish ghastly evidence that they need rewriting and should have been rewritten long ago. The revised constitution strikes a body blow at that all-devouring fallacy of government finance, practically unlimited borrowing power. With certain necessary exemptions, it forbids the issuance of new bonds except when old debts have been retired, and even then it allows the issuance of new bonds only in part of what has been paid off.

"Mandates that have completely shackled the legislature in its effort to modernize our taxation system and equalize its burdens will be removed if the revised constitution is adopted. The requirement that all property be taxed alike is a case in point. This was a provision that was wholly omitted from North Carolina constitutions prior to 1868—during the period when our real forefathers were in charge of the state. It was imported into North Carolina by carpet-baggers from the Middle West, and because it seemed to them to fit our purely agricultural state, it was written into the constitution. But we have become an industrial as well as an agricultural state. New kinds of property are now widely owned by our people which, under the so-called uniform system of taxation, simply cannot be got at, and it is imperative that we be enabled to make a reasonable and just classification of property for taxation. Under the uniformity provision of the existing constitution the taxation system cannot be utilized to encourage home ownership or the intelligent care of farms, whereas, this will be possible under the revised constitution.

### County Government

"As for our county government, let no one be disturbed. The adoption of the revised constitution will not change it one jot or tittle. The proposed document authorizes the legislature by general laws to adopt plans for county government and submit them to the people of the various counties for adoption or rejection by popular vote. Until that is done we shall continue to have every county office job and board that we now have, with salaries intact. We do not have the hope, though, that as intelligent methods of county government are worked out in the years to come we shall not, by the limitations of the old constitution, find that we are unable to avail ourselves of them.

"The governor's veto, which is a part of the revised constitution, furnishes a much needed check on the legislative power. This veto, although it can be overridden by a majority of the membership of both houses, will at least give him the opportunity to expose to public scrutiny legislation that he thinks unwise. Every state in the union except North Carolina has some sort of veto. Certainly no one can be hurt by the kind of veto that is now proposed. The requirement that the governor, within the first ten days of each session of the legislature, shall present a budget of proposed expenditures for the next two years, together with a completed draft of a revenue bill that will raise the money needed for the proposed budget, will not only concentrate upon him the responsibility for the financial management of the state where it belongs, but will expedite by many days the work of the legislature.

"The judicial provisions of the revised constitution are excellent. They will enable the legislature to make intelligent changes in the courts to the end that justice may be speedily and effectively done; and yet, strange to say, some of the very people who are most critical of lawyers and courts are speaking out now in an effort to deny us this opportunity to do what we all recognize is needed.

If for no other reason, the people can vote for the revised constitution with confidence because the constitutional commission that wrote it was composed of some of the wisest and most intelligent of our citizens. One of its leading members was our honored fellow-citizen Judge John J. Parker, who, by rights, ought now to be on the bench of the United States Supreme court. Working with him was A. J. Maxwell, admitted to be one of the soundest thinkers on



The Favorite

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—Every day adds a new name to the list of Congressmen who announce themselves a candidate for the House Speakership but Joseph W. Byrns (above), (D) Tennessee, Democratic floor leader in the House, is conceded best chance for the seat of the late Speaker Rainey.

tax problems in America. Also there was Chief Justice Stacy and Justice Michael Schenck. Certainly no one could point to them and say that they would be parties to a scheme to rob the people of their liberties. Clarence Poe also helped and there is not a sincerer or more worldly-wise friend of the farmers to be found anywhere. Lindsay Warren, the brilliant young congressman from the first district, was a member of the commission, as were also George E. Butler, J. O. Carr and Burton Craig, good lawyers all. No wonder that a constitution revised by such men as these has been pronounced one of the great state constitutions of America.

### MEBANE SIX COUNTY FAIR

Mebane, Sept. 11.—The Mebane Six Counties Fair, said to be among the best fairs in the state, will open Monday morning for six days and six nights of real amusement and educational features.

On Tuesday of the fair will be Children's Day, when children 12 years of age and under will be admitted free and besides the special attractions for this day the children will be given a special reduction in prices on the shows and rides. On this day too the Boy Scouts from the six counties will put on a program which will begin at 1 o'clock in the afternoon and will include roping the pig, undressing race, sack race, three-legged race, potato race, pyramid building and first aid demonstrations. Each troop will be in charge of a scoutmaster and it is said that thousands of the Boy Scouts will be here.

Among the free attractions which will be seen twice each day is the Four Queens of the Air, four dainty beautiful girls performing 110 feet above the ground without nets. This is said to be the most thrilling act in America today. Another wonderful act is the slide for life, a beautiful girl sliding suspended by nothing but her teeth, more than six hundred feet. The two above are the headliners in the free attraction line, but there are equilibrists, clowns and a hundred and one other free attractions that will thrill and amuse. One hour and a half of real entertainment will be seen twice daily before the grandstand and in the evening for six nights one of the largest fireworks programs ever attempted will be seen. This program is unexcelled. On Saturday night a "Pot of Gold" will be given away to the one holding the lucky ticket. Numbers will be drawn and the one holding the ticket corresponding with the ticket called will receive the "Pot of Gold." This was done last year and the one who received it was well pleased with the amount of money the pot contained.

Exhibits in every department will be the best here in years and already every available space in the big 80 x 200 foot exhibit building has been spoken for. A few more eating booths remain to be sold but these will be gone before the last of this week.

The Mebane Six County Fair this year will be the best held here in the past ten years, according to the management and each and every person is extended a most cordial welcome. Family tickets costing \$2.00 are now on sale which is good for eight admissions. Anyone can use it up to eight admissions into the fair grounds.

### Let Us Hope It's So

The President and Secretary of Commerce have both emphatically declared during the past week that business is definitely on the upgrade and that private enterprises are getting out from under the wings of the Federal Government which, as Secretary Roper says, "are responsibilities which under normal conditions belong to business." Both of these high officials of the Government are making what they believe to be truthful statements—there is no doubt about that.

# 8 Million Jobs Created Under New Deal, Richberg Says

Survey Shows That Farm Income Have Increased Billion Dollars Within Year

Washington, Sept. 9.—More than 8,000,000 jobs and a billion-dollar increase in farm income were recovery milestones pointed out to President Roosevelt today by Donald Richberg in his last report on new deal achievements.

"You may take profound satisfaction in your leadership and in the achievements of your administration," the secretary of the executive council told his chief. He added that the record was one "of many difficulties and some disappointment but on the whole of great achievement."

Issued on the eve of the Maine election tomorrow and primaries in 10 states in the week, the report immediately was scanned by Republicans seeking answers helpful to their cause.

"The nation has risen out of the depths of its 'worst depression,'" Richberg said, "and is moving steadily forward in the process of a definite economic recovery and is building new defenses against a recurrence of economic ills from which it has been suffering.

**Lists Employment Given.** "The money expended in these great constructive efforts is, of course, far less than the cost of one year of participation in the world war with its vast destruction of life and property. It has been a small price to pay for a great gain."

Richberg said 25,000,000 applications to national and state employment services within the last 12 months indicated the magnitude of the unemployment problem, and added "it is natural to feel disappointment that there have not been greater reductions" in unemployment.

"On the other hand," he said, "the achievements of one year are clearly evident, although only partially measured, by these facts.

"Over 4,000,000 workers have been re-employed in private enterprises. Over 4,000,000 others have been given temporary public employment. Over 675,000 have been employed during part of the year on permanent public works.

**Many Homes and Farms Saved.** "Farm prices of seven basic commodities have been raised within the year to 95 per cent of pre-war 'parity' and total farm income has increased far more than one billion

dollars. "Over \$5,000,000,000 have been disbursed in loans and grants to relieve the financial distress of individuals and institutions, of which over \$2,000,000,000 have been already repaid.

"The banking system of the nation has been restored to health. "More than 1,000,000 farm and city homes have been saved from foreclosure by aid already extended or under way."

The final installment of Richberg's report to Mr. Roosevelt was in three parts. The first dealt with advance in public services; the second with administrative services and the last with the promotion of foreign trade.

Among administrative services, Richberg referred to the "adjustment of economic conflicts," noting that "as might have been anticipated from previous experiences, the period of economic recovery has been a period of an increase in the number of labor controversies and in the difficulty of their adjustment."

Another administrative service stressed by Richberg was the treasury, which he said, "has performed successfully the essential service of financing successfully the relief, recovery and reconstruction programs, in addition to other tasks."

Among public service advances, Richberg listed the securities and exchange commission, the Tennessee Valley authority, the communications commission and the co-ordinator of transportation. He said Joseph B. Eastman, the co-ordinator, was preparing a legislative program for the next Congress on the basis of his investigations into steam railroads.

On foreign trade, Richberg said: "The stimulation of foreign trade is especially pertinent to the efforts of the AAA to bring about a sound agricultural economy."

### Reading Fun In Store For Boys

Here's important news for the boys of America. THE AMERICAN BOY-YOUTH'S COMPANION, the nation's quality magazine for boys, has been reduced from \$2.00 a year to \$1.00. The three-year rate, formerly \$3.50, has been reduced to \$2.00. "For a long time we have been seeking a way to reduce the cost of THE AMERICAN BOY to readers,"

states Griffith Ogden Ellis, editor. "Recently we have effected savings that make the cut possible, and we think boys will agree that the new price is big news on the reading front. We hope boys will help us to spread the good news by telling their friends."

Along with the cut in cost, the magazine's publishers are planning a magazine that will continue to set the pace in fiction, articles, and departments. The favorite characters of millions of boys will parade through THE AMERICAN BOY in new stories. Douglas Renfrew of the Royal Canadian Mounted, Hide-rack, the red-and-gold collie, Bone-head Jim Tierney, the detective, will give the reader many exciting hours in the months to come.

William Heyliger, whose true-to-life, gripping vocational stories have won him wide acclaim from parents and librarians, as well as the hearty approval of boys, is working on new stories. Staff writers are interviewing famous coaches and athletes and world-renowned explorers, to bring boys the color and fun of sports and travel.

In short, THE AMERICAN BOY, under its new price, will continue to give boys a magazine that measures up to the best standards set by adult magazines. Send your subscription to THE AMERICAN BOY, 7430 Second Blvd., Detroit, Michigan. Enclose your name and address and the proper amount of money, and THE AMERICAN BOY will soon be headed your way, loaded with reading thrills.

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